

VALENTINE SINGERS OPEN WORKSHOP DAY

Handel BELSHAZZAR

New Novello Choral Edition (ed. Donald Burrows)

"a dramatic masterpiece that enshrines the virtues of peace, liberty and harmony between nations" (R. Wigmore)

Saturday 14 January 2017 10.00am – 4.30pm

Seven Kings High School, Ley Street, Ilford IG2 7BT

WHAT? A rare opportunity to sing the colourful and varied choruses from this seldom performed oratorio. The day will include a brief introduction to this remarkable piece plus ideas and techniques to help us explore the music and sing the vocal lines with freedom and confidence. Valentine Singers will perform **Handel's *Belshazzar*** at St Andrew's Church, The Drive, Ilford on Saturday 25 March with professional orchestra and soloists. Anyone interested in taking part will be given details, including the rehearsal schedule, at the workshop.

WHEN? Saturday 14 January 2017 Doors open at 10am for coffee and registration; workshop 10.30am-4.30pm.

WHO? Anyone who enjoys choral singing or would like to sample the experience of singing with a large chorus is invited to join Valentine Singers for the day. Observers are also welcome. The day will be led by the choir's professional music staff: conductor Christine Gwynn and accompanist Tim Smith. Young people of senior school age and over are welcome to join us; anyone younger than 18 must have written parental consent (see enrolment form).

PROVIDED (no extra charge)

- music copies plus tea and coffee at the registration and at all breaks.

BRING

- food for lunch time (or there are some local cafes and shops selling sandwiches etc) and a bottle of water

HOW MUCH? £22. Special £10 rate for full-time students/school-children/benefit-holders (e.g. unemployment or disability benefits) and current members of Valentine Singers.

DIRECTIONS Seven Kings High School is in Ley Street, Ilford IG2 7BT. It is walking distance from Newbury Park tube station or Seven Kings rail station; there are buses from Ilford station and there is ample free parking on site.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Fill in this form and return it to Midge and Keith Venables, 5 Hempstead Close, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5JQ
Please enclose a cheque, payable to Valentine Singers, for your enrolment fee.

Acknowledgment will be by email; if you require postal acknowledgement please enclose an s.a.e.

Workshop info and extra enrolment forms: www.valentinesingers.org or call 020 8504 1261

General enquiries regarding Valentine Singers should be directed to 01708 751097 or email info@valentinesingers.org

-----REPLY FORM-----

I would like to reserve ... place(s) for Valentine Singers' Handel *Belshazzar* day on Saturday 14 January 2017

I enclose a cheque, payable to Valentine Singers, for £..... (total amount for all applicants named)

Name(s) Soprano / Alto / Tenor / Bass / Observer (please delete)

Phone Email Mobile

Address

I have my own score (must be the New Novello edition) Yes / No I shall require a score Yes / No

Previous vocal/choral experience

Please let us know of any special needs or requirements that you would like us to take into consideration (e.g. sight or mobility difficulties)

Please tell us how you heard about this event

Applicants under 18 Date of birth of applicant Name of parent or guardian

I give permission for to participate in this workshop(signature)