

VALENTINE SINGERS

Open workshop day ~ Saturday 19 January 2019

ZELENKA Missa Divi Xaverii (Mass of St Xavier, 1729)

St Mary's Church, High Rd, South Woodford E18 2PA

Do join us for a rare opportunity to sing this glorious baroque choral work!

Jan Dismas Zelenka, a colourful contemporary of JS Bach, was born near Prague and spent much of his working life in Dresden. His remarkable compositions were largely overlooked until musicologist Rochlitz gained a licence to view hidden manuscripts, some half-century after Zelenka's death. He declared the scores to demonstrate **"a profundity, knowledgeable harmony and experienced usage thereof which pulls his chair very near to father Sebastian [JS Bach]"**. 19th century Bohemian composer Bedřich Smetana led the rediscovery of Zelenka's music; by the 1960s/70s all of Zelenka's instrumental work and much of his choral music was published in (then) Czechoslovakia; in more recent decades, painstaking work has produced performing editions of larger-scale choral works, including this richly-scored mass setting for the feast of St Xavier, co-founder of the Jesuits, which was finally published in 2016. This is a musical treat not to be missed!

NB Anyone interested in taking part in our 6 April concert, which will include the UK premiere of the mass, will be given details at the workshop.

WHEN? Saturday 19 January 2019 Doors open at 10am for coffee and registration; workshop 10.30am-4.30pm.

WHO? Anyone who enjoys choral singing is invited to join Valentine Singers for the day. Observers are also welcome. To get the best from the day, singers should have some experience of music-reading and part-singing. You may also like to check out helpful links on our website. The day will be led by the choir's professional music staff: conductor Christine Gwynn and accompanist Tim Smith. We shall explore all the choral sections of the mass. 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)

- **Brand new Bärenreiter vocal score of the Mass (worth £10.50) which is yours to keep!**
- tea and coffee at the registration and at all breaks.

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

HOW MUCH? £26. Special £10 rate for full-time students/benefit-holders (e.g. unemployment or disability benefits).

DIRECTIONS St Mary's Church is on the High Road, linking S Woodford and Woodford. The nearest tube is South Woodford, Central Line (c.10-15mins walk, or short bus ride); there are buses along the High Rd. Various parking options include free public car park in Derby Rd (5 mins walk) **Map at www.valentinesingers.org/venues.html FULL TRAVEL INFO ON WEBSITE**

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' Zelenka workshop, Saturday 19 January 2019

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

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)