

WHO ARE THE FESTIVAL SINGING DAYS FOR?

This Workshop is appropriate for people with all levels of musical/vocal experience. Michael brings the message that everyone has a singer and a musician inside them and looks forward to sharing his passion for this magical music with you. *N.B. The final session will weave together all the glorious music you've sung into a FESTIVE CELEBRATION!*

TESTIMONIALS

*"Here, we become the living cathedral
- not made with the sound of hammers,
but with the wonder and amazement of our singing."*

PEGGY COOPER - inspired by singing "Ikon of the Nativity" on a Tonalis 'Sing the Sacred' Course.

What is unique about Michael's work is his success in building bridges between styles and choral traditions. He has the knack to open people's minds to enable them to make music in ways they never thought possible. Whether you are a professional ensemble, an experienced choral society, or a new community group, Michael can take you to new places and give you new experiences in singing which will change your life.

MIKE BREWER, OBE, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIR OF GREAT BRITAIN,
AUTHOR OF 'KICK START YOUR CHOIR' & 'CHORAL WARM-UPS'

MICHAEL DEASON-BARROW - Director of Tonalis Music Centre - is an inspirational choir leader and a master singing teacher. He runs courses all over the world connected to Holistic Singing and Sacred Music making, and leads Trainings in these fields. Recently he conducted a choir of 250 singers in a concert of sacred choral music from all around the world in Gloucester Cathedral as part of the '3 Choirs', the world's most celebrated choral festival.

Discounted Fee: £75 (for booking by Nov. 15th) **£82** (by Dec. 1st) **£88** (thereafter)

Concessions: £65 for students, OAPs, & the unwaged when booked with evidence by Dec. 1st.

Couples/Partners & Group Bookings (3+): £60/ £65/ £70 each (dates as above)

Times: 10am - 6pm Saturday, 10am - 5pm Sunday

Lunches: Bring and Share. Tea and Coffee provided.

A Registration Letter: incl. Venue details, etc. will be sent on receipt of your application.

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Application Form 'Sing the Season' - CAMBS.

Please complete & send to the above Tonalis address with your cheque payable to - 'Tonalis'.

Name: _____ **email:** _____

Address: _____

Tel/Fax: _____

A Star Unlocked the Stone

G. Mackay Brown

Carols from
Around the World

Irish and English
Folk Carols

West Gallery



New Mysteries
e.g. John Tavener

Medieval &
Renaissance Carols

Shaye Note

Sing the Season

Join an Uplifting Festival of Song
and
Sing something different this Christmas

Tonalis

Led by Michael Deason-Barrow

12th - 13th December 2009

VENUE - Swaffham Prior Village Hall, nr. CAMBRIDGE

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SONGS OF HEAVEN & EARTH FOR ADVENT, MIDWINTER & CHRISTMAS

is for all those people who want to participate in
AN UPLIFTING AND JOYFUL SEASONAL CELEBRATION IN SONG.

It's for musical explorers
who want to sing - and hear - something different this Christmas.

You will Sing a Stunning Array of Music for these Festivals -
from ancient melodies to contemporary songs
which reach across history and all around the globe.

> SEASONS AND CYCLES IN MUSIC

Music throughout the world has traditionally been used to help people celebrate and live in harmony with the deeper rhythms of each season. Tonalis' 'Sing the Season' workshops seek to meet the mood of each season with corresponding matching qualities in music. You will find, therefore, that all the music we will sing during these days is music paced by the rhythms, colours and soundscapes of the season.

> DEEP STILLNESS RESOUNDING

The period of time before the Winter Solstice and Christmas offers a time for contemplation in a world so full of activity (e.g. the sometimes frantic experience of Christmas shopping) that it has largely lost this capacity. Thus some of the music we will sing will manifest a mood of peacefulness, a listening for what wants to be born, and
how silence is to sound as darkness is to light.

You will find this music creates the silence, calmness and listening necessary to hear the voice of creation in us, and "to glimpse eternity through the window of time". (E.Rautavaara)

> 'SING SOMETHING NEW OF THAT WHICH IS EVERLASTING' (A.PITTS)

We will sing new music that demonstrates how the voice of eternity can be heard sounding anew in the musical language of our time. Through these new compositions you will experience how contemporary sacred music can open you to new mysteries.

> TUNE UP YOUR VOICES

Through the innovative and creative vocal warm-ups that Michael uses, you will have the chance to prepare your voices for the depths and heights of the music you will sing. So come and sing your heart out and sound your whole being, body, mind, soul and spirit.

THE FEAST OF MUSIC YOU WILL SING

You will find that just as the Christmas story tells of the EARTHINESS of the SHEPHERDS and the SPIRITUAL WISDOM of the KINGS being led by the star, so this workshop will be full of music that is vibrantly earthy and brimming with energy, as well as sublimely spiritual.

e.g.

☉ THE MAGIC AND RITUALS OF SEASONAL FOLK SONGS
from Irish, English and 'West Gallery' Folk Traditions
where you will meet Wassailers, the Boar's Head, the Holly Boy and the Ivy Girl

☉ MUSIC FILLED WITH JOYOUS AND ECSTATIC RHYTHMS
e.g. 'Gaudete' and 'When the Sun's Reborn'
- by a Sufi mystic - which expresses a message of light, new life and hope

☉ THE WONDER AND BEAUTY OF EARLY MUSIC
e.g. Medieval and Renaissance Carols

☉ THE MYSTERIES OF CONTEMPORARY CAROLS
WHICH WILL BRING ABOUT AN EXTRAORDINARY SENSE OF PEACE
e.g. 'Ikon of the Nativity' - John Tavener
'See I am the Handmaid of God' - D. Liebsch
'Winter Solstice' - Katherine Lucas

☉ SEASONAL MUSIC FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD
e.g. Spain and Peru

☉ HEARTFELT AND JOY-FILLED GOSPEL HARMONIES

YOU WILL FIND THIS IS UNFORGETTABLE, LIFE ENHANCING MUSIC
THAT WILL INSPIRE AND TRANSFORM.

So we invite you to get your voices vibrating to songs in another key
in what amounts to a vibrant new view of the carol
that will stretch the boundaries of your musical imaginations.