

Who for?

'Songs from the World Church' is for everyone who loves singing the song of the spirit and participants who enjoy exploring new horizons in sacred music.

It is appropriate for people with ALL LEVELS of musical and vocal experience. Michael brings the message that everyone has a musician and a singer inside them and looks forward to sharing his passion for sacred music with you.

Michael Deason-Barrow is the Director of Tonalis and a master musician and choir trainer who is renowned for leading inspiring sacred music courses all over the world. This has included conducting 250 singers in a performance of 'Song of the Earth' for the '3 Choirs Festival' in Gloucester Cathedral and leading a musical pilgrimage to Chartres Cathedral.

Today Michael leads community and chamber choirs and composes vibrant choral music for sacred spaces. He is a leading authority on world vocal techniques, and that rare exponent in music: an expert with a universal attitude who is equally at home with specialists and non-specialists alike.

Testimonials

"Tonalis is watering the roots of music, reviving the mystery and nurturing the sacred which lies behind all inspiring performance. IT IS VITAL WORK."

JONATHAN HARVEY - COMPOSER AND AUTHOR OF 'MUSIC AND INSPIRATION' & 'IN QUEST OF SPIRIT'

"Tonalis struck an immediate resonance with me. The stressing of the vernacular and oral as well as classical traditions. All this is very close to my heart." YEHUDI MENUHIN

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

"I can honestly say it was one of the highlights of my life."

"Beyond our wildest dreams... this will live with me forever."

PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS ON 'SONG OF THE EARTH'

Fees: £70 (for booking by Dec. 10th) **£77** (by Jan. 1st) **£82** (thereafter)

Couples/OAP's / Groups of 3+: £60 / £68 / £75 each (see fee deadline dates above)

Times: Saturday: 10am - 6:00pm, Sunday: 10am - 5:00pm

Meals: Bring and Share Lunches or Local Cafés

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

Tonalis, 4 Castle Farm Close, Leighterton, GLOS GL8 8UY

Application Form 'Songs from the World Church'

Please complete & send to Tonalis (as above) with your cheque payable to - 'Tonalis'.

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel: _____
Mobile: _____

Songs from the World Church



Sing Sacred Music from All Around the World
& Open Your Ears, Hearts & Minds to
New Ways of Experiencing Divine Presence

Tonalis

Led by Michael Deason-Barrow

24th - 25th January 2015

VENUE - Tŷ'r Pererin, St Davids, PEMBROKESHIRE

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The Human Symphony is a Chorus of Many Voices.

*For the first time in our history we have the chance to sing
a broader range of sacred music than any one cultural perspective permits.*

Just as there are many religious pathways,
so musical pathways to divine presence are many,
each of which is more apt for expressing different aspects
of our relationship to the divine ground of all being,

e.g.

*some musics celebrate a DANCING GOD (e.g. Gospel & African, etc.)
others evoke a MEDITATING GOD (e.g. Christian songs inspired by Hindu sources).*

*'Songs from the World Church' will demonstrate:
how our new INTER-CULTURAL AWARENESS
can inspire us to re-tune our thinking about sacred music to broader perspectives.*

It will help you experience
THE DEEPER RICHNESS OF GOD'S CREATIVE DIVERSITY
via exploring how our relationship with religious 'others' represents
A 'DIFFERENT KIND OF HARMONY'.

SINGING SONGS FROM THE WORLD CHURCH
celebrates Christ's incarnation as a gift for all humanity,
and a cross-cultural manifestation of
GOD WITH AND AMONGST US ALL.

Above all, 'Songs from the World Church' will enable you to become
World Believers
so that you can become
New Instruments of Humanity.

So, if you want
LIFE ENHANCING MUSIC
that will Inspire you and Open Doors into Wonder
then
'SONGS FROM THE WORLD CHURCH'
is for YOU!!

Sing a New World of Sacred Music

Rarely do people have the chance to sing GLOBAL SACRED MUSICS together.

*This Workshop offers you the chance to sing soaring sacred music
OUTSIDE OF THE BOX OF TRADITIONAL SACRED REPERTOIRE.*

So come and sing a Wider Repertoire of Music
and experience a New Universe of Sound.

*All these musics you will find
are as Vibrant in Colour as a Stained Glass Window:
from*

*songs filled with passionate yearning for union with the divine
to music that will bring about a wondrous sense of peace and serenity,
to songs full of the most joyous rhythms and ecstatic melodies.*

Here's the Music we'll Sing Together

- Dancing African Songs of Jubilation
from an Easter song from Zimbabwe to 'Amen Siyakudumisa'
- Sublime Songs from the Orthodox Church
from a Byzantine Easter Chant to sumptuous Georgian voicings
- Meditative Christian Songs inspired by Hindu sources
'Give Us Light' (based on a Indian Raga)
- Heartfelt Gospel and Spirituals
including 3 Spirituals that we'll sing simultaneously in 3 different places
- Two Plaintive Kyries
from the Russian Orthodox Church & a Hebridean Kyrie based on a Gaelic Lament
- Festive and Upbeat South American Voicescapes
including 'Hanac Pachap' where Christian and Inca music met in 1630's Peru
- Silence My Soul, these Trees are Prayers
A Philipino composition set to a text by the Indian seer, Rabindranath Tagore
- Today the Virgin by John Tavener
an extraordinary Arabic-style evocation of Bethlehem at the birth of Christ
- Wond'rous Shape Note Music from the Early American Settlers
including an enchanting Shape Note version of 'Amazing Grace'