



NWEMF
North West Early Music Forum
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Welcome to our monthly NWEMF Digest with a short roundup of workshop news and other Early Music events and concerts for the coming month in and around the North West.

There's still time to book for our next workshop on **12 September** with Stephanie Dyer. This workshop will study of the art of polyphony from an educational viewpoint, exploring works by Palestrina, Josquin, Calvisius, Alonso Lobo and Hassler. In particular, Stephanie will look at compositional design techniques in an age when music was taught alongside geometry, astronomy and arithmetic - it promises to be a very enlightening day.

If you book by midnight tonight (**22 August**), you'll benefit from the early bird discount. All applications should be received by **29 August** so we can prepare sufficient scores and parts for those attending (and many thanks to those who have signed up already).



Artwork from 'Aepitoma omnis philosophiae' (1504) by German author Georg Reisch (c. 1467-1525)

Upcoming Workshops

Applications for our last three workshops of 2026 are open now [on our website](#). Book now to take advantage of the early bird discount.



12 September - All Saints Church Parish Centre, Hoole, Chester

Renaissance Back to School: Music for Learning and Scholarship

Tutor: Stephanie Dyer

VOICES & ALL INSTRUMENTS (A=440)

[Book online now](#)



17 October - Bolton Parish Church Hall

Music from The Odhecaton

Tutor: Lizzie Gutteridge

Published in Venice in 1501, the Harmonice Musices Odhecaton was the first printed collection of polyphonic secular songs by Ottaviano Petrucci. We will explore famous and overlooked pieces from this landmark anthology, featuring composers including Josquin des Pres, Obrecht, Okeghem and Busnois.

ALL INSTRUMENTS (A=440)

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21 November - St Agnes & St Pancras, Toxteth Park, Liverpool

1535: A Year in the Life of Pierre Attaignant Willaert, Manchicourt, Gombert, Janequin and others

Tutor: Peter Syrus

Peter Syrus takes a 'snapshot' of the year 1535, exploring the prolific output of sacred and secular music by Pierre Attaignant, Parisienne printer.

VOICES & VIOLS, LOW RECORDERS, SACKBUTS & CURTALS (A=440)

[Book online now](#)

Join NWEMF for only £10 a year (full-time students join for free) and get reduced rates for all our workshops, and those run by most other Early Music Forums. [Apply online today](#).

Other Events and Concerts

The [Sounds Historical](#) 2026 UK Tour is coming to the North West from **3-6 September**. Their programme explores diverse aspects of early modern life from mythology to mathematics and astrology to astronomy, which dovetails nicely with the theme of our next workshop. And we have more superb ensembles coming to the region later in the month, with [The Sixteen](#) at the Bridgewater Hall on **29 September**, and [Stile Antico](#) giving an afternoon concert at Bury Parish Church on **3 October**. Plenty to look forward to!



What a Wonderful World

16th, 17th & 18th century music
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Sounds Historical 2026 UK Tour

3 SEPTEMBER
7pm, North of England Centre for Music,
Huddersfield HD7 6NQ

4 SEPTEMBER
7.30pm, Lancaster Priory LA1 1YZ

5 SEPTEMBER
7.30pm, Bolton Abbey BD23 6AL

6 SEPTEMBER
1.30pm, The Witham, Barnard Castle DL12 8LY

 **TICKETS: WWW.SOUNDSHISTORICAL.COM**

23 Aug 11am Communion Service (RC) Lassus *Missa super Frere* (Kyrie & Agnus Dei), Hassler *Cantate domine*, Byrd *Non vos relinquam Orphanos* Holy Name Church, 339 Oxford Rd, **Manchester** M13 9PG

29 Aug 2.30pm Sixteen Eighty Five *From Here to There – a Journey through time. Songs and instrumental music by Byrd, Gibbons, Vivaldi and Telemann* St Andrew's Church, 2 School Ln, Redbourne, **Gainsborough** DN21 4QN

29 Aug 5pm Palisander Playbook Live! All Saints, Parish Church, High St, Nettleham, **Lincoln** LN2 2PD

30 Aug 1pm Live Lute music by Nick Gravestock (included in price of house admission) 1620's House, Manor Road, Donnington le Heath, **Coalville**, LE67 2FW

3 Sept 7pm Sounds Historical *It's a Wonderful World!* North of England Centre for Music and Arts, Waters Rd, Marsden, **Huddersfield** HD7 6NQ

4 Sept 7.30pm Sounds Historical *It's a Wonderful World!* Lancaster Priory Church of Saint Mary, Priory Close, **Lancaster** LA1 1YZ

5 Sept 7.30pm Sounds Historical *It's a Wonderful World!* Bolton Priory, Bolton Abbey, Skipton BD23 6AL

6 Sept 1.30pm Sounds Historical *It's a Wonderful World!* The Witham, 3 Horse Market, **Barnard Castle** DL12 8LY

10 Sept 11am & 3pm The Forest of Mythical Breezes *An Arcadian Odyssey* Yu Wei Hu flute and Johan Lofving guitar, to include works by Charpentier, Couperin, de Visée and Hotteterre, Markenfield Hall, **Ripon** HG4 3AY

10 Sept 7.30pm Blondel: Cover Story *Music from the 14th–16th centuries* Otley Courthouse, Courthouse, Courthouse St, **Otley** LS21 3AN

10-13 Sept Medieval Music in the Dales 2026 Bolton Castle, **Nr Leyburn**, North Yorkshire DL8 4ET

11 Sept 7pm The Gesualdo Six *Wishing Tree – Music by Byrd, Josquin, Gibbons, Poulenc, Stanford and others* St Asaph Cathedral, 25 High St, **Saint Asaph** LL17 0RD

12 Sept NWEMF Workshop for Voices & Instruments *Renaissance ‘Back-to-School’ – Music for Learning & Scholarship* led by Stephanie Dyer, All Saints Church Parish Centre, Vicarage Road, Hoole, **Chester** CH2 3HZ

12 Sept MEMF Workshop for Voices & Instruments *Pentecostal Polychoral Music* with Mark Wilson, Oddfellows Hall, 17 Greengate St, **Stafford** ST16 2HP

12 Sept 7.30pm Idrisi Ensemble *Medieval traditions of the Mediterranean* Bolton Castle, Nr, **Leyburn** DL8 4ET

12 Sept 7.30pm Wild Men of the Baroque *Music by Corelli, Handel and others* St John's, Sharow, Berrygate Ln, Sharow, **Ripon** HG4 5BJ

17 Sept 12pm Sixteen Eighty Five *Box of Delights – Renaissance and Baroque music and song* Worksop Priory, Priorswell Rd, **Worksop** S80 2JE

17 Sept 4pm Intesa *Lucine Musaelian and Nathan Giorgetti Viols and song*, St Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard, **Ripon** HG4 3RT

17 Sept 7pm Leeds Cathedral Senior Girls Choir *Pergolesi Stabat Mater* Leeds Cathedral, Cookridge St, **Leeds** LS2 8BE. [Click to buy tickets](#)

18 Sept 2pm The English Concert Harpsichord and Strings *Music by Handel, Telemann, Bieber, Muffat and Weichlein* The Playhouse (formerly the Studio Theatre), 55 Norfolk St, Sheffield City Centre, **Sheffield** S1 1DA

18 Sept 3pm Intesa *Lucine Musaelian and Nathan Giorgetti Viols and song*, St Felix Church, 6 St Johns Garth, Felixkirk, **Thirsk** YO7 2EG

18 Sept 7.30pm Ex Corde Vocal Ensemble and Matthew Wadsworth *John Dowland – Joy and Sorrow* The National Centre for Early Music, St Margaret's Church, 88-96 Walmgate, **York** YO1 9TL

19 Sept NEEMF Workshop for voices and instruments *Feast of Fools – Music from the French cathedrals of Sens, Beauvais, Laon and Le Puy en Velay* led by Dr Leah Stuttard, Burley in Wharfedale Methodist Church, Main St, **Burley in Wharfedale**, Ilkley LS29 7DT

19 Sept 1pm Live Lute music by Nick Gravestock (included in price of house admission) 1620's House, Manor Road, Donnington le Heath, **Coalville**, LE67 2FW

25 Sept 7.30pm The Concert Band *Popular music from the 16th and 17th centuries and traditional world music in the spirit of a medieval and renaissance Carnival* North Stainley Village Hall, The Square, North Stainley, **Ripon** HG4 3JT

26-27 Sept Banbury Early Music Festival

26 Sept BMEMF Workshop for singers *Saints and Angels with music by Victoria, Sweelinck, Weelkes and Philips*, led by Simon Harper, The Bishop's Palace, **Hereford** HR4 9BL

26 Sept Medieval Faire Chetham's Library, Long Millgate, **Manchester** M3 1SB

26 Sept 6.30pm de Mowbray's Musicke *Luttrell Psalter show* The Old Palace, Deansway, **Worcester** WR1 2JE

26 Sept 7.30pm Hugh Cutting | Refound Ensemble *Morpheus– an exploration of songs of the night* St Mary's Church, Beverley, N Bar Within, **Beverley** HU17 8DL

26 Sept 7.30pm The Gesualdo Six with Matilda Lloyd, trumpet *Radiant Dawn – music by Hildegard, Tallis, White, Rheinberger and modern composers* The Elgar Concert Hall, Bramall Music Building, **Birmingham** B15 2TT

26 Sept 7.30pm Kantos Chamber Choir *Drop Drop – music inspired by water (Hildegard, Palestrina, Gibbons, and other composers)* Bolton Priory, Bolton Abbey, **Skipton** BD23 6AL

27 Sept 3pm Leeds Baroque Choir & Orchestra *Masques and Triumphs - Music for the English Restoration* Theatre Temple Newsam Road, **Leeds** LS15 0AE

27 Sept 3pm Leeds Cathedral Choir with members of The Sixteen and Genesis Sixteen *Ave virgo sanctissima – including including eight-part motets by Byrd, Gabrieli, Victoria and Vivanco* Leeds Cathedral, Cookridge St, **Leeds** LS2 8BE. [Click to buy tickets](#)

27 Sept 7.30pm Kantos Chamber Choir *Drop Drop – music inspired by water (Hildegard, Palestrina, Gibbons, and other composers)* Victoria Baths, Hathersage Rd, **Manchester** M13 0FE

29 Sept 7.30pm The Sixteen *Angel of Peace with music by Hildegard of Bingen, Taverner, Pärt* The Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley St, **Manchester** M2 3WS

3 Oct 5 from 500 Choral Day with Martin Lightowler *Cathedral of Sounds – music by Bruckner, Monteverdi, Schütz, Victoria and Giovanni Gabrieli* Wesley Hall, Crookes, **Sheffield** S10 1UD

3 Oct 3pm Stile Antico *Polyphonic Postcards* Church of St Mary the Virgin, The Rock, **Bury** BL9 0AH

3 Oct 6pm La Serenissima *The Big Concert – Concerto grossi from the Italian Baroque* The Tung Auditorium, 60 Oxford St, **Liverpool** L7 3NY

3 Oct 7.30pm Herdwyck Consort St Mary's Church Wigton, Proctor's Square, **Wigton** CA7 9AR

10 Oct MEMF Workshop for voices *Chiara Margarita Cozzolan* with Anita Datta, St Faith & St Laurence Church Hall, Balden Road, **Harborne**, Birmingham, B32 2EL

10 Oct 7.30pm Trio Sonoro *The Time Traveller's Pilgrimage* Deborah Catterall, Richard MacKenzie and Gareth Glyn Roberts, Middlewich Community Centre, St Anns Walk, **Middlewich** CW10 9BE

15 Oct 7.30pm The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage *Music from the Spanish Renaissance and others* Saint Mary's RC Cathedral, Cathedral House, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, **Middlesbrough** TS8 0TW

16 Oct 7.30pm A Musical Iliad *Storyteller Clare Goodall and musician Lizzie Gutteridge bring an epic tale of love, tragedy and loss* Otley Courthouse, Courthouse, Courthouse St, **Otley** LS21 3AN

16 Oct 7.30pm The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage *Music from the Spanish Renaissance and others* Hexham Abbey, 150 Beaumont St, **Hexham** NE46 3NB

17 Oct NWEMF Workshop for Instruments *Music from the Odhecaton* led by Lizzie Gutteridge, Bolton Parish Church Hall, Churchgate, **Bolton**, BL1 1PS

17 Oct 2pm de Mowbray's Musicke *Luttrell Psalter show* Archbishop's Palace, Bishop's, Bishop's Dr, **Southwell** NG25 0JP

17 Oct 7.30pm Liverpool Welsh Choral *Mozart's Requiem* Christ Church, Port Sunlight, Church Dr, Port Sunlight, Bebington, **Wirral** CH62 5EF

The [Other Events](#) page on our website has a regularly updated calendar of events with early music workshops, courses, festivals and concerts in and around the North West. Please let us know of any events you'd like us to add to this, including any church services where early music is performed. It's also worth checking the [Early Music Diary](#), [Continuo Connect](#) and [NEMA](#).

For details of course providers and other useful links, visit our [Links](#) page. Again, please get in touch if there are any organisations or groups you would like us to add to this directory.

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