



Arbutus Music

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# Singing the Season



Escape from the frenzy and enjoy some traditional seasonal singing.

Carols for Advent and Christmas as well as other winter songs.

with

**Christine Gwynn and Frances Quintrell**

Saturday 6th December 2008, Blackmore, Essex

An opportunity to sing some of your favourite carols and other seasonal songs.

Learn a little of the origins and the traditions of these songs and have fun singing some old favourites as well as some enchanting rarities!

No previous group singing experience required, although experienced choral singers are very welcome, too!

Get the most from your voice, with tips and encouragement, whilst relaxing into the seasonal spirit.

Saturday 6th December 2008

The Priory Church of St Laurence

Church Road, Blackmore, Essex CM4 0RN

10 am to 4.30 pm

£30 Fee includes tea, coffee and seasonal refreshments

**(Enrol by 24th November for 'early bird' discount of £5)**

Bring a packed lunch or visit one of the local hostelrys

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Age if under 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation will be by email, otherwise please attach SAE

Do you have any special requirement e.g. help with sight or mobility that you wish us to be aware of?

Course fee £30 (**Only £25 if you enrol by 24th November**)

Please make cheque payable to Arbutus Music

Post form and cheque to: Arbutus Music, 22 Jacksons Lane, Billericay, Essex CM11 1AH



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### ***Occasions for Singing and Singers for Occasions!***

Arbutus Music was set up by Christine Gwynn and Frances Quintrell in 2008 to provide a range of musical activities.

#### ***Occasions for Singing***

Many people love to sing, whether in public or in the bath! Arbutus Music provides workshops for singers, from novice to experienced, with the aim of helping people to use their voices more fully and confidently, whilst developing the musical skills encountered in group singing.

Arbutus Music Workshops are run by professional musicians with extensive experience in vocal and performance coaching.

#### ***Singers for Occasions***

Arbutus Music also provides professional choirs for functions including weddings and memorial services.

“it was so good to have the hymns given a strong, accurate lead” (vicar)

“the music was so beautiful I wanted to cry!” (wedding guest)

**Frances Quintrell** undertook her initial training, at Christchurch College, Canterbury with Donald Burrows, qualifying as a specialist primary music teacher, in which capacity she developed her early career. Later on she moved to adult education where she was until 2007 a specialist Performing Arts co-ordinator for Essex County Council, developing the largest and most diverse music department in community education within the County. Frances has been active as a freelance vocal/choral coach and trainer since 2001. Her work includes considerable experience with youth music theatre for which she has received excellent reviews from NODA. She also leads workshops for adult singers, covering vocal, choral and musicianship skills, for Essex County Council.

**Christine Gwynn** read music at Southampton University and subsequently studied with Norman Beedie at the GSMD. She has worked as a freelance musician and music teacher since 1985. Increasingly, conducting and choral training have come to the fore in her work, complemented by a diverse array of musical skills and interests. She is active as a vocal coach and workshop leader and her extensive experience as an MD in music theatre ranges from Dido & Aeneas to Westside Story and contemporary pieces – a wide variety of experience which Christine has brought to bear on her work in the choral field. She is musical director of Valentine Singers, Writtle Singers chamber choir, Spectrum Singers youth choir and Tuneful Accord vocal ensemble. As a pianist and organist, she performs in a wide variety of contexts.

**Christine and Frances are both members of the Incorporated Society of Musicians (ISM) and qualified teachers.**