

Arbutus Music

was set up by Christine Gwynn and Frances Quintrell in 2008 to provide a range of musical activities. In this last 18 months Frances and Christine have led a variety of singing events involving music of many different styles and eras.

Arbutus Music is thrilled to welcome special guest presenter

Jonathan Rathbone,

who will inspire us to

Sing and Swing!

Occasions for Singing

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.

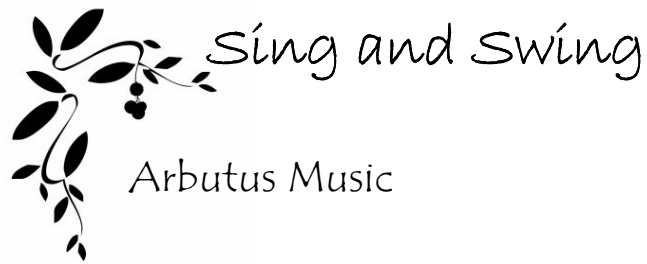
Singers for Occasions

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)

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Sing and Swing

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A day for singers who want to swing with style. Led by one time member, arranger and director of the Swingle Singers, **Jonathan Rathbone**, the day will be full of ideas and practical activities that will add swing to your singing.

If you direct a group of singers, are a member of a choir or vocal group - or just like to sing and can read music* - come and learn the tricks of the trade!

Theydon Bois nestles between the M25 and M11 and is on the Central Line tube. This modern hall is 'away from it all' whilst being easy to reach.

*This day will require at least some music reading ability



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*Sing and Swing
with*

Jonathan Rathbone

Saturday 23rd January 2010
10.30 - 4.30 Theydon Bois, Essex. CM16 7ER
(on Central Line)

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Jonathan Rathbone

Jonathan Rathbone was a chorister at Coventry Cathedral and, later, a choral scholar at Christ's College Cambridge, where he read mathematics. He gained a second degree at the Royal Academy of Music where he studied composition winning prizes for orchestration and choral conducting.

Jonathan joined the Swingle Singers in 1984 and was musical director of the group for eight of the twelve years he sang with them. During that time he created the majority of their arrangements, both a cappella and with orchestra.

He left the group in 1996 to spend more of his time writing. He has orchestrated for Sir Cliff Richard and Michael Ball and more recently for Katherine Jenkins. He still travels all over Europe to vocal courses, to work with various vocal ensembles and to adjudicate choral competitions. In recent years he has lectured and run workshops on close harmony, improvisation, choral conducting, vocal arranging and choral techniques. Recently he visited Northern Ireland to lecture on sight-singing.

He is now an in-house composer with Peters Edition. Recently *The Larks Ascending* (a Cambridge based choir) premiered "The Zodiac - a song cycle for a cappella voices" and last year his oratorio "Echo Down the Years", written to celebrate 900 years of worship at St Mary's Church, Walthamstow. At the moment he is busy writing "Christmas Truce" celebrating the truce of 1914 in the trenches which will be premiered by the London Forest Choir on December 22nd this year in the same building. In addition to his choral writing, Jonathan's string quartet, "More Fools than Wise", written for the Fitzwilliam Quartet, has been performed all over the world.

He is married to Helen and they have two children.

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Coffee and registration from 10.00
Music will be provided. Coffee and tea will be provided throughout the day but please bring a packed lunch or make use of one of the local hostellers.

Book online at www.arbutusmusic.net
or complete the form and send it with a cheque for £25 to
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22 Jacksons Lane 07801 436964
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Theydon Bois Village Hall

CM16 7ER



www.theydon.org.uk

A short walk from Theydon Bois Central Line tube station



By car, Theydon Bois is accessible from:
Junction 26 on M25 or
Junction 5 (limited access) on M11
There is a large free car park at the hall.

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Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Mobile _____
Postcode _____
Email _____ Age if under 18 _____

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 £25 Please make cheque payable to Arbutus Music

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