

Music Works

13-14 January 2018



Matthew Sharp — Bass Baritone / Cellist

YHA London Lee Valley

Cheshunt EN8 9AJ

Music Works is Cantate's annual residential weekend and has been part of the choir's programme of events since the very earliest days of the choir. Over the years the residential weekends have gained a reputation for variety and excitement – we've had beatboxers, folksingers, mime artists, percussion specialists and not to mention several outstanding vocal coaches to work with the students. It's an opportunity to work in a different way and at a different pace to the normal weekend rehearsals and to explore the many things that being a musician means. It's also a wonderful social opportunity to have the time and space to mix with friends in a relaxed setting.

We are very excited to have been able to invite two great visiting musicians to work with us. On the Saturday Matthew Sharp will lead the sessions. As a patron of the choir he is already known to some as he has worked with us before in rehearsal and concert before. Some parents and students will remember an astonishing concert at West Road Concert Hall in November 2014 when Matthew performed as both a singer and a cellist.



Not only is he one of the most creative musicians, actors and performers around, he also has the ability to connect with everyone whatever their level of confidence or ability. If you take a look at his website www.matthewsharp.net you'll see that he has worked with some amazing people and in some amazing places. Matthew is going to spend Saturday working both on some of our music and also his own ideas of what a 'choir' should be doing, with some creative input from the singers. You really will have to expect the unexpected!

On Sunday it's a great pleasure to welcome Charlotte Brosnan back to Cantate. She sang with the choir for many years and since then has been a professional singer, vocal coach and conductor. For several years she was the lead soprano in the acapella group Apollo5 and you can see several of her performances on the website apollo5.co.uk. Charlotte has a growing reputation for working with young voices – as a section leader of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and as a vocal consultant to the Ulster Youth Choir. She'll be sharing some of her skills with the choirs as well as leading smaller group sessions for everyone.

Nick, Graham and Charlie will weave around these two fantastic guest musicians with singing, musicianship work and repertoire learning sessions. It will be fast-paced, hard work and hugely enjoyable for all in the junior and senior choirs.



Social and Free Time

It may be our first winter Music Works, but this will not stop the activities around the site of YHA Lee Valley. There will be plenty of time to relax and socialise in between and after sessions. Once the work is finished on Saturday, there will be the traditional Saturday night entertainment for all building on the exciting quiz night that we ran last year. It won't be all music, music, music all weekend!

Accommodation and catering

Our base is YHA Lee Valley in Cheshunt, and we will be accommodated in two separate chalets for girls and boys which are reserved exclusively for Cantate. Rooms are a mixture of sizes from doubles to 8 per room and we will ensure appropriate aged children are roomed together. The overnight adult team of music staff and choir managers are all highly experienced in leading away trips, both with Cantate and with other youth groups and schools and work to ensure that everyone feels safe and 'at home' for the night. With the exception of Saturday lunch, all meals will be provided in the cafeteria of YHA Lee. Should you have any questions regarding the accommodation arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact your choir manager.

Volunteers

An event like Music Works takes a lot of organisation and we are looking for volunteers to help over the weekend. There are lots of opportunities to get involved – for an hour or a whole day as you can afford. It is a great opportunity for parents to see what goes into running Cantate and to help keep Cantate as one of the best youth choirs in the country.

We are looking for people to help set up on the Saturday morning, chaperones to sit in the workshops, lunchtime and evening supervision and help in clearing up on the Sunday afternoon.... or to make lots of tea.

We have some wonderful volunteers already who will support new helpers and show them how things run. It is a great way to support the choir and make friends at the same time.

If you would like to volunteer or are keen to know more about it, please contact us at info@cantate.co.uk

Cost

The all-inclusive cost is just **£95**

This includes tea on Saturday, accommodation, breakfast and lunch on the Sunday as well as two days of music sessions with our first-class professional staff.

There are other options available:

- Residential weekend, arriving Saturday afternoon (for those at Saturday school only) **£85**
- Residential weekend, arriving Saturday evening **£65**
- Non-residential weekend **£80** - This includes tea on the Saturday, the evening's entertainment and lunch on the Sunday.
- One day only **£40** - This includes either tea on the Saturday, or lunch on the Sunday.

Please note, students will be required to bring a packed lunch for the Saturday.

Online Booking

To assist the Managers with admin, please complete the online registration form by Thursday 21 December. Simply visit the Members' area of the website or follow this link:

<https://www.cantate.co.uk/music-works-13-14-january-2018/>

Payment can be made by transfer to:

Cantate Youth Choir

Santander

Sort Code: 09-01-28

Account Number: 72218649

Reference: MW/*your name*

The deadline for Music Works is 21 December 2017. We are sorry that it is unlikely that we will be able to accept any late applications.