

## NOTE TO NORFOLK CHOIRS

27 March 2014

### PATRICK HAWES WORKSHOP SATURDAY 17 MAY 2014 AUDEN THEATRE HOLT

Thanks to generous funding from Arts Council England and North Norfolk District Council Big Society Fund, Sheringham and Cromer Choral Society are able to offer a unique Choral Workshop which will be led by the internationally acclaimed COMPOSER Patrick Hawes at the Auden Theatre Gresham's School Holt on Saturday 17 May 2014.



Patrick Hawes, who lives in north Norfolk, is a former composer-in-residence at Classic FM probably best known for The Highgrove Suite commissioned by Prince Charles. His latest album *Angel* is currently riding high in the classical music charts. He has been commissioned by the choral society to write *Eventide (In Memoriam Edith Cavell)* to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War. The work celebrates the life, faith and courage of Norfolk's very own WW1 heroine, nurse Edith Cavell, executed in 1915 for her part in helping hundreds of allied troops escape occupied Europe. The work which has been written for adult voices, a semi chorus of unbroken children's voices, soprano soloist, chamber orchestra, harp and organ will be premiered in Norwich Cathedral on Saturday 12 July with the English Chamber Orchestra and Elin Manahan Thomas.

As will be seen from the following Workshop timetable Mr Hawes will talk about what it is like to be a composer in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century with particular reference to *Eventide* prior to its first performance. There will be opportunities for those who wish to do so to sing some of the music.

This day will provide a unique opportunity for singers of all levels of experience to work directly with a leading composer – or just come along to watch and listen. Your choir members are strongly recommended to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Choirs booking parties of 10 or more at the discounted ticket price of £15 will receive an additional free ticket. To take advantage of this offer please complete and return the attached Booking Form to the Auden Theatre box office by 7 May 2014.

For individual bookings please contact the theatre box office in the usual way: telephone: 01263 713444  
Email: [boxoffice@greshams.com](mailto:boxoffice@greshams.com) post: Auden Theatre Box Office, Gresham's, Cromer Rd, Holt NR25 6EA

For further information please email [info@sheringhamandcromerchoral.co.uk](mailto:info@sheringhamandcromerchoral.co.uk) or phone 01263 822331

## **Patrick Hawes Workshop** **(Auden Theatre, Holt - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014)**

### **Session One (11:00 – 12:00)**

An introduction to the day. Patrick will describe what it is like to be a composer in the early 21st Century and will talk about his approach to setting words to music. Reference will be made to *Eventide* from the point of view of its overall structure. At this point, participants may just sing a few bars.

### **Break (12:00 – 12:15)**

### **Session Two (12:15 – 13:00)**

Patrick will take the Fugue from *Eventide* (bars 336 - 372) and explain in detail how the music is constructed. Participants will rehearse this section.

### **Lunch (13:00 – 13:45)**

### **Session Three (13:45 – 14:45)**

In this session Patrick will look at how the hymn tune *Abide with Me* is used in the new work. Particular reference will be made to the section from bar 579 to 633 and the end of the work from bar 701.

### **Break (14:45 – 15:00)**

### **Session Four (15:00 – 16:00)**

During this session the participants will perform all the sections that have been rehearsed earlier, so that they gain an overview of the new work and are able to put in to practice the detailed points that Patrick has made throughout the day.



Sheringham & Cromer  
**Choral Society**

**CHORAL WORKSHOP**  
with composer  
**PATRICK HAWES**  
on his new commission  
**Eventide**  
(In Memoriam Edith Cavell)

**Saturday 17 May 2014**  
11am-4pm  
Auden Theatre, Holt  
open to singers and non-singers;  
no auditions necessary

**Tickets £15**  
if booked by 25 April, thereafter £20. Under 18s free  
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**Booking Form (for Groups of 10 or more)**

**Patrick Hawes Workshop Saturday 17 May 2014**

Please reserve ..... Adult Places at £15 total £..... cheque enclosed

Please reserve ..... places for under 18's (FREE)

PLEASE COMPLETE / DELETE AS APPROPRIATE

Name of Choir .....

Address.....

Named Contact.....

Contact telephone number.....

Contact email address.....

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

**Please complete and return to Auden Theatre Box Office Gresham's School Cromer Road Holt NR25 6EA by 7 May**

**Arrangements for the Day**

**Please arrive 30 minutes before the start for check-in: all participants will be provided with a name badge which they should wear whilst on Gresham's premises**

**Please park as directed on arrival**

**Participants must remain within the areas designated i.e. Auden Theatre for Workshop, Chapel for Lunch. Entry to other parts of the school is not permitted: it is a normal school day for Gresham's pupils**

**Participants should bring a packed lunch**



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