

CANCIONERO



TUDOR MUSIC WORKSHOPS



Anthony Purnell is a history graduate who subsequently trained and worked as a class music teacher. As an experienced performer on harpsichord, lute, crumhorn and recorder he is very well-qualified to present workshop sessions which include instrumental demonstrations and participation in dances of the period.

The workshop divides into 2 sessions: 45 minutes in a classroom and then 30 minutes in a room with space to dance.

The classroom session includes an introduction to the building consorts of instruments (a useful illustration of key scientific concepts).

The lute provides an opportunity to discuss the technology of instrument building as the children identify the differences between its shape and that of the modern guitar. A performance of "Greensleeves" provides a chance to talk about Renaissance attitudes to composition and a correction of the mistaken belief that it was written by Henry VIII.



Since there are few surviving instruments from that period modern makers have to rely heavily on pictures. Plates from the encyclopedia by Praetorius are used to illustrate this.

Another important issue examined is the role of the 16th century progress in printing music. The children discover why Italian words for dynamics and tempi are so universal in music.

Then it's time to dance!

The children start by learning to dance a Pavane. This involves learning a little Tudor etiquette and considering how costume affects the way you move.

To illustrate that dance was not only a formal activity but also fun we then learn to dance a branle or two.



Up to 60 pupils at a time can participate in the dancing if a reasonable size hall is available. Alternatively up to 120 pupils can be given the first session together in a hall followed by two dance sessions for 60 pupils.

Fees:

Education workshops:

£75 for 1¼ hours (Instrumental demonstration and 1 dance session)

£90 for 1¾ hours (Instrumental demonstration and 2 dance sessions)

Wedding package:

£280 - 2 performers in costume for ceremony and reception (2 hours)

Banquets:

£400 – 4 performers in costume (2 hours)

£280 – 2 performers in costume (2 hours)

Concerts:

£320 – 4 performers in concert dress

£400 – 4 performers in period costume

These fees are for events within an hour's drive from Maidstone.
Where a concert is a repeat of an existing programme we may be prepared to negotiate a lower fee.

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