



Photos from Muckle Sing 2023 with Jo Miller as tutor

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MUCKLE SING 2024

Saturday 10th February 2024: 10.00am to 5.30pm

Queen Margaret Hall, Blackness Road, Linlithgow, EH49 7JA

Back again by popular demand! An event for all singers, whether you sing by yourself, in a small group or in a large community singing group.

The day includes morning and afternoon workshops, a performance platform and a short concert from our tutors.

All welcome, from the beginner to the experienced performer - no need to be able to read music.

OUR TUTORS: CHORAS

Choras consists of three much loved and respected traditional singers, each with many and varied musical collaborations behind her and a vast experience of performing. Covid interfered with their plans to sing together, but they were able to hit the ground running when live music returned, specialising in a *cappella* harmony arrangements of an eclectic mix of songs traditional and modernish.



Barbara Dymock learned songs as a child from her grandparents, first performing aged 19 with the newly-formed Ceolbeg and a cappella trio Fair Game. After a long break to raise a family and pursue a medical career, she returned to sing with Rathlin, Fon a Bhord, Sinsheen and The Barbara Dymock Band and is currently in a duo with Chris Marra.

Singer and guitarist **Janice Reavell**, from Aberdeen, was influenced and taught by local source singers such as Jeannie Robertson, Lizzie Higgins and Stanley Robertson. She sang at Folk Clubs and Festivals from her early teens, travelled and recorded with bands such as Iolair, Lang Johnnie Moore and Highland Connection, plus a local blues band. She teaches songs, ballads and harmonies with Scottish Culture & Tradition, Feis Rois, and at the Elphinstone Institute.

Aileen Carr, brought up in Blairgowrie, started singing her singing career in a concert party. Hearing the likes of Belle Stewart at the 1967 Blairgowrie Folk Festival sparked her abiding interest in the great 'classical' story ballads, as well as starting the development of her eclectic repertoire. A regular solo

unaccompanied singer at clubs and festivals ever since, she was in Ceolbeg and Lang Jonny More, before going on to form the popular *a cappella* group Palaver with Gordeanna McCulloch, Maureen Jelks and Chris Miles. Over the years, Aileen has tutored at Stirling University Summer School as well as at festivals, TMSA workshops and community singing groups.

Programme

10am DOORS OPEN - Registration/coffee
10.30 - 12.30 Muckle Sing Workshop Session 1
12.30 - 13.45 Lunch and informal singing session
14.00 - 15.45 Muckle Sing Workshop Session 2
15.45 - 16.00 Tea Break
16.00 - 16.45 Performance Platform for groups
16.45 - 17.15 Concert - Choras
17.15 - 17.45 Clearing up: any help appreciated!

Performance Platform

An opportunity for community singing groups who wish to perform songs from their own repertoire for the entertainment of other participants.
(No compulsion, very informal, and you are among friends!) Groups wishing to perform should prepare up to three songs. If possible, let us know in advance if your group wishes to perform - contact susan.streater@hotmail.co.uk

Refreshments

Please remember that lunch is not supplied. You are welcome to bring your own or patronise the local supermarket, bakeries or local cafes, just along the road. Feel free to bring your food back to the venue, and sing once you've eaten. Tea, coffee, juice, tap water and biscuits are available during the day (small donation welcome).

Ticket prices

Full price - £19.00, Concessions - £16.00 The individual Concession price is available to: TMSA members; students; age 60+; unemployed; disabled people and their helper; and to any members of a group that is affiliated to the TMSA. (If you wish to buy tickets and are not sure whether your group is affiliated, before you send in your booking please check with Susan Streater - susan.streater@hotmail.co.uk)

How to make a booking

1. Postal booking - please use separate Booking Form

Please complete form(s) and a cheque. We can:

- post tickets to you (you must enclose stamped addressed envelope if you want to receive them by post), or
- send you an email confirmation, to print out, or to show us on your phone or other device on the day.

Cheques payable to: **EDINBURGH & LOTHIAN TMSA** (Please do **NOT** make payable to the TMSA, which has a separate bank account).

Send Booking Form and cheque to: **Susan Streater**, TMSA, 72 Deanburn Park, Linlithgow, West Lothian EH49 6HA

2. Online bookings

You can book online by paying through the Paypal link in the Muckle Sing post for December 2023 at www.eltmsa.org.uk.

You don't need a Paypal account to pay securely through Paypal, but you will need to give an email address during the process so you can be emailed a receipt of your payment, which will also act as your ticket(s). A small **Paypal admin fee** of 55p per ticket (46p Concession) will be charged at checkout. If you are buying tickets for several people, please email us so we can add their names to the registration list.

Location and parking

Queen Margaret Hall is in the grounds of St Michael's RC Church, and shares an entrance and large car-park with the church. The nearby Tesco car park is limited to 2 hours and is monitored, so don't park there!
Map ref for Queen Margaret Hall <https://goo.gl/maps/1S4mogUHH2E2>
Disabled access is excellent, both for entry to building and for toilets.

How to get there

Driving from the east, leave M9 (westbound) at J3, follow road signs into Linlithgow. About 400 yards after 30 mph signs, Queen Margaret Hall (QMH) is on your **right** in the grounds of St Michael's Church.

Driving from the west, leave M9 (eastbound) at Junction 4, and follow signs into and through Linlithgow. At mini-roundabout at far (east) end of High Street (by Tesco), take left fork onto Blackness Rd, and go 250yds, turning left into the grounds of St Michael's Church.

Buses: frequent service to and from Edinburgh and Stirling on X38. Get off near Tesco.

Trains: Direct service from Edinburgh, Glasgow Queen St. and Stirling. Queen Margaret Hall is a short walk (350 yards) from the station. Cross Linlithgow High Street, turn right and follow Blackness Road past Tesco.

Enquiries

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