

THAMES VALLEY EARLY MUSIC FORUM



Saturday 10th January 2026 at 7.30pm (on Zoom)

One singer's life in 16th-century England

A talk by **Dr. Kerry McCarthy**

followed by the TVEMF AGM at 8.30pm

The lives of musicians in Tudor England could be colourful, exciting, and occasionally very dangerous. This talk traces the long career of one professional singer through the first half of the sixteenth century, as musical styles and political circumstances changed around him.

Kerry McCarthy is a musician and author known for her work on the English Renaissance. She lives in Portland, Oregon, where she is active as a performer and interpreter of early music. She also maintains a busy schedule of public speaking and public engagement, including a five-day guest appearance on BBC Radio 3 celebrating William Byrd as Composer of the Week in July 2023. Her books (including new biographies of Byrd and Tallis, both published with Oxford University Press) have been reviewed in the New York Review of Books, the London Review of Books, and other venues of note. Her Tallis biography was given the 2021 American Musicological Society award for early music book of the year. She is now writing her fourth book, an exploration of the lives of professional singers in Tudor England.

How to book: Please book online: click on this link [BOOK NOW](#), fill in the form, and click "SUBMIT" at the end. You can use the link to book for the talk (open to all), the AGM (TVEMF members only - there is no charge for this) or both.

If you would like to hear Kerry's talk but are unable to join the live Zoom, please book before the event and we will send you a link to the recording, which you will be able to watch later but not download.

Payment details: £5/head*

*If you are able to, and would like to add a donation on top of this to show your support for Kerry and other musicians, this would be much appreciated. Surplus monies above Kerry's agreed fee will be split equally between Kerry and the charity Help Musicians.

By Stripe (preferred): use the link in the booking form

By bank transfer to: Thames Valley Early Music Forum: sort code: 30-94-28, account number: 00691902.

By cheque (only if bank transfer not possible): to Thames Valley Early Music Forum (**NOT** TVEMF), sent to 43 Inchwood, Birch Hill, Bracknell RG12 7ZX. Enquiries about payments to membershipsecretary@tvemf.org.uk please. Other enquiries to michaelfbloom@yahoo.co.uk

The Zoom link will be in your booking acknowledgment. If you need to, you can download the free software here: <https://zoom.us/> Please check that you have the latest update:

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