

Halsway Manor European Music Weekend

12:00 Friday 30 March to 14:00 Monday 2 April 2018

TUTORS: Paul James, Anne Niepold Gigi Biolcati. With assistance from Jo May (percussion).

Course leader: Paul James. **Any queries?** Email pauljames.eu@gmail.com 0788 794 8853

The aim of the course is to make creative arrangements of music - which has European cultural roots - for listening and/or dancing to.

On Friday afternoon we will divide the participants into 2 teams - Ensembles 1 and 2 (we'll think of more interesting names together). Probably this will be based on getting a balance of instrument sizes/types in each ensemble. If you want to be with a friend that's fine, just let us know.

Each team will work with all the tutors in different sessions over the weekend.

There will be tea/coffee breaks in the middle of the morning and afternoon sessions.

Some participants are more comfortable working with a music score and others prefer to play more by ear. That's fine.

If you play a 2nd or 3rd instrument please bring it, regardless of what standard you are. This is particularly important if your primary instrument has limitations in terms of the keys/modes it can play in – for example, bagpipes don't sound great on everything!

What to bring.

- An open mind, a willingness to work together and help others as a team.
- There are music stands but bring one if you can.
- Pen and paper /manuscript
- Audio recorder – there's probably one on your phone
- Outdoor clothing/footwear if you want to go walking in the hills.
- If you want to dress up for the Sunday night concert - please do!
- Photocopying is available.

Bar

You can have a bar tab all weekend and then settle up by card or cash on Monday.

Local facilities

There is a petrol station and cash point in Williton, 5 minutes up the road.

Travel – see the Halsway Manor website.

2019. We are running the course again at Easter 2019. You can pay a deposit and reserve a place and a particular room before you leave, if you wish, and pay the balance nearer the time.

We're really looking forward to meeting everyone!

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PROGRAMME

We may adjust things a little as we go along.

FRIDAY		
	LONG ROOM	BAR
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Introductory session Introductions, what's happening, when, how and why - and answers to your questions. Divide into 2 groups	
14:30	ENSEMBLE 1	ENSEMBLE 2
17:30	Finish	
18:00	Dinner	
19:30	ENSEMBLE 1	ENSEMBLE 2
20.30	Break	
21:00		Informal music session in the bar

SATURDAY		
7:30	For anyone interested Paul James will lead a 60 minute walk from Halsway Manor up the drove to the top of the Quantocks. Bring walking shoes.	
	LONG ROOM	BAR
8:30	Breakfast	
9:30	Warm up with Gigi. Some exercises to get your body and mind moving in a musical direction.	
10:00	ENSEMBLE 2	ENSEMBLE 1
13:00	Lunch	
14:30	ENSEMBLE 2	ENSEMBLE 1
17:30	Break	
18:00	Dinner	
20:00	For those who want to ... Visit the famous/award winning Pebbles Cider Tavern in Watchet and play a few tunes. Car sharing. Or – free time.	

SUNDAY		
7:30	For anyone interested Paul James will lead a 60 minute walk from Halsway Manor up the drove to the top of the Quantocks.	
	LONG ROOM	BAR
8:30	Breakfast	
9:30	Warm up with Gigi. Some exercises to get your body and mind moving in a musical direction.	
10:00	ENSEMBLE 1	ENSEMBLE 2
13:00	Lunch	
14:30	ENSEMBLE 2	ENSEMBLE 1
17:30	Break	
18:00	Dinner	
20:00	Concert Tutors and participants concert	
22:00		Informal music session in the bar

MONDAY

7:30	For anyone interested Paul James will lead a 60 minute walk from Halsway Manor up the drove to the top of the Quantocks.	
	LONG ROOM	BAR
8:30	Breakfast	
9:30	Warm up with Gigi. Some exercises to get your body and mind moving in a musical direction.	
10:00	We will decide together on Sunday what we want to do on Monday morning. For example, more Ensemble 1 and 2 workshops, or one ensemble with everyone together.	
13:00	Lunch and farewells We are running the course again at Easter 2019. You can reserve a place and a particular room, if you wish, before you leave, if you wish.	