

Monastic Musical Hours

The musical rhythm of the monastic office hours, sung as it has been for hundreds of years.

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th March 2024

In the serene surroundings of Minsteracres, you will experience a weekend immersed in the beauty of the music of the monastic office hours. The music will facilitate reflection, meditation and prayer. From the haunting psalms in the Gregorian modes, through plainsong antiphons, polyphonic Magnificats and sumptuous motets, music has for centuries added an extra spiritual dimension to the rhythm of monastic life. You will be able to examine the musical traditions of different communities and the history of these liturgies. And above all, you will sing under the guidance of experienced musicians and liturgists.



Dominic McGonigal An award-winning composer whose work has been described as “beautiful”, with “confident writing for instruments and voices, great textures and a perfect sense of spacing and pacing.” The quartets *In Conversation*, *Mathilde* and *Chatelaine* were commissioned by Pat Halling of the Quartet Pro Musica which led to commissions from Philomel, Duo Kottos and other performers and ensembles. Dominic has many decades of experience in liturgical music, as a chorister in a monastery, daily services at King’s College, Cambridge, as director of music in several churches and singing in Brussels Cathedral. More at www.dominicmcgonigal.com



Alison Hawes has a wealth of musical experience encompassing a range of styles, performances and teaching. From a liturgical perspective, Alison regularly sings and conducts services in all the major medieval cathedrals in England as well as others in Europe including St Mark’s, Venice. For over two decades Alison was a member of the renowned BBC Symphony Chorus with whom, as well as contributing to the usual musical season concerts, she also featured as a soloist on recordings and in the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall. Photo credits: Carol Hartfree

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