



OPERA MASTERCLASS FOR ALL WITH SUSAN BULLOCK CBE

A fantastic opportunity for you to watch and learn.

Venue: St Mary's Church, Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B20 2RW

Date and Time: Friday 19 April 2024 | 12.30pm - 2.30pm

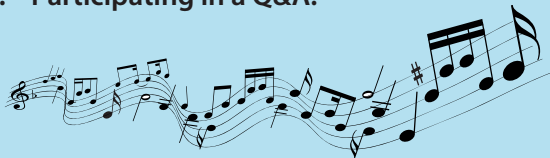
Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a professional opera singer?

This masterclass gives audiences a window into the world of opera singing at the highest level. We offer insight into how opera singers from diverse backgrounds prepare their operatic repertoire.

Top industry expert and international Wagnerian soprano Susan Bullock CBE will coach the singers on how they can improve and interpret their aria/song to reach their full potential.

This is a great opportunity for you to get a front row seat:

1. Increasing knowledge in German opera repertoire.
2. Improving language and interpretation.
3. Participating in a Q&A.



Originally known as BJ Music Events (BJME), it was founded in 2008 as a not-for-profit initiative to bring opera as an art form to the people of Birmingham in their communities. Co-founders Byron Jackson and Amanda Doyle recognised that there was a need for engagement with the classical arts through awareness, audience development and direct participation.

Since then, BJME has held music events across the West Midlands, including 'come and sing' workshops, opera concerts, recitals, and live music nights, facilitated by some of the country's top performing artists.

An opera concert in a central community venue in 2009 was a sell-out, raising hundreds of pounds for charity. Workshops in local primary schools over the following two years were also a success.

In September 2012 BJME hosted a 'come and sing' Messa di Gloria by Puccini with conductor Colin Baines. We had over 80 singers participating in this event from across the West Midlands and beyond.

In 2015, BJME hosted an opera gala in the former prestigious concert venue, the Adrian Boult Hall. Four top British opera singers performed an exciting range of music with the Sinfonia of Birmingham. This was led by the renowned opera and symphonic conductor Michael Lloyd. Over 50% of the audience came from BME communities.

In 2019 BJME held an open workshop in Gospel music, led by Carol Brewster. Gospel music has a powerful, spiritual and vocal message which should be accessible to all, not just within the Black Church community.

Persona Arts has at its helm the international opera singer, Byron Jackson FRSA. Born, raised and trained in Birmingham, he has excited audiences all over the world with his powerful stage presence and voice. Recognised also for his passion in bringing the opera and classical music arts to new audiences and communities.



For further details and tickets visit

www.personaarts.org.uk/opera-masterclass-susan-bullock