

with Matthew Collins

Explore Shakespeare – by speaking him...



Explore your voice – by speaking Shakespeare . . .

Half day Shakespeare Voice Workshops in Manchester, Darlington, Peterborough and Sunbury-on-Thames with Matthew Collins, Voice Coach and former presenter on BBCTV's The Travel Show

"I have a passion for Shakespeare and run workshops - for actors, business people, school pupils, prisoners and members of the Womens Institute - that use the Bard's speeches to explore the spoken voice. Now I am offering one-off, half day public workshops in Manchester, Peterborough, Darlington and Sunbury-on-Thames.

"During the workshop I'll introduce you to the principles of voice work, use vocal exercises to explore your voice and encourage you to explore powerful language and emotion in a wide selection of Shakespearean texts.

SHAKESPEARE WROTE HIS TEXTS TO BE SPOKEN

"Whether you're an aficionado or someone who has never seen a Shakespeare play; whether you're an actor or someone who has never stepped on a stage – this workshop is for you! Come and speak Shakespeare and feel the effect that some of the most powerful words ever written can have on the body, mind and even the soul. Learn about Shakespeare, learn about your voice and explore new vocal possibilities.



There is no such thing as a correct voice. There is no right way to speak. But everyone has a true voice – a voice emotionally connected to the speaker that is free from unhelpful tension. Come and find that voice with me in a safe, exciting, fun, informal way. Enjoy exploring Shakespeare and your own voice – and feel yourself speaking with new-found passion, conviction and confidence."

2012 dates

£15 per person for a half day (four-hour) workshop - see over for details

Manchester
Saturday 18 February

Sunbury on Thames
Saturday 25 February

Darlington
Saturday 3 March

Peterborough
Saturday 10 March

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WHERE AND WHEN:

MANCHESTER: 2.00-6.00pm on Saturday 18 February 2012 - Central Methodist Hall, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES: 2.00-6.00pm on Saturday 25 February 2012 at Riverside Arts Centre, 59 Thames Street, Sunbury-On-Thames, Middlesex TW16 5QF

DARLINGTON: 10.00am-2.00pm on Saturday 3 March 2012 at Darlington Education Village, Salters Lane South, Darlington DL1 2AN

PETERBOROUGH: 2.00-6.00pm on Saturday 10 March 2012 at Orton Waterville Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EN

HOW MUCH: Tickets for the half day (four hour) workshop are £15. Available from www.matthewcollins.co.uk - or call 0207 385 0977

ABOUT MATTHEW COLLINS

Matthew has earned much of his living by speaking. He was ‘Special Assignments Man’ on BBCTV’s The Travel Show. His weekly challenges ranged from travelling to Spain with his leg in a plaster cast (when it wasn’t even broken - he had to test travelling facilities for disabled people) to spending a week in a French nudist camp where single men and photography were banned (he was alone with three cameras round his neck).

Since then, he has brought up two boys alone; travelled across America and Canada with his children (and three borrowed grannies); written travel books; given hundreds of humorous talks and speeches; and performed at the Edinburgh and Buxton Fringes.

He has an MA in Voice Studies from the Central School of Speech and Drama and works as a voice coach with actors, business people, school pupils, prisoners – and members of the WI.

Matthew is contactable via: www.matthewcollins.co.uk or call 0207 385 0977

YOUR VOICE: Matthew helps people find their true voice. Everyone has a true voice but habits – from cultural, physical and psychological influences – sometimes conspire to conceal it.

Voice work aims to free the speaker from such impediments. It’s about regaining confidence to speak from the heart, just like we did as small children. Matthew’s voice classes are fun, educational, and life-enhancing – and powerful Shakespeare texts give the voice a rich, exciting world to explore.

“Matthew’s activities requiring students to respond physically to Shakespeare’s language, are very clearly a winner” – *English Teacher at The London Oratory School*

“Really took me out of myself. Cheers mate!” – *Prisoner at HMP Wormwood Scrubs*

“Was that me? I’ve no idea where that voice came from” – *WI Student at Denman College*

