



THE 40th ANNIVERSARY EDC EARLY DANCE FESTIVAL

20 – 22 October
2023



Hereford Town
Hall, St Owen's
Street, Hereford
HR1 2PJ

THE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY	18:00	Reception opens
	18:30	Welcome Drinks & Light Refreshments
	19:30 – 21:00	Dr Barbara Segal, speaking on <i>Henrys and Harlequins: Masquerade Balls in 18th Century England</i>
SATURDAY	9:00	Festival Reception opens for rehearsals
	13:00 – 17:00	Festival Performances
	18:00 – 19:15	Dinner
	20:00 – 22:30	Masquerade Ball with <i>Diabolus Waits</i>
SUNDAY	11:30	Visit to Croft Castle 11:00 am or 10:45 for a Tour of Hereford & an optional visit to The Black and White House

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Please come and join us for the 40th anniversary of the EDC Annual Early Dance Festival. We hope to celebrate in style, looking back on many a wonderful set of performances and savouring what surely will be the best yet. The Festival has always been a fine way to share our mutual passion for early dance. This year we open a new chapter.

We have the whole of the spacious Hereford Town Hall, a building highly decorated in the Edwardian Baroque style. It has a lift to the upper floor, disabled parking at the rear and plenty of seating in the foyer. It is 5 minutes by car from Hereford Station, 13 minutes on foot. Hereford is an ancient market town (chartered by Richard the Lionheart in 1189). Its Cathedral houses the Mappa Mundi Exhibition (10-5 Fri to Sat, herefordcathedral.org). The Black and White House Museum, near the Town Hall, is wonderfully preserved in period style (See www.blackandwhitehouse.org for information and opening times).

FRIDAY NIGHT: After a welcoming Reception with light refreshments, our own Barbara Segal will give a talk on *Henrys and Harlequins: Masquerade Balls in 18th Century England*, in anticipation of the high jinks on Saturday evening. Historical characters, commedia performers and cross-dressing were all the rage at such events.

SATURDAY: The morning is busy with rehearsals by the performing groups. Tea and coffee will be available in the Hall kitchen throughout the Festival, but lunch will not be provided on site. Please bring a packed lunch or visit one of the cafes nearby.

The **Festival Performances** will run from 13.00 – 17:00, with the usual two sessions of dancing for all. We hope to see plenty of groups sharing the dances they have enjoyed working on together.

The **evening entertainment** starts with a dinner at 18:00. There is no bar; you may bring your own drinks and please bring glasses too. We will celebrate our 40th Festival with a Masquerade Ball to the music of Diabolus Waits, playing a wide range of traditional dances. Tea, coffee + water will be available all evening. Birthday cake and bubbly will be served in the interval. Masks and costume at your discretion.

SUNDAY: Our weekend ends with two options: a visit to Croft Castle, Yarpole, Leominster HR6 9PW. A National Trust property, the present castle was rebuilt in the 1660's in the medieval revival style. Alternatively, we can arrange a short tour of Hereford and a visit to the Black and White House. Please make clear which option you prefer. **NB For Croft Castle simply answer YES. Anyone not a NT member will pay £13 at the door, not to EDC.**

HOTELS: There is a choice of accommodation in Hereford, but **The Green Dragon** (at https://bookings.hopsoftware.com/property/Green-Dragon-Hotel?_ga=2.138796986.867745904.1667899047-889101872.1660136927) is offering 10% off their B&B rate for 20-22 October. Use Code EDF23.

SALES: Some tables for sales will be available. Please pay when booking, at £10 a table.

SPECIAL OFFER ON MEMBERSHIP

Anyone joining the Early Dance Circle at the Festival, who fills in a Standing Order Form, will receive a £10 discount on their first year's membership.

BOOKING FORM

❖ Please book for the Festival as early as possible. Advance booking is required for the Saturday buffet dinner and reservations for it must be received by **Monday 9 October 2023**.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT THE FESTIVAL, everyone attending and/or performing should send this form, with payment, to: **Michele Odell**, 11 Alton Gardens, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1ND.

Tel. 0208 650 8811 Email: bookings@earlydancecircle.co.uk

A booking confirmation will be sent by email.

Make cheques payable to “The Early Dance Circle.” To pay by BACS, email your Booking Form to bookings@earlydancecircle.co.uk and instructions will be provided.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

NAME

ADDRESS

POST CODE

TEL.

EMAIL

GROUP BOOKINGS

Name of Group:

Please list individual names on a separate sheet, stating clearly whether they are members or non-members.

DO YOU / YOUR GROUP INTEND TO PERFORM? YES / NO

If YES, you will be sent a Registration Form. Please return your completed form as early as you can. We want to welcome as many groups as possible.

Personal Data: The Early Dance Circle (EDC) will not share your data and will use it only to communicate with you about our activities and events in the early dance world.

Filming and Photography: Please be aware that there will be filming and photography at this event. By attending, you accept that photographs and recordings taken by the EDC and its agents may be used in EDC publications, publicity, the EDC website and on line.

HEARING AIDS: Would anyone needing hearing support, please notify Michele well in advance. The Hall has a T-Loop.

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Please tick boxes for each person. The Saturday supper must be ordered in advance, by Mon. 9/10/23, with no refunds possible after that date. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the Festival, but please bring your own mug / drinking vessel if possible. We would like to stop using single-use plastics (we still have a small supply).

Member / Dance Musician		£8.00	£13.00	£24.00	£10.00	£10.00	YES / NO	£6.50 Tour £3.50 House	Dietary needs: Insert V for veg. VE for vegan. GF for gluten free. Note any allergies	Cost Per Person
Non-Member		£10.00	£17:00 *	£24.00	£15.00	£10.00	Sunday Visit to Croft Castle, near Leominster (NT)	Sunday 1 hour tour of Hereford AND/OR The Black and White House		
NAME	EDC member Y / N	Reception and Friday Lecture	Festival *Student £8	Saturday Buffet Supper	Saturday Masquerade Ball	Sales Table				
TOTAL COST										