

Workshop

# ANCORE D'ARIA

with Oskar Boldre

This project was inspired by Bobby Mc Ferrin's great work with his vocal group VOICESTRA. It is therefore a workshop for all those who feel like experiencing the magic of singing together using the voice as an instrument (i.e. singing with no words) with a language that goes beyond stylistic and linguistic boundaries. It is a workshop for everybody because the approach both to the choral singing and to the guided improvisations is truly simple and intuitive, close to the way songs were once orally transmitted among different ethnies. The elements of this transmission remain unchanged: listening, memory, imitation, improvisation and play. No music sheets are used.

During this workshop:

1. We will learn some polyphonic songs drawing on world music and/or contemporary composers. To do this, we will also use the body (rhythm combinations with feet, hands and voice) that will help us to memorize the rhythms.
2. We will work on the ability to listen and imitate, thanks to simple and enjoyable exercises, that will also give the participants hints of how to move within the improvisation.
3. The use of the voice as an instrument and percussion comes from the curiosity to imitate and invent new sounds - a little technique is obviously also important. Some playful exercises will bring us to a bigger flexibility of our voice-body instrument.
4. A concert usually closes the workshop. Songs and final improvs will be recorded on CDs and will be available for a useful listing from "the outside".

## **DATES AND HOURS**

Saturday and Sunday. Planning is needed far in advance.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

A very quiet room of at least 50/70 sq mts. Electric plugs and restrooms.

## **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**

Minimum 12 (mixed voices) – maximum 25

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

The program will be offered subject to sufficient registration. The minimum number of registrations must be received 3 weeks before the scheduled date

## **INFO**

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