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Dear Colleagues, dear Students,

As Artistic Director of the Rudolf Kempe Society it gives me great pleasure to invite you to our

Open Master Class on

CLASSICAL IMPROVISATION – MICHAEL GEES

for Instrumentalists and Singers – professionals and qualified amateurs

KEMPE STUDIO at THE MUSES 58 Waterside Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BA SATURDAY 10 JUNE 11.00 am - 13.30pm and 4.00pm to 6.30pm

We are thrilled to welcome Michael Gees back who - beyond his great expertise on the international concert stages documented in numerous award-winning CD and DVD recordings, is also drawing on a life-time's experience as a Member of Staff of the Musikhochschule Cologne and as director of his 'Consol-Theater' in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, through which he does invaluable social work for people of all ages and right across the social spectrum, using music as the most versatile, differentiated and sublime gift to humanity.

Michael will explore with you the 'breathing' of sound, the empathy of producing it in togetherness, the spontaneous invention of individual motifs - in consonance as well as in contrasts; the discovery of 'talking' or 'telling stories', of listening and - most importantly - of silence! Other aspects of musical practice and performance also come in, such as 'leading' or 'following', passing on motifs, and most crucially, the seamless handing-over of solo passages and 'subservient' accompanying, alternating between yourself and your fellow musicians. All this will enhance the use of your own talent and abilities - at whatever stage of your instrumental or vocal studies you are, as professionals or amateurs, or as already established performers and teachers.

In the relaxed and intimate atmosphere of our studio, and through the rare combination of concentration and playfulness characteristic of this artist, you will be inspired to discover and develop your own creativity as an individual musician and - in what is the most rewarding way of music making - as a member of an ensemble.

Looking forward very much to welcoming you at our STUDIO at THE MUSES in Stratford, with warm regards

Cordula Kempe

Information about tickets and payment please see separate page