

# The Cantabile Renaissance Band

Wants Vocal and Instrumental Musicians



The band is a group of musicians who meet to play Renaissance polyphony. We tend to concentrate on the secular and sacred music that would have been played and sung in a home setting, rather than the repertoire that demands a spacious acoustic.

**Performing** We perform at parties, art galleries, and other events. (Our big annual performance is at the “Walk for Hunger” on the first Sunday in May, with (so far) from three to ten performers.)

**Sightreading** We read through large bodies of seldom-performed music, such as collections by Dowland and Morley, often in editions in unbarred parts from Serpent Publications.

**Learning** Our mix of vocal and instrumental music allows people to take up a new instrument, or to start singing in a friendly, low-pressure environment.

**Partying** We believe strongly in mixing music with eating and drinking, so we have parties several times a year and make a point of eating and drinking together after our regular meetings.

**Welcoming** When we aren’t preparing for a performance, we welcome drop-in members who are not able to come regularly.

Meetings are held most Tuesdays from 7:45 to 10:00 PM at 233 Broadway in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## For More Information

Surf to <http://www.laymusic.org/windband.html>, or call Laura Conrad at (617) 661-8097 or email her at <lconrad@laymusic.org>.

## Spring, 2011 events

- Saturday, April 16, 9 **PM**: **Workshop** at NEFFA (250 East Street, Mansfield, MA 02048) on the music of Thomas Ravenscroft. Middle School, Room 108.
- Sunday, May 1, 10:30 AM – 3 PM: **Walk for Hunger performance**. We play in a beautiful spot on the banks of the Charles River near the Cambridge-Watertown line, across Greenough Boulevard from the Cambridge Cemetary. This year we'll be playing and singing the music of Thomas Ravenscroft and Antony Holborne, on recorders, five-string fiddle, serpent, crumhorn, dulcian, and trombone. Stop and say "Hi!" if you're walking, or just come by and listen or sit in.
- Sometime in May or June: **Antony Holborne Orgy**. Serpent Publications is about to publish the complete *Pavans, Galliards, Almains, and other short Æirs*. To celebrate, we're going to have a party where we play through a large chunk of it, and eat and drink and then play another chunk, etc. This hasn't yet been scheduled, but let Laura know if you're interested in coming.