

For the 2014 fundraiser the featured work by **John Taverner** will be his ***Western Wind Mass***.

There are in fact three ***Western Wind Masses***, by **John Taverner**, **Christopher Tye** and **John Sheppard**. They are of special interest because they are the only set of linked masses to come out of Renaissance England and the first to be based on a secular melody.

Click to read **Peter Phillips**' extensive discussion of the three masses and his attempt to reconstruct the original melody.

The secular song:

'Westron wynde, when wilt thou blow,
The small raine down can raine.
Cryst, if my love were in my armes
And I in my bedde again!'

Click to go to a discussion of the original ***Western Wind*** melody and a chance to listen to several midi files, including **Peter Phillips**' reconstruction.

Rufus Muller, "***Westron Wynde***," (**Peter Phillips**' reconstruction) [**BNQ**; **BM**] (**info**)

The Naxos Music Library makes available for free online listening all three ***Western Wind Masses*** performed by the **Tallis Scholars**, directed by **Peter Phillips**. Check with your librarian. Cardholders of the **Grande Bibliothèque du Québec** [**BNQ**] or the **Bibliothèques de Montréal** [**BM**], ready to open their dossier (account) online, will be taken directly to the music by clicking on the appropriate. [**BNQ**] or [**BM**] (**info**)

John Taverner, *Western Wind Mass* performed by the Ars Nova of Copenhagen, Paul Hillier conducting. [[YouTube](#)]

John Taverner, *Gloria* from the *Western Wind Mass* performed by the Choir of New College, Oxford; Edward Higginbottom conducting [[YouTube](#)]

John Taverner, *Credo* from the *Western Wind Mass* performed by the Choir of New College, Oxford; Edward Higginbottom conducting. [[YouTube](#)]

John Taverner, *Western Wind Mass* performed by the Choir of New College, Oxford; Edward Higginbottom conducting. [[BNQ](#); [BM](#)] ([info](#))

John Taverner, *Gloria* from *Western Wind Mass*, performed by the Harmonium Chamber Singers, Anne Matlack conducting. [[YouTube](#)]

Richard Dyer-Bennet sings the early 16th century song, "*Westron Wynde*." [[YouTube](#)]

Alfred Deller and The Deller Consort perform "*Westron Wynde*." [[YouTube](#)]

Christopher Tye, *Western Wind Mass* performed by the Choir of New College, Oxford; Edward Higginbottom conducting. [[BNQ](#); [BM](#)] ([info](#))

John Sheppard, *Western Wind Mass* performed by the Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge, Andrew Nethsingha conducting. [[BNQ](#); [BM](#)] ([info](#))
