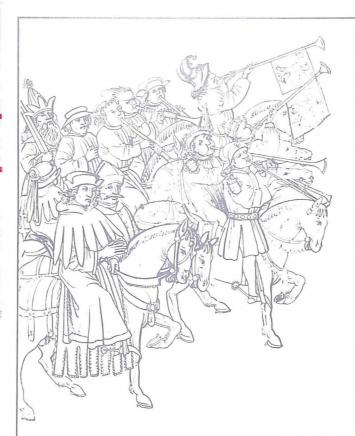
# Sounds\_Scintillating\_ Scintillating\_Sounds\_

The policy of the new season's series of concerts at the Bluecoat during Autumn 1981 and Spring 1982 is to balance the music of the past with the music of the present day. Both early music and contemporary music are areas of special interest and until now have been without a permanent, regular venue in Liverpool.

The structure of the new season combines two parallel series of concerts: the early music series concentrates on sixteenth century music (music of the street, the court, sacred choral music and instrumental music). The twentieth century series highlights the great variety of music being written and performed today — from 'classic' songs by Satie and Ives to expanded vocal techniques by Denis Smalley and Trevor Wishart; from the jazz/blues inspired compositions of Carla Bley to the English experimental work of John White and Gavin Bryars. A kaleidoscope of sounds, ideas, instruments and techniques.

Further details, information and tickets from the Bluecoat Chambers Society of Arts Office (Door C). 051-709 5297. Monday-Friday 9.30-5.



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Swanne Alley



Carla Bley



White Bryars



#### Friday October 23 at 7.30

#### **GEMINI**

#### director Peter Wiegold, soprano Margaret Field

Gemini is a group of highly accomplished musicians giving concerts of primarily twentieth century music. Gemini's concert policy is to give carefully prepared performances of contemporary music balanced by some older masterpieces and to commission new works for performance by the ensemble.

Weill arr. Osborne

Songs (instrumental)
Eisler Kantate im Exil
Osborne Vienna-Zurich-Constance
Eisler Die Romische Kantate
Satie)
Jarr Wiegold Songs
Ravel Sonata for violin and cello
Weill arr. Whitehead Songs

Tickets £1.75 (£1.25 claimants)

This concert is part of a national tour under the auspices of the Regional Contemporary Music Circuit.

'... easy informality and high standards of performance characterise Gemini concerts.' Music and Musicians

#### Friday October 30 at 8.00

### MUSICIANS OF SWANNE ALLEY

Music by Michelangelo's Italy and Shakespeare's England

The Musicians of Swanne Alley, a name that is borrowed from a sixteenth century professional Elizabethan ensemble, now identifies a talented and versatile group of performers led by Lyle Nordstrom and Paul O'Dette, specialising in the music of that era. Their central

commitment is to the idea that old music is still current music and should be an immediate, vital experience for performer and audience alike.

Popular Italian music The early Italian madrigal Lute duets of John Johnson (1540-1595)

Consorts from the Walsingham Books Musical Phansies: 'Fitting to the Court, Citie and Countrey'

from: Morley's 'First Booke of Consort Lessons' 1599

Tickets: £1.75 (£1.25 claimants)

This concert is part of the Early Music Network, administered by the Early Music Centre with financial assistance from the Arts Council of Great Britain and the Regional Arts Associations.

#### Saturday October 31

#### **WORKSHOP**

with Musicians of Swanne Alley organised by North-West Early Music Forum.

Master classes/Talks/Discussions 2pm-4.15pm £1.50 (75p OAP's, students) Players/Singers (as participants) 10.30am-6pm £3.50 (£2.25 NWEMF members: £2.00 OAP's, students)

Supported by Merseyside Arts Trust

#### Sunday, November 1 at 7.30

#### THE CARLA BLEY BAND

This 10-piece band from the United States presents some of the richest sounding jazz-based material around. Carla Bley's reputation in this country was probably sealed when the jazz opera Escalator Over the Hill was released in 1971. It features rock musicians like Jack Bruce and Linda Ronstadt as well as jazz players like Don Cherry and Grachen Moncur, and was a spectacular example of the use of jazz instrumentation to achieve a programme of music that

had logic and shape. Carla Bley's music has an atmospheric quality remniscent of Weill's world of faded elegance and the more raucous aspects of jazz and blues.

Tickets: £2.50 (£2.00 claimants and Jazz Centre Society members) available from Bluecoat and Circle

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An Arts Council Contemporary Music Network Concert

'Carla Bley . . displays a truly maverick sensibility, an insatiable thirst for new ways with old lamps tempered by an unruly imp's sense of humour'.

New Musical Express

#### Friday, November 6 at 7.30

#### GAVIN BRYARS/ JOHN WHITE & ENSEMBLE

Gavin Bryars and John White are two of the leading composers of experimental music in England. One of the characteristics of English experimental music exemplified by their work is its simplicity of style and use of traditional and conventional musical resources in an unconventional and ironic way. They have performed frequently and to great acclaim in both America and Europe, but their work is less often heard in this country. John White and Gavin Bryars both have works recorded on Brian Eno's Obscure label.

John White Symphony No. 3 (1981) Gavin Bryars 'Prologue' from Medea (1981) John White Symphony No. 4 (1981)

#### Gavin Bryars

The Cross Channel Ferry/ The Vespertine Park/ The English Mail Coach (1979-80) **John White** Symphony No. 5 (1981) **Gavin Bryars** Ponukelian Melody (1975)

John White Symphony No. 6 (1981) Gavin Bryars My First Homage (1978)

Tickets: £1.75 (£1.25 claimants)

This concert is part of a national tour under the auspices of the Regional Contemporary Music Circuit.

#### Friday November 20 at 7.30

#### **LANDINI CONSORT**

Music from Spectacular Courts

The Landini Consort, director Peter Syrus, performs a wide range of medieval, renaissance and early baroque music with one or two solo voices and replicas of original instruments. Music from Spectacular Courts is a programme drawn from the four most powerful courts in Europe during the early sixteenth century — a time when acts of overt extravagance were regarded as symbols of a ruler's supremacy. Thus the major courts vied with each other to attract the leading artists and musicians of the day. Landini's programme includes works by Ludwig Senfl, Johannes Martini and Josquin.

Music at the court of Henry VIII (1491-1547) Music at the court of Maximilian I

(1459-1519) Music at the court of François I

Music at the court of François I (1494-1547)

Music at the court of Giovanni de Medici (Pope Leo X 1475-1521)

Tickets: £1.75 (£1.25 claimants)