

Edinburgh Renaissance Band

presents

“A Dance of Love and War from 16th century Italy”



A DANCE WORKSHOP

When: **Sunday 21st August 2016**

Time: **10:00am - 5:00pm**

Where: **CARLOPS VILLAGE HALL
EH26 9NH**

Tickets: **£15 per person
(to include tea, coffee and lunch)**

available from the Band

**0131 622 0428 or
erbdanceworkshop@gmail.com**

Dances and music based on battles and the arts of war were very popular in the 15th and 16th Centuries.

The workshop will look at a Battle dance from a 16th Century Tuscan source. It appears to have been intended as a performance piece for 6 or more dancers but is accessible to dancers with no previous historical dance experience - although those with a background in early dance can use their knowledge to extend the basic choreography. The original choreographer chose steps to mimic swordsmen, pikemen and dressage horses at different parts of the dance.

The music follows a similar pattern to other “battle” pieces. Those with a particular interest will be able to explore how dance steps and movements changed from the 15th to the 16th century and how they laid the foundations for the later Baroque style (and eventually the classical ballet).

The workshop will conclude with a full re-enactment with live music using instruments of the period.

The workshop is led by Robin Benie – former chair and honorary life member of the historical dance umbrella group the “Early Dance Circle”. He has worked regularly with the Edinburgh Renaissance Band, directs the dance groups Passamezzo and Polyhymnia and is guest teacher for a number of historical dance groups across the UK.

Wear something comfortable or period dress if you have appropriate costumes.

NB: Carlops Village Hall is on the A702 about 12 miles south of Edinburgh and is next to Carlops Church. See Google maps for location