

Levow an Bys ('Voices of the World')
is delighted to invite local singers to take part in a workshop of:



Songs from the Republic of Georgia with **Nana Mzhavanadze**

Eminent musicologist, researcher and performer of
Georgian traditional music visiting the UK

Sunday 1st February 2015 10.00am - 4.00pm

In the exquisite acoustic and peaceful surroundings of the
Roselidden Centre for Creativity and Contemplation, Nr Helston

(1.5 miles outside Helston see www.roselidden.co.uk for directions)

Cost: £25 if booked by 18th Jan

(£30 thereafter if places are still available)

The **Republic of Georgia** possesses the oldest pre-Christian polyphonic musical tradition in the world. It is based on natural harmonic scales which are unlike ours but instinctively recognisable. The refusal of Georgians to sing one-line melodies has produced a wealth of three-part folksongs with great regional diversity covering all aspects of life, including the famous toasting rituals. Georgia is one of the oldest Christian countries and has also an unbroken tradition of unique church chants which have been preserved through family transmission.

Nana Mzhavanadze is an established researcher and performer and teacher of Georgian Traditional music. She sings and plays with the group "**Sathanao**" which means "something close to your heart". The *Sathanao* musicians met as students at the Music Conservatory where they were inspired by Malkaz Erkvanidze working with his *Anchiskhati Choir* to restore old Georgian Church chants, almost extinct after decades of Soviet rule. *Sathanao* is unique in Georgia today for its range which includes the ancient church chants, folksongs from the varied men's and women's repertoire and city songs. For several years *Sathanao* chanted regularly in the famous church of Jvaris Mama in Tbilisi. They researched these ancient chants, preserved only in early 19th century transcriptions, and helped to reintroduce them into everyday liturgical practice.

This workshop is a rare and wonderful opportunity to learn songs and chants from one of the most ancient polyphonic music traditions in the world directly from a lauded performer and researcher from Georgia. Nana is blessed with an exquisite singing voice and a gentle enabling teaching style, she teaches by ear which enables her to demonstrate the subtle tuning of traditional Georgian music.

Food: Participants are invited to bring contributions for a 'bring and share' lunch. Tea, herbal teas and coffee will be provided at the morning break and at the end of the workshop.

BOOKING: To reserve a place complete the attached booking form and return it to:

Pip Wright (Levow an Bys), Skyber, Trevurvas, Ashton, HELSTON, TR13 9TY

If you have queries you are welcome to contact Pip on pipjanewright@gmail.com or Tel. **01736 763766**

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Cheques should be made payable to: Levow an Bys

If you are giving Pip your booking in person, please put your completed booking form and payment by cash or cheque in a sealed envelope with your name and the date of the workshop on it.

First Name:		Surname:	
Email Address:			
Telephone no.			
Special Requirements: (e.g. access)			
Are you happy to appear in photos of the event?	YES / NO (Please circle as appropriate)		
Booking rate:	Cost	Please tick:	
Early-bird booking (if payment received by 18 th Jan)	£25		
Full rate booking (if payment received after 18 th Jan & places still available)	£30		
Total fee enclosed (cheques payable to ' Levow an Bys ')		£	
Receipts and booking confirmation will be sent via email. If you would like information sent by post we would be very grateful if you could enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope (SAE). Please tick the box to confirm SAE enclosed.		(SAE enclosed)	

NB At Nana Mzhavanadze's request, numbers for this workshop will be limited to 35 participants.

Places assigned on a 'first come first served' basis.

We are expecting the workshop to sell out and advise booking early to avoid disappointment.

All booking and administrative tasks related to this workshop are being carried out by Levow an Bys representatives on a voluntary basis. No profit is being made by the choir or any individual.

Nana Mzhavanadze is the director of the charity 'Brave Heart Georgia'.

Levow an Bys (World Voices) is a friendly community choir based in Penzance. We sing beautiful harmony songs from around the world, mostly for pleasure although we do occasionally perform at local festivals and events. We meet from 7-9pm on Wednesday evenings during term-time. There is no audition and new singers are always welcome. Tel. 01736 763766 for further details.