

Cellocourses newsletter #6

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I'm Catherine Black. I'm a cello teacher and I also create & organise courses for cellists and other instrumentalists. You can get much more information about me and my courses if you look at my website - www.cellocourses.com.

MUSIC & HEALING

Hello! It's nice to be back! For those of you who don't know, this has been a challenging year for me. I was diagnosed with early breast cancer in March and since April I have been in treatment. I finish in January properly and then look forward to returning to a new normal.

Recently I have felt much stronger and have been looking at music for us to work at next year and I've also been thinking about the books I'd like to get on with. In time there will be *Unsung Heroes Volume 2* and a children's collection. There will also be audio down-loads to accompany each volume. I am working on a practice handbook with a difference because how we do and don't work needs constant attention.

The next year's *Unsung Heroes* workshops have an added dimension with the addition of Romantic scores and music written for St Mark's in Venice. We can explore new musical and technical ideas. I'm looking forward to the Venetian music, which uses large physical spaces, and we have the lovely All Saints Centre for the Summer Course again which is ideal.

Pat O'Toole and I have had some interesting conversations about the Performance workshops and the deeper underlying issues that keep appearing in them. We feel these should now be excavated so it will be easier to lay yourself on the line! This will become a series of three workshops (in essence a course) so keep an eye on the page as it will be re-written.

I look forward to seeing those of you who have been *Unsung Regulars*, and to meeting those of you thinking of joining us next year.

Don't hesitate to ask any questions :

- either by email to catherine.black@cellocourses.com
- or feel free to call me on 01273 470558 - please leave me a message and number if I'm not available to speak to you at the time.

With best wishes,
Catherine