

LEEDS LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC 2021/22

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Having restarted concerts with a live audience over the summer, we're hugely looking forward to welcoming you back into the Town Hall for a landmark series of organ recitals.



September and October will see the final concerts on the current Town Hall organ before its complete renewal by Nicholson & Co, and we will give the organ a good send-off in a special lunchtime recital on 25 October. For the rest of the season, we are hugely grateful to St Anne's Cathedral for the use of their fine Klais organ, where the **recitals will continue at the slightly later time of 1.15pm.**

We have greatly valued your support during difficult times recently, so please join us again in September and spread the word as widely as possible!

Darius Battiwalla
Leeds City Organist



RECITALS AT LEEDS TOWN HALL

13 September 1.05pm

DARIUS BATTIWALLA
LEEDS CITY ORGANIST

WIDOR Symphonie VI in G minor, Op 42, No 2
FAURÉ Pavane
DEMESSIEUX Rorate Coeli
DEMESSIEUX Octaves

Our City Organist opens the recital season with a rare chance to hear Widor's entire sixth symphony and celebrates the centenary of the French virtuoso Jeanne Demessieux with her spectacular study, *Octaves*.

20 September 1.05pm

PROFESSOR IAN TRACEY
LIVERPOOL

BACH arr **Goss-Custard** Chaconne
FRANCK Fantaisie in A
DVOŘÁK arr **Tracey** Humoresque
PEETERS Lied Symphony

Ian Tracey's programme includes one of Dvořák's most famous melodies as well as an organ arrangement of Bach's famous *Chaconne* for solo violin.

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www.leedsconcertseason.co.uk



27 September 1.05pm

ISABELLE DEMERS
CANADA/USA

DEMESSIEUX Te Deum
RACHEL LAURIN Three impressions on Kingsfold
BACH Trio Sonata No 6 in G
FRANCK arr **Calvin Hampton** Symphony in D minor: *Second movement*
VIERNE Symphonie VI: *Final*

A rare and not to be missed chance to hear this Canadian virtuoso who studied at the Julliard School and is now based in the USA.

4 October 1.05pm

GERARD BROOKS
METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER

DEMESSIEUX Répons pour le temps du Pâques
DUPRÉ Prelude & Fugue in A flat, Op 36, No 2
SWEELINCK Est-ce Mars?
HUMPERDINCK Overture: *Hansel and Gretel*
SAINT-SAËNS Improvisation No 7
SAINT-SAËNS Bénédiction Nuptiale
SAINT-SAËNS arr **Guilmant** Marche Héroïque

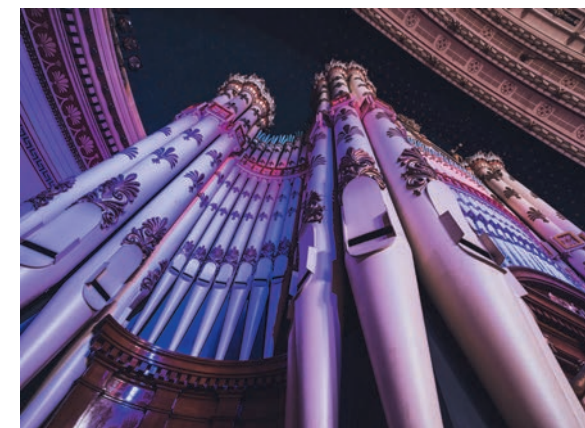
Gerard Brooks is currently president of the Royal College of Organists, and curator of the historic organ at Christ Church, Spitalfields. The colourful and virtuosic music of Saint-Saëns, who died in 1921, concludes a programme of anniversaries.

11 October 1.05pm

JEREMIAH STEPHENSON
ALL SAINTS MARGARET STREET, LONDON

BAIRSTOW Prelude in C
WHITLOCK Seven Sketches on verses from the Psalms: *Plaint; Exultemus*
STANFORD Fantasia & Toccata in D minor, Op 57
LEMARE Summer Sketches
IAIN FARRINGTON Live Wire

Originally from Sheffield, Jeremiah Stephenson has performed all over Europe and the USA, and his engagements this year include recitals in France and Sweden, as well as St Paul's Cathedral.



18 October 1.05pm

RICHARD HILLS
CONCERT AND THEATRE ORGANIST

SULLIVAN Overture: *Iolanthe*
HARRIS A Fancy
WHITLOCK Plymouth Suite
MACLEAN Babbling
GOSS-CUSTARD Chelsea Fayre
CURZON Suite: *In Malaga*
WHITLOCK March: *Dignity and Impudence*

Named Organist of the Year by the American Theatre Organ Society, Richard Hills is one of the few organists acknowledged to have mastered the divide between the classical and theatre organ worlds.

25 October 1.05pm

DARIUS BATTIWALLA
LEEDS CITY ORGANIST

LEEDS TOWN HALL ORGAN CLOSING CONCERT

Including works by Lemare, Bach, Heiller, and Lübeck

Join us as we say a fond au revoir to our magnificent Leeds Town Hall organ in this final recital followed by afternoon tea. Look out for more details soon.

RECITALS AT LEEDS CATHEDRAL

From November 2021 recitals take place at Leeds Cathedral at the later start time of 1.15pm

1 November 1.15pm

PAUL CARR

BIRMINGHAM

DUKAS arr Titterington Fanfare: *La Peri*

RHEINBERGER Sonata VIII: *Introduction & Passacaglia*

SCARLATTI Sonata in D, Kp 288

KIEFER Blues Chorale: *Die ganze Welt hast du uns überlassen*

ROGER-DUCASSE Pastorale

DUPRÉ Evocation: *Allegro deciso*

Paul Carr, director of the recital series at Birmingham Cathedral, has given monthly recitals in Birmingham for the last 25 years and concerts in New York, Washington and Chicago.

8 November 1.15pm

MICHAŁ SZOSTAK

WARSAW

BACH Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582

BÖHM Vater unser im Himmelreich

IMPROVISATION Italian Concerto

BEETHOVEN Symphony No 5: *First movement*

FRANCK Andantino in G minor

IMPROVISATION Symphonic Variations

Michał Szostak, a specialist in improvisation, includes two contrasting improvisations in this programme, as well as his own transcription of the first movement of Beethoven's fifth symphony.

15 November 1.15pm

OURANIA GASSIOU

ATHENS CONCERT HALL

REGER Trauerode Op 145, No 1

BACH Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

DALLIER Cinq Invocations: *Stella Matutina*

PHILIPPOS TSALAHOURIS Allori Sulla Tomba di Dante

ALAIN Le Jardin suspendu; Litanies

Ourania Gassiou is currently organist of the French Protestant Church and curator of the organs at the Athens Concert Hall. Her wide-ranging programme finishes with Alain's famous *Litanies*.

22 November 1.15pm

D'ARCY TRINKWON

INTERNATIONAL CONCERT ORGANIST

WIDOR Symphonie VII: *Moderato; Choral; Final*

RINCK Variations and Finale on *Twinkle twinkle little star*

DUKAS arr DuPerry The Sorcerer's Apprentice

JACOB Heures Bourguignonnes: *Sous le noyer*

D'ANTALFFY-ZSIRROS Festa Bucolica

D'Arcy Trinkwon has given recitals and premieres all over the world, and this programme offers a chance to hear some spectacular rarities alongside some better-known favourites.

29 November 1.15pm

DARIUS BATTIWALLA

LEEDS CITY ORGANIST

DVOŘÁK arr Lemare Slavonic Dance Op 46, No 6

IRELAND Cavatina

WHITLOCK Five Short Pieces

BACH Wachet auf, ruft' uns die Stimme

REGER Choralfantasie: *Wachet auf, ruft' uns die Stimme*

Percy Whitlock's music is particularly well suited to the traditional English voicing of the Cathedral organ. To mark the approach of Advent the programme finishes with one of Reger's most famous and monumental choral fantasias.

6 December 1.15pm

CHOIRS OF LEEDS CATHEDRAL

BEN SAUNDERS conductor

DAVID PIPE organ

CÉLINE SAOUT harp

MOZART Mass in C, K 259 (Organ solo)

BRITTEN Ceremony of Carols

The Cathedral choir performs Britten's perennial favourite *A Ceremony of Carols*, alongside other Christmas music, including carols for all to sing and Mozart's Mass in C.

13 December 1.15pm

RNCM BRASS ENSEMBLE

We're pleased to welcome back brass players from the Royal Northern College of Music for some traditional Christmas favourites, together with showpieces for both brass and organ.

10 January 2022 1.15pm

DR GORDON STEWART

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN HALL

ALAN SPEDDING Intrada

MENDELSSOHN Theme and variations in D

BACH Fantasia & Fugue in G minor, BWV 542

GOSS-CUSTARD Four Short Pieces

SIMON LOLE Meditation on *Annie Laurie*

BONNET Elfes

RAWSTHORNE compl Ben Comeau Fantasia on *Ein' feste Burg*

It's now a Concert Season tradition for Gordon Stewart to give our first concert in the New Year – Bach's great G minor Fantasia and Fugue is the centrepiece of a varied and colourful programme.



17 January 2022 1.15pm

DARIUS BATTIWALLA

LEEDS CITY ORGANIST

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Prelude & Fugue in C minor

FELA SOWANDE Prayer (Oba a Ba Ke)

VIERNE Pièces de Fantaisie: *Feux Follets; Sicilienne; Toccata*

FRANCK Choral No 2 in B minor

DUPRÉ Sept Pièces Op 27: *Final*

After Vaughan Williams' imposing Prelude and Fugue, and Fela Sowande's beautiful *Prayer*, the programme takes a French turn with Vierne, Franck, and Dupré's rarely heard and exciting *Final*.

24 January 2022 1.15pm

CARLETON ETHERINGTON

TEWKESBURY ABBEY

MOZART Overture: *The Marriage of Figaro*

KREBS Fantasia à gusto Italiano

HARWOOD Sonata in C sharp minor, Op 5

DAVID BRIGGS Variations on *Greensleeves*

PERCY FLETCHER Fountain Reverie

LANQUETUIT Toccata

A former organist of Leeds Minster, Carleton Etherington is particularly known for his playing of English repertoire. Carleton's programme includes Harwood's eloquent Sonata in C sharp minor.



31 January 2022 1.15pm

IMOGEN MORGAN

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH

DUPRÉ Six Antiennes pour le Temps de Noël:
Lumen ad Revelationem

HANDEL Concerto in B flat

FRANCK Choral No 3 in A minor

LISZT Ora pro nobis (Litanei)

WALTON arr **Robert Gower** Coronation March:
Orb & Sceptre

Originally from Ripon, Imogen Morgan has been appointed Assistant Master of the Music at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Imogen's programme commemorates César Franck with his Choral No 3 and finishes with Walton's rousing coronation march *Orb & Sceptre*.

7 February 2022 1.15pm

DARIUS BATTIWALLA

LEEDS CITY ORGANIST

REQUEST PROGRAMME

The return of our popular requests programme. If there's a piece you've enjoyed in previous series or a neglected masterpiece you'd like to hear, then please send requests (*before Christmas*) to: music@leeds.gov.uk or Leeds International Concert Season, Leeds Town Hall, The Headrow, Leeds, LS1 3AD (*before 1 November*) or Leeds International Concert Season, Carriageworks Theatre, The Electric Press, 3 Millennium Square, Leeds, LS2 3AD (*from 1 November – Christmas*).

14 February 2022 1.15pm

RACHEL MAHON

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

WIDOR Symphonie V: *Allegro Vivace*

FRANCK Cantabile

WHITLOCK Five Short Pieces: *Paeon*

MENDELSSOHN Sonata 3 in A major

BACH Schmücke Dich, O liebe Seele

RACHEL LAURIN Symphony No 1: *Toccata*

Originally from Toronto, Rachel Mahon was the first female organist on the staff of St Paul's Cathedral and is now Director of Music at Coventry Cathedral. She has recorded and broadcast frequently in both Canada and the UK and has given recitals all over Europe.

21 February 2022 1.15pm

RNCM BRASS ENSEMBLE

Programme to be announced.

28 February 2022 1.15pm

DARIUS BATTIWALLA

LEEDS CITY ORGANIST

FELA SOWANDE Obangiji

MENDELSSOHN Sonata 6 in D minor

BACH Prelude & Fugue in E minor, BWV 548
(Wedge)

FLORENCE PRICE Suite No 1

Florence Price was the first African-American woman to have a work played by a professional symphony orchestra. Her lyrical and dramatic Suite No 1 for organ concludes today's recital.

7 March 2022 1.15pm

DR THOMAS TROTTER

BIRMINGHAM CITY ORGANIST

BACH Prelude & Fugue in C, BWV 531

SUSATO Danserye: *Five movements*

GADE Three Pieces

RACHEL LAURIN Variations on a theme
by Sweelinck

SAINT-SAËNS Fantaisie in E flat

Thomas Trotter makes his hugely popular annual visit to Leeds with works from the 14th to the 21st centuries.

14 March 2022 1.15pm

ST PETER'S SINGERS

ALEX WOODROW conductor

POULENC Quatre Motets

DURUFLÉ Requiem

Duruflé's unearthly and beautiful *Requiem* has been performed before by St Peter's Singers at the Town Hall – it will be even more magical in the acoustic of St Anne's Cathedral. Poulenc's *Quatre Motets* will show off the virtuosity of this talented group of singers.

21 March 2022 1.15pm

PETER KING

ORGANIST EMERITUS, BATH ABBEY

KARG-ELERT Jerusalem, du hochgebaute Stadt

JOSEF KLÍČKA Concert Fantasy in F sharp minor

MENDELSSOHN Prelude & Fugue in E minor

WHITLOCK Fantasie Choral No 1 in D flat

GRISON Toccata in F

Peter King has released many recordings both as a soloist and in collaboration with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. His programme features a range of dramatic pieces from the Romantic organ repertoire.

28 March 2022 1.15pm

ALEXANDER FFINCH

CHELTHENHAM

BACH Prelude & Fugue in C major, BWV 547

FRESCOBALDI Fiori Musicali: *Bergamasca*

HOWELLS Master Tallis's Testament

DOVE The Dancing Pipes

TCHAIKOVSKY arr **Ffinch** Swan Lake:
Dance of the Cygnets

HOLST arr **Trotter** The Planets: *Jupiter*

DURUFLÉ Prelude & Fugue sur le nom d'Alain

Having been resident organist at Lancaster Town Hall, and then director of music at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, Alexander Ffinch is now College Organist at Cheltenham College. His programme features Jonathan Dove's *The Dancing Pipes*, of which he made the world premiere recording.

4 April 2022 1.15pm

DARIUS BATTIWALLA

LEEDS CITY ORGANIST

ELGAR Sonata in G, Op 28

FRANCK Prelude, Fugue and Variation

BERNARD JOHNSON Elfentanz

COLERIDGE-TAYLOR Melody

HOLLINS Concert Overture in C minor

Darius concludes our recital series with a complete performance of Elgar's Organ Sonata, one of Franck's most popular pieces, the Prelude, Fugue and Variation, and Hollins' powerful and dramatic Concert Overture in C minor.

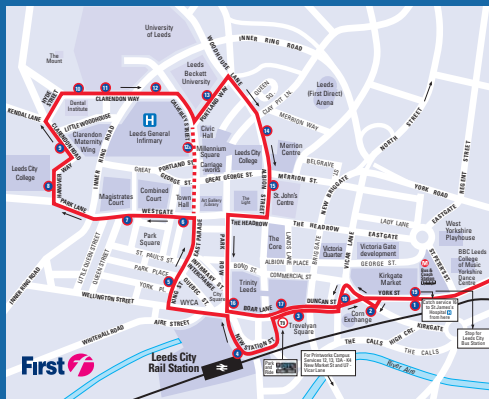


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