

Tuesdays@1
23rd August – Benjamin Sheen (*Sub-Organist at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford*)

Programme

W.H. Harris (1883-1973)	Flourish for an Occasion
S. Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)	Impromptu no. 1, Op. 78
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)	Fugue a la Gigue, BWV 577
S. Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)	Impromptu no. 3, Op. 78
P. Whitlock (1903-1946)	Scherzetto, from Sonata in C minor
S. Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)	Impromptu no. 2, Op. 78
C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)	Fantasia and Toccata in D minor, Op. 57

Benjamin Sheen, currently Sub-Organist at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, is an established concert artist on both sides of the Atlantic. Hailed as a “brilliant organist” by the *New York Times*, he is the 2013 winner of the Pierre S. du Pont First Prize in the inaugural Longwood Gardens Organ Competition, and that same year received Second Prize and the Jon Laukvik prize at the St. Alban’s International Organ Competition. He holds degrees from the University of Oxford and the Juilliard School, is a prize-winning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and the 2011 recipient of the Worshipful Company of Musicians’ Silver Medal.

As a concert organist, Mr. Sheen has performed throughout Europe, the USA, Canada, Singapore, and South Africa. He has also made concerto appearances with the Auckland Philharmonic and Orchestra of St. Luke’s in New York City. Before returning home to Oxford, he spent eight years at the famed Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue in New York City as Associate Organist and as Acting Director of Music after the death of John Scott in 2015.

Future **Tuesdays@1** organ recital series – (May – October)

30 August - Hayden Payne, 6 September – Emma Gibbons, 13 September – Stephen Power, 20 September – Paul Walton, 27 September – Huw Williams, 4 October – Judith Pendrous, 11 October – Michael Stoddart, 18 October – Peter Dyke, 25 October – Simon Bell

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A Tale of Two Cities - Friday 7th October - Stephen Farr

This evening's programme, a Tale of Two Cities, explores some of the extraordinary heritage of organ music to emerge from London and Paris. It features works by Judith Bingham 'Vanished London Churches' and French music by Couperin, Böely and Langlais's dramatic Trois Paraphrases Gregoriennes. Stephen Farr has an impressive reputation as one of the leading organ recitalists of his generation, with an extensive discography to his credit; recent and pending releases have included J S Bach's Clavierübung 3, Orgelbüchlein, and Chorale Partitas (part of a projected recording of the complete organ works), the complete organ works of James Macmillan, a new commission by Francis Grier, music from the 17th century English repertoire, works by Judith Bingham, and the complete organ works of Kenneth Leighton (described as a 'towering triumph' by The Guardian).

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