

About us

'Victoria Hall Organ Proms' is a registered charity, No 1201588
We have been presenting Organ Proms since 1993 and this is our 31st season.
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Tickets

These cost £12 (Concession £10.50) at the box office on the day including a hot drink and programme. Please help the Box Office by allowing plenty of time to buy your tickets, it opens 90 minutes before the start of the show.

Payment must be by Credit/Debit Card.

Tickets may also be purchased from www.atgtickets.com (fees apply).

Other information

The Proms are promoted with financial help from: Our Supporters, The Dronsfield Trust, The Harding Trust and the Jack Oliver NSDOS Bequest.
[Please help us by encouraging more people to attend as a fine attendance is greatly appreciated by the performers. Don't miss an opportunity to hear this internationally renowned concert organ.](#)

A full specification of the organ is available and can be requested using the contact details above or from a member of the Proms team at this concert.

[Help the Proms by becoming a supporter. It costs £5 a year and you receive advance information about the Proms and artists via four newsletters each year.](#)

[If you are feeling generous you can also add a donation! These are essential in order to ensure the continuation of the Proms. Thank you! \(Contact details above\)](#)

Some other organ music around-

Lichfield Cathedral	Tue 17 Sep	19:30	David Saint
	Tue 1 Oct	19:30	Gordon Stewart
	Tue 15 Oct	19:30	Jan Ernst
St Chad's, Birmingham	Thu 3 Oct	13:15	Paul Carr
Coventry Cathedral	Mon 16 Sep	12:30	Salvatore Pronesti
	Mon 23 Sep	12:30	Kai Krakenburg
	Mon 30 Sep	12:30	Luke Fitzgerald
Albert Hall, Nottingham	Sun 27 Oct	14:45	Philip Rushforth
St Chad's, Shrewsbury	Fri 27 Sep	12:30	Anthony Pinel



Theatre Director:
Cheryl Taylor

ORGAN PROM No 269
Saturday September 14 2024
at 12 noon

Philip Rushforth
Chester Cathedral



Philip Rushforth has had a life-long association with Chester Cathedral as chorister, Organ Scholar, Assistant Director of Music and, ultimately, Organist and Master of the Choristers. He began learning the organ with Roger Fisher, and in 1991 went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, as Organ Scholar working under the direction of Dr Richard Marlow. He broadcast and recorded and toured with the world famous college choir. Upon Graduation in 1994, he took up the post of Assistant Organist at Southwell Minster founding the Southwell Minster Chorale which he directed for eight years. Active as a recitalist, he has performed throughout the United Kingdom, in many cathedrals and concert halls. His playing is well-known throughout Europe and invitations have seen him perform in several International Organ Festivals. In September 2002 he returned to Chester Cathedral as Assistant Director of Music and was appointed Director of Music and Organist in December 2007. Under his direction the Cathedral Choirs have reached a very high standard of excellence. In December 2012, a reviewer in Gramophone magazine said of the choir's CD recording of Christmas music *Glory to the New-Born King*—Priory PRCD 1076—that it was "the most appealing of any cathedral recording I've heard this year".

He organises the prestigious and long running weekly organ recital series at the Cathedral and his recordings of organ music have received excellent reviews in music journals and on BBC Radio 3. In 2020 he was awarded an honorary Associateship of the Royal School of Church Music (ARSCM) for achievements in church music of national significance and for important musical work within the RSCM.

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Programme

Symphonie 4 in F

(i) Toccata (ii) Fugue (iii) Andante cantabile
(iv) Scherzo (v) Adagio (vi) Finale

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Fountain Reverie

Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)

Prelude and Fugue in C major

J S Bach (1685-1750)

Bach Goes To Town

Alec Templeton (1910-63)

Lyric Melody

C Armstrong Gibbs (1889-1960)

Concertstück in the form of a Polonaise

Edwin H Lemare (1865-1934)

Future Proms



November 23

Nantwich Singers

Organ Choral-Fantasia on Wachet Auf, opus 65 no 33 - Karg-Elert
Choir with organ Noel Nouvelet - arr. Stephen Jackson
Choir a cappella Lully, Lulla, Lullay - Stopford
Choir with organ God is With Us - John Tavener
Organ Le Carillon - William Wolstenholme
Choir with organ Seek Him Who Maketh the Seven Stars - Dove
The Shepherds' Farewell - Hector Berlioz
Choir a cappella Lux Aurumque - Eric Whitacre
Choir with organ Shepherd's Pipe Carol - John Rutter
Organ 3 Variations on Num Komm der Heiden Heiland - Denis Bédard.
Choir a cappella Illuminare, Jerusalem - Judith Weir
Choir with organ Torches - John Joubert
Joy to the World - Lowell Mason after Handel arr. Crawford
Organ Toccata-Prelude on Wachet Auf - Francis Jackson
Choir with organ Ding Dong! Merrily on High - arr. Mack Wilberg



December 14 Donald MacKenzie and Phillida Banister

Organ Noël XII - Noël Suisse - Louis Claude Daquin
Sinfonia from The Christmas Oratorio - J. S. Bach/Karg-Elert
Les Patineurs (The Skaters Waltz) - Émile Waldteufel
Movments from 'The Nutcracker' Ballet - Pyotr. I. Tchaikovsky
Vocal Zion hear the watchmen sing from Cantata BWV140 - Johann S. Bach
The Little Road to Bethlehem - Michael Head
In the bleak midwinter - Donald MacKenzie
Oh thou that tellest good tidings of Zion - George F Händel
Organ Jesu Bambino - Pietro Yon
Dance of the Icicles - Kennedy Russell
Walking In the Air (from the Snowman) Howard Blake
Under the Christmas Mistletoe - Richard Leibert
Vocal O Holy Night - Adolphe Adam
Bethlehem Down Peter Warlock
Have yourself a merry little Christmas - Hugh Martin/Ralph Lane
The Holy City - Stephen Adams
Organ Under the Christmas Tree A grand improvised selection of Christmas Music

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