

**Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue
New York City**

Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Organist and Director of Music*
Benjamin Sheen, *Associate Organist*
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Sunday Evening Organ Recital Series

BENJAMIN SHEEN

Associate Organist, Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue

Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

Overture to 'Die Fledermaus'

Johann Strauss II
(1825-1899)

arranged by *Benjamin Sheen*
(b. 1989)

Scherzetto, from Sonata in C minor

Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946)

Variations sur un Noël, Op. 20

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

Improvisation on 'St. Clement', from 'Fanfare'

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

transcribed by *Stephen Buzard*
(b. 1989)

'Cockaigne' Overture, Op. 40

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

arranged by *Graham Sheen*
(b. 1952)

BENJAMIN SHEEN, Associate Organist at Saint Thomas Church in New York City, is one of the UK's brightest young organists. Hailed as 'brilliant' 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 received Second Prize and the Jon Laukvik prize at the St. Alban's International Organ Competition 2013. He holds degrees from the University of Oxford and the Juilliard School and is also a prize-winning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and the 2011 recipient of the Silver Medal from the Worshipful Company of Musicians. As a concert organist, Mr. Sheen has performed throughout Europe, the USA, Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore. He has performed with notable orchestras including the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, City of London Sinfonia and Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra as well as made appearances on BBC radio and television several times.

After the untimely death of John Scott in 2015, Mr. Sheen took up the posts of Acting Organist and Acting Director of Music of Saint Thomas Church for the 2015-2016 season, directing the choir on a domestic tour of the USA and also for performances at the AAM Convention in Stamford and AGO National Convention in Houston. Recent engagements have included performances in Nebraska, California, Texas and Florida as well as further afield in the UK, Spain, Australia and New Zealand. In the summer of 2018, he embarked on his first solo tour of South Africa, and was a featured performer at the 2018 AGO National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Tonight's recital marks his last as the Associate Organist at Saint Thomas Church as he moves to Oxford, United Kingdom to take up the position of Sub-Organist at Christ Church Cathedral. He will return to Saint Thomas in May to give the final Grand Organ Series concert of the season in a program of music from England. Tickets are available from the Saint Thomas Church website.

For more information and upcoming performances, please see www.bensheen.com. Mr. Sheen is exclusively represented in North America and Canada by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists.

Please join us in the Living Room following the recital
for an informal reception.
All are welcome.

Sunday Evening Organ Recitals will resume on January 5th, 2020.