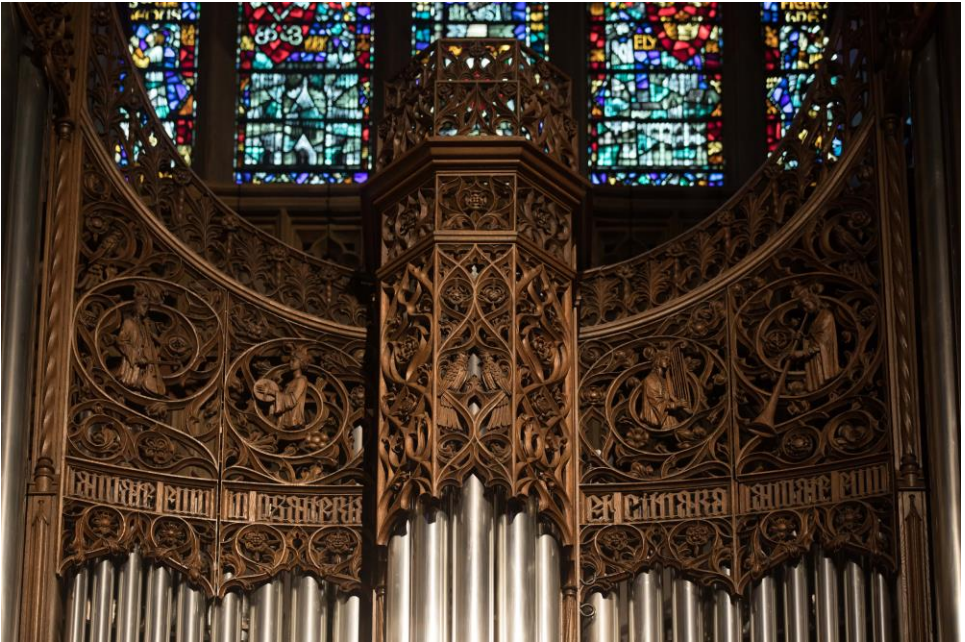


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Benjamin Sheen, *organ*

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PROGRAM

March for 'A History of the English-Speaking Peoples' *William Walton*
(1902-1983)
(arr. Tom Winpenny)

Hymn: Veni redemptor gentium I *Thomas Tallis*
(1505-1585)

Six Pieces for Organ: III. Master Tallis' Testament *Herbert Howells*
(1892-1983)

Alleluyas *Simon Preston*
(1938-2022)

Fantasic Choral no. 1 in D-flat *Percy Whitlock*
(1903-1946)

St. Bride, assisted by angels *Judith Bingham*
(b. 1952)

Nimrod, from Enigma Variations, Op. 36 *Edward Elgar*
(1857-1934)
(arr. William Harris)

Performed this evening in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)

Cockaigne Overture: In London Town, Op. 40 *Edward Elgar*
(arr. Graham Sheen)

BIOGRAPHY



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. Alongside his busy playing schedule, Mr. Sheen is also one of the principal tutors in organ and choral conducting studies at the University of Oxford, and is the current Music Director of the South Oxfordshire Choir.

As a concert organist, Mr. Sheen has performed in cathedrals and concert halls across Europe, the USA, Canada, Singapore, and South Africa. He has also made concerto appearances with the Auckland Philharmonic, City of London Sinfonia and Orchestra of St. Luke’s in New York City. Future engagements include directing performances of Bach’s *St. John Passion* with the Christ Church Cathedral Choir and orchestra, record releases of works by contemporary British composers David Maw and Piers Kennedy and a recital tour to Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.

Before returning home to Oxford, he spent eight years here at 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. Tonight’s performance marks the official release of ‘In London Town’, dedicated to the memory of John Scott, and generously supported by Dr. James Tuohy, without whom this project would not have been possible.

Mr. Sheen is exclusively represented in North America and Canada by Philip Truckenbod Concert Artists. For more information, please visit www.bensheen.com.

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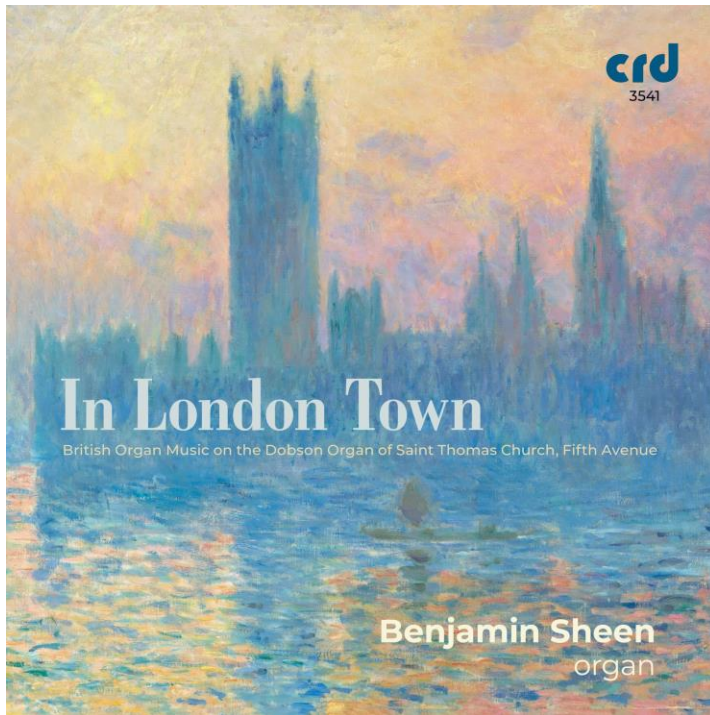
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