Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue New York City

Dr. Jeremy Filsell, Organist and Director of Music Nicolas Haigh, Associate Organist Maks Adach, Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist



Sunday Recital Series

Benjamin Cunningham, organ

Hampshire, United Kingdom

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 5.15pm

Præludium in C BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Fancie in d

William Byrd
(c 1539-1623)

Partita 'Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig'

Georg Böhm

(1661-1733)

Master Tallis' Testament from Six Pieces for Organ

Herbert Howells

(1894-1983)

Nun ruhen alle Wälder

Jacques van Oortmerssen

(1950-2015)

Paean from Six Pieces for Organ

Herbert Howells

BENJAMIN CUNNINGHAM is Assistant Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College, and is the College's principal organist. Prior to taking up his current post, Benjamin was Organ Scholar at Westminster Abbey from 2016-18 where he shared in the responsibilities of playing for and conducting services, as well as the training of the boy choristers. Benjamin was also Organ Scholar of Worcester College, Oxford whilst reading for a degree in Music, in which he attained a First, and during his gap year was Organ Scholar of Chichester Cathedral.

Benjamin has given a number of recitals, most notably at: Westminster Abbey; Chichester, St Paul's and Westminster Cathedrals; Reading Town Hall, and; Merton, The Queen's, and Keble in Oxford. In 2017, Benjamin was a Young Artist at the Newbury Spring Festival, and went on to be Chorus Master of the Festival Chorus in the following Season. Benjamin is a founder member and conductor of the award-winning chamber choir, SANSARA, and has conducted them in many concerts and festivals across the UK. Most recently, he conducted them in the second performance of Oliver Tarney's large-scale St Mark Passion at Winchester College.

Upcoming Recitals at Saint Thomas Church

Sunday, April 23 at 5.15 p.m.

Ben Howard, baritone | David Howard, clarinet | Jeremy Filsell, piano Arianna Neikrug, soprano | Tomas Cruz, tenor | Alex Longnecker, tenor Works by *Berlin, Henessey, Vaughan Williams*

> Sunday, April 30 at 5.15 p.m. Alexander Pattavina, organ

For further information, please visit the Organ Recitals page on the church website: https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/events/categories/music/sunday-recital-series/ Email: organrecitals@saintthomaschurch.org