

# Organ Concert



by

**Paul Carr**

*'Everywhere he plays his organ recitals are received with much acclaim, being a perfect fusion of programme planning, musical playing and exciting stop registrations'*

Victoria Hall, Hanley, 2007.



**CHRIST CHURCH**

Manchester Road

**Isle of Dogs**

**London**

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**Saturday 24th May**

**2008**

**7.30pm**

Admission free - retiring collection

Paul Carr is Organist and Director of Music at St Paul's in the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham, and leads a busy schedule as both solo recitalist and choral accompanist. He studied under Dr Roy Massey at Hereford Cathedral and Professor David Saint at Birmingham Conservatoire, graduating with first-class honours. He was elected President of the Birmingham Organists' Association in March 2008.

Engagements in 2008 include solo recitals at Victoria Hall Hanley, Rochdale Town Hall, Birmingham's Cathedrals, St Mary Redcliffe Bristol, Truro Cathedral, St Peter's Ruthin, and Portsmouth Cathedral. He also performed a series of three informal Sunday Music concerts on the famous Father Willis Organ at Blenheim Palace last month.

Paul has played frequently in Germany to where he returns in two weeks' time to give a second Angeluskonzert at the Lambertikirche in Münster. On August 17th he will give the 4.30pm Sunday recital at Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris.

Since 2003 he has given an additional twelve concerts throughout the year in the series which he established at Holy Trinity Parish Church Wordsley in the West Midlands. These take place on the first Sunday of every month at 3.00pm.

Between 1993 and 2003 he performed 100 lunchtime organ recitals on the very fine 1909 Norman & Beard organ at Cradley Heath Methodist Church. Leading up to and following the closure of the church in July 2004, Paul and his wife Hannah worked tirelessly to re-home the instrument, which was eventually acquired by the Gulangyu Organ Museum in Xiamen City, South East China. Now that the installation there is complete, plans are being made for Paul to give the organ's 100th anniversary concerts in 2009.

Previous recital venues include Hereford Cathedral, St Michael's Tenbury, St Mary's Woburn, Tewkesbury Abbey, Alexandra Palace and many others throughout the UK. During 2007 Paul gave concerts with pianist Michael Jones, exploring repertoire for organ and piano by composers including Dale Wood, Flor Peeters and Marcel Dupré.

He has also performed in Poland and the Czech Republic, and further afield in Birmingham's sister city, Chicago, USA, to where he will return in 2010 to give a recital at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, whose instrument is the largest in the city and one of the largest in the Midwest.

Paul is a primary school teacher, and also serves as Council member of the Worcestershire Organists' Association. He lives in the West Midlands with his wife Hannah.

## PROGRAMME

*J.S. Bach:*

Tocata and Fugue in D minor

Badinerie from Suite no. 2

*G.F. Handel:*

Organ Concerto no 10 in D minor (Adagio, Allegro, Allegro)

*Zsolt Gárdonyi:*

Be thou my vision

*Hans-Martin Kiefer:*

Blues Chorale: 'Die ganze Welt hast du uns überlassen'

*Nicholas Choveaux:*

Three Pieces:

March - Meditation - Introduction and Toccata

### INTERVAL

*Johann Strauss: (arr. Carr)*

Die Fledermaus Overture

*John Ireland:*

Villanella

*S. Rachmaninoff: (arr. Carr)*

Vocalise

*Louis Vierne:*

Two movements from Symphony no. 1

Allegro Vivace - Final

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