

◆ **Welcome to St Mary's Cathedral!**

Music plays an essential role in the Cathedral's life. The arrival of our new Cathedral organ in 2007 has helped to initiate a regular series of innovative monthly concerts as well as Edinburgh Festival Fringe events each August. We look forward to welcoming you here!

◆ **Third Tuesday Concerts**

Our magnificent pipe organ contains nearly 4000 pipes, from 32 feet to a fraction of an inch long. It can be played from a mobile console, making this one of very few recital venues in which it is possible to watch the organist at close quarters! Our monthly concert series includes performances from our resident organist and distinguished visitors, as well as music for organ and other instruments.

All concerts start at 8pm and last around 70 minutes. Refreshments are available afterwards in the *Café Camino*.

2009:

15th September: "Longhorns of Abilene"



Simon Nieminski (Organist, St Mary's Cathedral) plays an entertaining programme, including music by Mozart, Buxtehude, Dupré, Brig. Gen. Charles Dawes (former US Vice President) and

Frederick Wood's topographical suite *Scenes on the Wye*, and introduces his new CD.

Admission free (retiring collection.)

20th October: Sarah Baldock (Organist, Chichester Cathedral)



Finalist in the 1998 Calgary International, and prize winner at the 2000 Odense and 2002 Dallas International Organ Competitions, Sarah is a popular soloist in the UK and abroad and one of the

first female directors of music at a UK Cathedral daily choral foundation.

Admission £5 at the door.

17th November: Music for piano & organ



Elspeth Wyllie (piano) and Simon Nieminski explore the unfamiliar and rarely performed, but nevertheless fascinating repertoire of works written for piano and organ duet. Including

music by Marcel Dupré, Flor Peeters and others.
Admission free (retiring collection.)

15th December: Christmas Concert

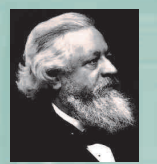


Our annual concert of seasonal music for organ and voices, With music by J.S. Bach and more; some familiar Christmas music and some new favourites.

Admission free (retiring collection.)

2010:

16th February: Guilman's 1st Sonata



Simon Nieminski plays Alexandre Guilman's mighty 1st Sonata along with a selection of European confections from 17th to 21st centuries.

Admission free (retiring collection.)

16th March: Otto Krämer: The Improviser!



Otto, who is based in Straelen, Germany, is known world-wide for his extraordinary improvisational skills and presents concerts of entirely improvised music. If you would like to

suggest a musical theme for one of his improvisations, please contact the St Mary's Cathedral Organist at the addresses on the back of this leaflet!

Admission £5 at the door.

20th April: "Polskie Pryncypaty i Puzony" ("Polish Principals and Posaunes")



Simon Nieminski pays tribute to his ancestry with music by Polish composers including Chopin, and his own transcription of Sir Edward Elgar's overture *Polonia*.

Admission free (retiring collection.)

18th May: The Gough Duo ~ violin & organ



"As natural a partnership as Gilbert and Sullivan or strawberries and cream."
"Absolutely top-quality...one of the most talked-about performances of the Festival...we will never forget it!"

Rupert and Rachel Gough travel widely performing in Britain and abroad. Audiences are always delighted at the beauty and effectiveness of this combination of instruments and the quality of its repertoire!

Admission £5 at the door.

15th June: Request Recital



Simon Nieminski gives his annual concert of music chosen entirely by the audience.

To make a request, email or write to Simon at the addresses on the back.

Admission free (retiring collection.)

◆ **Meditations for Advent and Lent**

Saturdays at 5-5.45pm



5th Dec. 2009: "A voice is calling!"

Words & music, including Max Reger's *Fantasia on Wacht Auf*.

27th Feb. 2010: "The Lord is my refuge"

Words & music, including Julius Reubke's *Sonata: The 94th Psalm*.

Admission free (retiring collection.)

◆ **Third Tuesday pre-concert suppers**



The Cathedral's *Café Camino* offers a light supper of a main-course pasta dish with a glass of wine for £6. To book, ask at the counter or call (0131)523-0102.



The cafe provides a wide range of wholesome food, drinks, cakes and home-baked scones, to eat in or take away. Regular opening times: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9.30am-9.30pm.

The Cathedral and Café are fully accessible to wheelchair users via a fixed ramp from street level, with accessible WC.

The Fringe 2009

♦ Libera live in concert

Tuesday 11th August, 7.30-9.30pm



Top UK boys' choir Libera's distinctive sound is world-famous and their albums have topped the charts in many countries. Although seen

frequently on TV, this is a rare live performance in the UK: their Scottish premiere. www.libera.org.uk
£15.00/£12.50 concessions, available from the Fringe box office: (0131)226-0000/www.edfringe.com

♦ Free lunchtime concerts

Mon-Fri, 10th-28th August, 1.20-2pm

Royal Scottish Academy
of Music and Drama

Enjoy Scotland's finest emerging professionals from the RSAMD: a

different combination of instruments or voices each day with popular classical to traditional music. Have lunch at the Cathedral's *Cafe Camino* next door!

- Mon 10th** Jessica Leary (soprano) & Peter Cooke (guitar/lute)
Tue 11th Helen Douthwaite (trombone/sackbut)
Wed 12th Adele Neilson (guitar)
Thu 13th Nikki Werker (piano)
Fri 14th Dieci (vocal octet)
Mon 17th Calum Robertson (clarinet) & John Kitchen (organ)
Tue 18th The Claire Hastings Trio (traditional Scottish folk ensemble)
Wed 19th Pure Brass (quintet)
Thu 20th Zoe Challenor (soprano) & Steven Phillips (tenor)
Fri 21st Alba Acevedo Dueñas ('cello)
Mon 24th Bede Williams & Vicky Blair (trumpets)
Tue 25th Paul Livingston (violin)
Wed 26th The Al Viento wind quintet
Thu 27th The Philogène Trio (piano & strings)
Fri 28th The Scottish Tango Ensemble

♦ Latin Choral Vespers

Saturday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th August, 4-4.50pm

The traditional evening service, with plainsong and exquisite renaissance polyphony. 15th August includes a 90th anniversary performance of Marcel Dupré's *Vêpres de la Vierge* for organ for the Feast of the Assumption. Each service is followed by a free organ recital.

♦ Free Fringe Organ Recitals

Saturday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th August, 5-5.45pm

See and hear the Cathedral organ put through its paces with three popular solo concerts and organ/guitar duet on 15th August.

8th Simon Nieminski (Organist, St Mary's Cathedral)

15th Victoria Green and Stuart Nicholson (guitar and organ)

22nd Jeremy Cull (Organist, Reid Memorial Church, Edinburgh)

29th Nicholas Wearne (Assistant Organist, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh)

♦ How to find us

St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, EH1 3JR, is at the east end of the city centre, behind the John Lewis store and the St James' Shopping Centre. The Cathedral faces the Picardy Place roundabout, at the junction of Broughton Street, York Place, Leith Street and Leith Walk. Free on-street parking can easily be found nearby after 6.30pm and there is a multi-story car park at the St James' Centre (entrance via Elder Street.)

Train: Waverley Station is about 600 yards away, roughly 6 minutes walk.

Bus: These routes stop near the Cathedral: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 15A, 16, 17, 19, 22, 25, 26, 34, 44, 45, 49. See www.lothianbuses.co.uk or call (0131)555-6363 for more information.

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“...rejoice at the sound...”

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