

Organ Recital: Ben Giddens

Saturday 26 June 2021

Paeon — Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Praeludium 'Great' in E minor — Nicolaus Bruhns (c1665-1697)

Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin — Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Choral No 1 in E major — César Franck (1822-1890)



Ben Giddens is currently Associate Organist at St Martin in the Fields, London. His duties involve accompanying the various choirs and performing at services, concerts and broadcasts. Ben combines this with a portfolio of freelance work of teaching and performing in London and Berkshire. Between 2015-2017, Ben held the post of Director of Music at Queen Anne's School, Caversham.

Between 2014-2015 Ben held the post of Organist at St Bartholomew the Great, London. Whilst at St Bart's, Ben had the opportunity to work closely with Nigel Short and the professional choir.

From 2009-2012 Ben held the post of Sub-Organist at Magdalen College, Oxford where he featured on recordings and toured to Belgium and the Netherlands with the Chapel Choir. Prior to this Ben held the position of Acting Assistant Organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, where he performed live on BBC Radio 3 and performed at many Royal occasions.

In 2008 Ben graduated from the University of East Anglia with a first class honours degree in Music. Whilst studying for his degree, he held the organ scholarship at Norwich Cathedral. Here his notable performances included recording for ITV with the Cathedral Choirs and touring to Malta (2005) and the USA (2006).

Ben currently maintains an active schedule of freelance performing and holds the post of accompanist at the University of Reading as well as deputising regularly at The Tower of London, St Bride's Fleet Street, St James', Sussex Gardens and St Paul's Knightsbridge.

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