

Programme

Bach

Toccata, Adagio and Fugue BWV 564

Handel

Concerto in F major (The Cuckoo and the Nightingale)
2nd movement – Allegro

Hollins

Concert Overture in C minor

Fibich

Poeme

Ives

Variations on America

Dupré

Cortège et Litanie

Berlioz

Hungarian March (The Damnation of Faust)

Cochereau

Toccata Improvisée (Symphonie de Boston)

Jeffrey Howard

Jeffrey Howard was born in Cardiff and studied at the University of Wales College, Cardiff and the Royal Academy of Music, London. He is Director of Music at St John's College, Cardiff and Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral and continues a career as organist, pianist, coach and conductor.

Jeffrey has accompanied international opera and light entertainment singers including Sir Bryn Terfel, Sir Willard White, Dennis O'Neill, Rebecca Evans, Alfie Boe, Michael Ball, Shân Cothi, Ruth Madoc, Katherine Jenkins and more informally, Dame Shirley Bassey. As an arranger, Jeffrey has worked with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Welsh National Opera Orchestra, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the Budapest Symphony Orchestra. He also often appears as keyboard soloist for Sir Karl Jenkins.

Jeffrey has been a Vocal Coach at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Welsh National Opera and Welsh National Youth Opera, Wales International Academy of Voice and on the Music Theatre Course at the RWCMD, and was a Vocal Tutor at Cardiff and Bristol Universities. His choral conducting activities include Treorchy Male Choir, Cambrensis Choir, the St David's Praise Choir and the National Eisteddfod of Wales Choir.

In 1996, Jeffrey was Guest Artist in Residence at First United Methodist Church in Texas and performed each week on their televised services. Other organ playing work has included performances at the Royal Albert Hall, Royal Festival Hall, St Paul's Cathedral, Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris, Washington National Cathedral and many UK cathedrals, plus television and radio appearances.

Jeffrey was organ soloist at St David's Cathedral in Pembrokeshire in the Organ Symphony by Saint-Saëns with the Orchestra of Welsh National Opera as well as with Cardiff Philharmonic Orchestra with whom he has also performed Rachamninov's *Second Piano*

Concerto, Beethoven's *Emperor Concerto*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals*.

Jeffrey's skills as an arranger and orchestrator are in great demand and he frequently provides pieces for the BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales, *Songs of Praise*, S4C and various solo artists including Sir Bryn Terfel and Go Compare tenor, Wynne Evans.

As accompanist, singer and arranger for Only Men Aloud, he toured the UK twice in 2009 and released two albums with them on the Universal label. Their second album, *Band of Brothers* – for which Jeff did many of the arrangements – won them a Classical BRIT Award in 2010.

During lockdown, Jeffrey accompanied Sir Bryn Terfel in a live link-up - *Met Stars Live in Concert* from Brecon Cathedral, which was streamed live to the world in association with the Metropolitan Opera of New York. They will repeat this programme at Snape Maltings in Suffolk in December 2021.

Jeffrey has been the recipient of the Joseph Parry Award for his services to music in Wales. In the Queen's 2019 New Year Honours List, he was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM).

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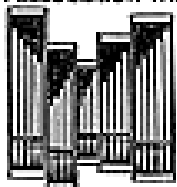
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