

Jeremy Blandford

plays the war memorial organ
at Southend High School for Boys

Saturday 6th July 2019 – 7:30pm



**The Old Southendian
Organ Society (OSOS)**



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About The Old Southendian Organ Society

The Old Southendian Organ Society was set up to protect and enhance the future of the War Memorial Organ at Southend High School for Boys. We also aim to support organ pupils and Organ Club at the school by further enhancing the opportunities available to them. In 2017/18, the Society and its supporters enabled a major project to professionally rebuild the organ. We were proud to present the results of over a year of work by The Village Workshop organ builders in concerts last year, including in a performance by Adrian Lucas (former Worcester Cathedral organist and pupil 1972-79). We are very grateful to all of our supporters for making our work possible.

The War Memorial Organ

The organ was gifted to the school in 1923 by the Old Southendians in memory of staff and ex-pupils lost in the Great War. Installed in the Victoria Circus building, it was transferred to the Prittlewell Chase site in 1938 but blown to pieces two years later by a World War Two bomb, having to wait until 1953 before restoration by its builders, Hill Norman & Beard.



From 1998, when that firm closed for business, until 2017, the care of the instrument, and responsibility for tuning and servicing it fell to students and staff of the school, led by Gerald Usher (then music staff). In that time, successive teams of senior pupils worked with Gerald to add five ranks of pipes from redundant organs. Following a fantastic and generous response to the £50K appeal to fund the professional rebuilding of the organ in 2017/18, tonight we hear a much expanded instrument, with new string sounds on the Swell, robust bass tones on the Pedal with both a Trombone and Acoustic Bass added, and extra versatility with a Geigen Principal and Piccolo on the Swell.

We look forward to Jeremy's demonstration of the organ's full capabilities tonight!

Great

Open Diapason 8'
Claribel 8'
Dulciana 8'
Principal 4'
Wald Flute 4'
Fifteenth 2'
Sesquialtera II
Trumpet 8'
Clarion 4'
Swell to Great

Swell

Contra Gamba 16'
Open Diapason 8'
Rohr Gedact 8'
Gamba 8'
Voix Celeste 8'
Geigen Principal 4'
Flauto Traverso 4'
Piccolo 2'
Mixture II
Horn 8'
Swell Octave/Sub Octave

Pedal

Acoustic Bass 32'
Open Diapason 16'
Bourdon 16'
Pedal Octave 8'
Bass Flute 8'
Pedal Dulciana 8'
Trombone 16'
Trumpet 8'
Swell to Pedal
Great to Pedal
Tremulant

Jeremy Blandford: Organist, Harpsichordist, Accompanist

A Royal College of Organists Exhibition led Jeremy from school in Southend to Cambridge in 1965, where he was Organ Scholar at Clare College and read an honours degree in music. Since then, positions in church music and education have taken him from Southampton (where he was Organist and Master of the Music of Southampton Parish Church) to Norway, where he has held posts at Lofoten Cathedral and Svolvaer Kirke. His skills as an organist, harpsichordist and accompanist have taken him across the world, with organ recitals in the U.S.A. and throughout Europe, and broadcasts on radio and television. Multiple awards recognise his talent, most recently with the 2017 Kommune culture prize for his composition work. We are delighted to be welcoming Jeremy back to Southend this evening, and look forward to a wonderful programme of music.

Programme

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

*Toccatà and Fugue in d, BWV 565
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Wo soll ich fliehen hin, BWV 646
Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 649*

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)*

Andante in F for mechanical organ, K.616

*Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)*

Allegretto from Sonata in G, Op.28

*Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946)*

*Werde Munter
Folk Tune
Scherzo*

*Julius Reubke
(1834-1858)*

*Introduction and Fugue
from Sonate on the 94th Psalm*

Many thanks for attending this evening's concert. There will be an opportunity to find out more about the organ and look inside the organ chamber after the recital. Refreshments will also be available in the Pavilion.

Supporting The Old Southendian Organ Society in 2019

Visit www.osos.org.uk or ask for an Organ Appeal form tonight - keep up to date with our news, events, reports, and more. We are very grateful for your support!

Become a member of OSOS - show your support for just £10 a year. We'll issue you with a membership card and offer concessionary rates to our events. If you're over 65, we are pleased to offer life membership for a one-off donation of £100.

Sponsor a Pipe in the rebuilt organ from £20 - we'll give you a choice of pipe and send you a certificate:

- £20 for pipes up to 2ft long
- £40 for pipes of 4ft and smaller
- £80 for pipes up to 8ft long
- £160 for pipes up to 16ft
- £100 for one of the Trumpet pipes or one of only 35 casework pipes!



Send a single donation or set up a regular donation - cheques made payable to Old Southendian Organ Society, please. Further payment methods available at www.osos.org.uk : Credit/Debit Card, PayPal, and Direct Debit.

a Southendian Autumn's SHOWCASE



7pm, Saturday 19th October 2019

Join us for a varied concert with something for everyone - organ, instrumentalists, vocalists, and more!

Southend High School for Boys
Prittlewell Chase, SS0 0RG

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Cantare Ladies Choir: Christmas Concert
Saturday 14th December 2019
Southend High School for Boys
www.cantare.org.uk
in support of the War Memorial Organ