

A concert at
**Holy Trinity Church,
Rayleigh**

*in support of the Old Southendian
Organ Society and music at Holy
Trinity Church*

Saturday 23rd March 2019 – 7pm



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



The *Old Southendian Organ Society* is a registered charity in England and Wales
(registered charity number 1173343)

Programme

Joseph Zammit	<i>Festive Trumpet Tune</i>	David German
Tim Fletcher	<i>Hopelessly Devoted to You (from 'Grease')</i>	John Farrar
Samuel Willsmore	<i>Six Minatures for Oboe and Organ</i> II. A Song Without Words III. Scherzetto V. A Lament VI. A Country Dance	Harold Darke
Kerenza Peugniez	<i>Beverley, Zoom Tube</i>	Ian Clarke
Joe Palmer	<i>A Foggy Day in London Town</i> <i>Puttin' on the Ritz</i>	Gershwin Irving Berlin
Gerald Usher	<i>Chanson de Nuit</i>	Elgar
Olivia O'Keeffe	<i>Violin Concerto in A Minor - I. Allegro</i>	Vivaldi

Interval (20 minutes)

Noah Sims	<i>Grandfather's Clock</i>	George Doughty
Brian Fletcher	<i>Légende</i>	Guilmant
Christopher Peugniez	<i>Danse Orientale</i>	Rachmaninoff
Sasha Sumption	<i>Some things are meant to be</i>	Howland
Monique Quevauvilliers	<i>Flute Quartet in D K.285 - I. Allegro</i>	Mozart
George Farman	<i>Hoedown (from 'Rodeo')</i>	Copland
Warren Symes	<i>March</i>	Choveaux

Many thanks to all who have supported this evening and made this concert possible, including everyone who has encouraged this evening's performers and everyone at Holy Trinity who has helped too.

Teas, coffees and biscuits are available in the interval - donations to the church will be gratefully received.

Information about joining the Old Southendian Organ Society mailing list and becoming a member of the society will also be available in the interval - we would be pleased to welcome you!

About The Old Southendian Organ Society

The Old Southendian Organ Society (OSOS) was set up to protect and enhance the future of the War Memorial Organ at Southend High School for Boys (SHSB). We aim to assist, alongside the Old Southendian Association, in supporting organ pupils by further enhancing the opportunities available to them through the friendly community of past organists and other old members of the School. Recent activities have included a number of concerts like this evening and trips organised for the School's Organ Club. 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, carried out by The Village Workshop pipe organ builders, in concerts last year, including in a performance by Adrian Lucas (former Worcester Cathedral organist and SHSB pupil 1972-79). We are hugely grateful to all of our supporters who make this all 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 2002 pupils Jonathan Roberts and Greg Tucker persuaded the school to acquire two redundant church organs. From then until 2016, successive teams of senior pupils and Gerald added five ranks of pipes, providing many extra tone colours and a substantial increase in power, not least with the addition of the Great Trumpet.

Organ Appeal and major work to the organ in 2017/18

We were delighted to receive a fantastic and generous response to the appeal to fund the comprehensive project to rebuild the organ professionally, with in excess of £50K donated through our friends, members, and pipe sponsors.

The work has provided a much expanded instrument, with new string sounds on the Swell, robust bass sounds on the Pedal with a Trombone stop and Acoustic Bass formed, extra versatility with a Geigen Principal and Piccolo on the Swell, plus other enhancements and voicing. The restored console, improved electronic action and control systems, extra playing aids, and overhauled blower provide an instrument fit to play into its second century. Do join us at a future event to hear the result in action!

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 up to 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.

Jeremy Blandford

plays the War Memorial Organ

Jeremy returns to the school to give a recital on the rebuilt War Memorial Organ.

7:30pm, Saturday
6th July 2019



Tickets to be released May 2019
Southend High School for Boys
Prittlewell Chase, SS0 0RG
www.osos.org.uk/events

Concerts are planned...

for November and December 2019
Details to be released soon, sign up to our mailing list for further info at www.osos.org.uk

OSOS Annual General Meeting

Thursday 11th April 2019, 7:45pm
Old Southendian Clubhouse, Garons Park
See www.osos.org.uk/news for further details