

a Southendian Autumn's

SHOWCASE

Saturday 19th October 2019 – 7pm



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



The Old Southendian Organ Society is a registered charity in England and Wales
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Programme

Warren Symes	<i>The Heavens Declare the Glory of God</i>	B. Marcello
William Bonard	<i>Rhapsody in G minor (Op.79)</i>	Brahms
Saffy Williams	<i>'Burn' from Hamilton</i>	L. Miranda
Ben Perryman	<i>Three 'Short Preludes' (Preludes VI, III, I)</i>	J. S. Bach
Beth Cooper	<i>Work Song</i>	C. Adderley
Alex Usher & Oliver Cuttriss	<i>Rondo for Clarinet and Piano</i>	G. Usher
Ellie Worth	<i>'In my Dreams' from Anastasia</i>	S. Flaherty
Ruchi Perera	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	J. Clarke

Interval (20 minutes)

Alex Usher	<i>Clarinet Quintet - II. Fantasia</i>	Weber
Sasha Sumption	<i>'I don't need a roof' from Big Fish</i>	A. Lipka
Ben Perryman	<i>Gymnopédie No. I</i>	E. Satie
Ellie Worth & Lucy Williams	<i>'Some things are meant to be' from Little Woman</i>	M. Dickstein & J. Howland
William Bonard	<i>Moonlight Sonata</i>	Beethoven
Ruchi Perera	<i>Cantaloupe Island</i>	Herbie Hancock
Keith Spenceley	<i>Linden Lea</i>	Vaughan Williams
Warren Symes	<i>Siyahamba</i>	J. Behnke

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.

*Many thanks to all who have supported this evening and helped to make this concert possible. In particular, thank you to our accompanists:
Oliver Cuttriss, Rachel Worth and Joe Zammit.*

Refreshments will be available in the Pavilion this evening - donations welcome.

Supporting The Old Southendian Organ Society in 2019/20

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.

Saturday 14th December 2019, 7:30pm

Southend High School for Boys
Prittlewell Chase, SS0 0RG

Award winning ladies choir Cantare will sing an enjoyable evening of festive favourites, alongside carols and organ music for Christmas, in support of OSOS.

CHRISTMAS

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Tickets £8 (£6 for OSOS members) - **Book now:** www.osos.org.uk/events

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