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MEET OLIVIER LATRY W/ LIVE Q&A PLUS VIDEO TOUR OF ORGAN BEFORE THE FIRE. UNIQUE CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH HIM!





A PRIVATE VISIT WITH OLIVIER LATRY! SATURDAY JULY 17,2021

3pm - 5pm BST

VIA ZOOM. PLEASE RESERVE VIA EMAIL BELOW

OLIVIER LATRY, TITULAR ORGANIST OF NOTRE DAME, LIVE IN CONVERSATION FROM PARIS TO ATTEND MUST RESERVE BY EMAIL: AGOSPRINGFIELDMA@GMAIL.COM **July events.** Do join us for three superb events in July. First of all, at 4pm on Friday 9th July, we have Richard McVeigh in conversation by Zoom. Over the past year, Richard has celebrated the organ and its music, building a brand-new online community which now showcases organ recitals, a weekly virtual church, a monthly organ compline, organ albums, masterclasses, tutorials and the rich opportunities which Hauptwerk now provides. Through Beauty in Sound, Richard has commissioned a brand-new Hauptwerk console modelled on the console of York Minster, currently in construction. He has also built a supportive community through Patreon at BEAUTY in SOUND is creating a friendly community who share a love of music and each other. x | Richard will speak about Beauty in Sound, his passion Patreon. for the organ, and the amazing community which is Beauty in Sound. Online joining details will be circulated to members.

Then at I I am on Saturday I 0th July, why not book to enjoy **Bach to the Future** live at St Mary's Wellingborough and hear **Lee Dunleavy**, St Mary's DoM, and **Michael Chamberlain**, organscholar elect at the University of St Andrews and winner of the junior category of NDOA's centenary composition competition playing Bach, Mendelssohn and Messiaen. Please note that because of ongoing Covid-19 restrictions advance booking is essential, tickets are limited and must be booked in advance through Eventbrite at http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bach-to-the-future-tickets-160000155773. Please don't just turn up on the day as sadly you will be turned away!

Finally, Dianne Rechel of the Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists extends an amazing invitation to NDOA members on behalf of our friends there: "One opportunity that none of us will have this summer is to visit the grand cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris or to hear its organ played. To that end, we have arranged something special. On **Saturday July 17th at 3pm** BST we will be bringing the Notre Dame cathedral to your lounge! That's right a pre-fire video tour will be shown, followed by some recorded clips of the instrument played by Olivier Latry, followed by a live Q&A session with M. Latry via Zoom. This is sure to be a fascinating and unique event where you will get to meet this great organist 'up close and quality bersonal'. The sound will be handled outside technical wizard who broadcasts music through a different music feed system which has much better sound quality than Zoom."

"In order to attend, please email agospringfieldma@gmail.com

indicating your interest. There is an attendance cap so don't delay! A Zoom access link will be sent to you two days before the event. This is part of an effort by the Friends of Notre Dame to raise awareness and funds (nearly \$2bn) needed for the restoration. The Springfield Chapter will be making a donation."



New Members. We so pleased to welcome a number of new members to the Association: the Revd Alison Twigg, Nicholas Pollard, and Christopher Weaver (organist of Northampton Cathedral), student member Sam Horton, and corporate members Charles Hall of Norman Hall & Sons, organ builders (who look after a number of instruments in the county) together with the PCCs of Grendon, Northampton Christchurch, and Sulgrave respectively. Would you like to join us too? Find all the details on our website at www.northamptonorganists.org.uk/join. Student membership is free, individual membership only £10 and corporate membership £15.

Centenary Composition Competition. We are delighted to announce that the winning entries of our centenary composition competition for a fanfare for solo organ are Fand-Fare by Colin Ashworth, and Flourish for an Occasion by Michael Chamberlain. Colin lives here in Northamptonshire and is a long-standing member of NDOA. Michael lives in neighbouring Buckinghamshire and is the Organ Scholar-elect at the University of St Andrews, where he will work under Director of Chapel Choirs, Claire Innes-Hopkins, formerly of Peterborough Cathedral. You can hear Michael's playing at St Mary's, Wellingborough, on Saturday 10th July - see overleaf. More details of the winners and their entries can be found in the latest issue of NDOA's quarterly Newsletter, which has just been published.

Centenary Organ Scholarships. Just a reminder that we are continuing to welcome applications from young organists in or around Northamptonshire for a number of organ scholarships to celebrate our centenary. The scholarships will award £100 to be used towards the purchase of music, shoes or other materials to support organ studies, together with recital and concert performing opportunities, assistance in finding a suitable church or parish for experience and practice, and free NDOA membership. Full details of the scholarships, eligibility, and how to apply are on our website.

St Albans International Organ Festival takes place from 5th-16th July. In addition to the international organ competition, which is virtual this year and includes our member Callum Alger (see the *Newsletter* for details), there are organ recitals by Thomas Trotter and Daniel Hyde; a series of 'Bach Corner' lunchtime concerts by outstanding young organists including Charles Maxtone-Smith, Dewi Rees, and Hugh Rowlands, and many other concerts. See <u>St Albans International Organ Festival – Arguably the world's leading organ competition, and much more.</u>

Oundle International Festival takes place from 10th-17th July. Organ events include a tea-time recital by Richard Hills at Titchmarsh; a lunchtime recital by Richard Pinel at Oundle School Chapel, a late-night organ concert by William Whitehead at Oundle School Chapel, and a morning coffee concert by Anna Lapwood at Fotheringhay. There are many other concerts too, some of which are also live-streamed. See Upcoming Events - Creative Oundle for full details and booking arrangements.

Beauty in Sound. Do check out Richard McVeigh's Beauty in Sound activities in advance of his Zoom event on Friday 9th July (see overleaf) on the YouTube Channel at BEAUTY IN SOUND | Richard McVeigh - YouTube. As well as the Hauptwerk videos in which Richard specialises, there are editions of Virtual Church from Arundel Cathedral and Romsey Abbey, and an organ recital from Guildford Cathedral by Richard Moore, together with a demonstration of the organ. Something for everyone!

Westminster Abbey's Summer Organ Festival is back for 2021, with recitals on three consecutive Tuesday evenings from Tuesday 13th July live in the Abbey at 7pm by Peter Holder, James O'Donnell and Matthew Jorysz - details at A royal church | Westminster Abbey (westminster-abbey.org).

The latest issue of NDOA's quarterly *Newsletter* is on its way to members, featuring an exclusive interview with Daniel Moult, a personal history of Copeman Hart by Steve Bell, a report of our Members' Composite Recital at Earls Barton, and the fascinating story of the Northamptonshire man who became organist of Canterbury Cathedral. Don't miss it!

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