



St Mary Redcliffe

William Saunders
(Concert Organist)

Thursday 9 March 2023
1.00-1.50 pm

William Saunders is a highly regarded concert organist known for his imaginative programming, critically acclaimed recordings of modern English repertoire, and commitment to music education. He regularly performs at esteemed venues and festivals throughout the United Kingdom, Europe, and North America, including the Oundle International Festival, Cambridge Summer Music Festival, Three Choirs Festival, Kings Lynn Festival, Aldeburgh Festival, and Lübecker Orgelsommer. In addition, he has premiered several notable works, such as "Animal Parade" by Iain Farrington and "Diptych" by Dobrinka Tabakova.

William has received widespread praise for his recordings on Regent Records, which include commissioned works and world premiere recordings. He has been acknowledged by Gramophone Magazine for his "rhythmic vitality" and recognized by Organists' Review for his "flawless" playing.

William is a sought-after accompanist, having collaborated with renowned vocal ensembles including the Kings Voices, London Voices, and Aldeburgh Voices. He is also dedicated to music education, serving as a consultant for the Royal College of Organists and creating online resources to promote the organ as an instrument.

Throughout his career, William has held numerous prominent positions in the music community, including a decade-long role as Director of Music at The Royal Hospital School in Suffolk. During this time, he oversaw a dynamic music department, directed the Chapel Choir at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in the presence of the royal family, and established the Sing Up Suffolk annual event for primary school children. He has also held positions at St Edmundsbury Cathedral and St Mary-le-Tower Civic Church (Ipswich), and is the founder of the Ipswich School Festival of Music.

In addition to his performance career, William serves as the Creative Director of MediaTracks Music, a family-run independent business that supplies music for television, film, and advertising. In his free(!) time, he enjoys spending it with his family, indulging in good food, and maintaining an active lifestyle.

www.william-saunders.info

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Thursday 9 March at 1pm

Concert Overture in F minor – Hollins

In a Persian Market – Ketelbey arr. Matthews

The Banks of Green Willow (Idyll) – Butterworth arr. Scott

Danse Macabre – Saint Saens arr. Lemare

Venus and Jupiter from The Planets – Gustav Holst arr. Wills

*Applause is encouraged at the end of the concert please,
rather than between each item.*

*We ask that no recordings are made of the concert,
unless authorised by the performer and church authorities. Thank you.*

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Carleton Etherington (Tewkesbury Abbey)

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