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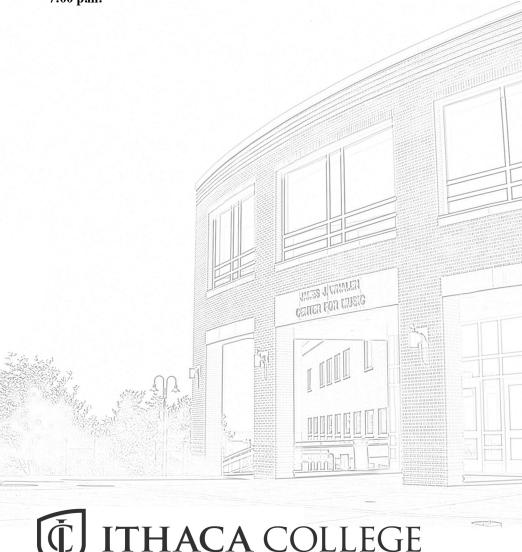
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Ford Hall Friday, August 31, 2012 7:00 p.m.





Program Four Centuries of Organ Music in the Anglican Tradition

Voluntary for Double Organ

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Voluntary I in D Major

William Boyce (1711-1779)

On a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34) Charles Villiers Stanford The Angels' Song, Op.105, No.1 (1852-1924) Intermezzo Founded Upon an Irish Air, Op.189 On a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22), Op.105, No.4

Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

I. Bryn Calfaria

II. Rhosymedre (or "Lovely")

III. Hyfrydol

Psalm-Prelude, Op.32, No.2 Dalby's Fancy, from Two Pieces for Organ Manuals Only Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Prelude on "Slane"

Gerry Hancock (1934-2012)

Alleluyas

Simon Preston

At his feet the six-winged Seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Lord most high. Liturgy of St. James

Please refrain from applause until the conclusion of the program.

Organ Specification

Schlicker 1968 tonal modifications by Richard Strauss 2007

Pedal
32 Untersatz (ext)
16 Principal
16 Gemshorn Bass

16 Subbass 8 Octave 8 Violone 8 Gemshorn 8 Metalgedeckt 5 1/3 Quinte 4 Choralbass

4 Floete II Rauschquinte III Mixture

32 Kontrafagott (ext) 16 Bombarde 16 Fagott (Gt) 4 Klarine 2 Kornett Tremolo

Great-Pedal Swell-Pedal Positiv-Pedal

Swell

16 Pommer 8 Principal 8 Rohrfloete 8 Salicional 8 Celeste 4 Octave 4 Spitzfloete 2 2/3 Nasat 2 Flageolet 1 3/5 Terz IV Mixture 16 Dulzian

8 Oboe-Schalmei 4 Clarion Tremolo Swell 16

8 Trompette

Swell 4

Great 16 Principal

8 Octave 8 Spillflote

8 Kupfergedeckt

4 Octave 4 Hohlfloete 2 2/3 Quinte 2 Octave IV Mixture III Scharff 16 Fagott 8 Trompette Chimes Swell 16

Swell Swell 4 Postiv 16 Positiv

Postiv

8 Holzgedeckt

8 Gemshorn (ext ped) 4 Principal 4 Rohrfloete

2 Octave 2 Waldfloete 1 1/3 Kleinnasat 1 Siffloete II Sesquialtera III Mixture II Terzzimbel

16 Baerpfeiffe 8 Krummhorn

4 Regal Tremolo Swell Swell 4

Great-Positiv Transfer Zimbelstern

Notes

The voluntary is a distinctly English organ piece performed or improvised before, during, or after an Anglican church service. The term, which derives from the word's definition "free, i.e. not forced to do something" was applied to musical improvisations and came to be attached to the organ music played following the service. The seventeenth-century voluntary was free in style and usually consisted of several polyphonic sections. When a double (or two keyboard) organ was specified, the polyphonic sections alternated with solo passages in the bass and in the treble, both hands returning to the main keyboard for the conclusion. In the eighteenth century, the voluntary usually began with a slow introduction, followed by a quicker and longer section, sometimes using a solo stop against a bass or accompaniment played on a second keyboard.

The son of a musician at Court, Henry Purcell was a chorister at the Chapel Royal, succeeded John Blow as Organist of Westminster Abbey in 1679 (a position he held until his death) and, in 1682, was appointed one of three organists of the Chapel Royal. His surviving organ works are rather few by comparison with his anthems, harpsichord suites, musical dramas, and incidental stage music. Voluntary for Double Organ, Z 719, is one of his six known compositions for organ. It is intended for two manuals. Rapid scales and running figurations in 32nd notes contribute to the overall rhythmic variety.

The primary composers of the voluntary in the eighteenth century were William Croft, Maurice Greene, John Stanley, Samuel Wesley, and William Boyce. Boyce grew up in London as a chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral under the leadership of Maurice Greene. Boyce was composer to the Chapel Royal in 1736 and one of three organists of the Chapel Royal in 1758. He also held the post of organist at All Hallows, Thames Street from 1749 to 1769. Sir Charles Burney, in his General History of Music of 1776, praised Boyce as follows: "Dr. Boyce, with all due reverence for the abilities of Handel, was one of the few church composers who neither pillaged nor servilely imitated him."

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, born in Ireland, entered Queen's College, Cambridge in 1870 and in 1873 was appointed organist at Trinity College. After studying with Carl Reinecke in Leipzig, Stanford received his M.A. at Cambridge in 1883. In that same year, he was one of the founding professors at the Royal College of Music, London. In 1887 he began a thirty-seven-year appointment as Professor of Music at Cambridge. Among his pupils were Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan

Williams. Although he composed many instrumental works, including seven symphonies, numerous chamber pieces, and nine operas, he is best remembered for his choral music, especially choral settings of the Anglican services. His fame in the last two decades of the nineteenth century was eclipsed in the beginning of the twentieth century by the music of his own students and Edward Elgar. His church music has held a steady place in the repertoire, and critics agree that his liturgical music achieved the same artistic heights as the finest anthems and oratorios of the time. Intermezzo founded upon an Irish Air is based on the "Air from County Derry," a well-known tune often paired with the popular text "Danny Boy." The two Preludes from Op. 105 are based on music of Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625): Song 22 and Song 34 were hymn tunes found in The English Hymnal, edited by Vaughan Williams in 1906.

Ralph Vaughan Williams was born in Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, England, where his father was vicar. He was a composition student at the Royal College of Music under Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, and later, Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry. He and fellow classmate Leopold Stokowski studied organ with Sir Walter Parratt. He was a collector of English folk music, which influenced his editorial activity on The English Hymnal in 1906, in which he included many folk songs arranged as hymns. He was a self-proclaimed agnostic despite his early Anglican roots. Bryn Calfaria, written by William Owen, contains pianistic cadenzas and a fantasy with imitative entries. Rhosymedre is based on a tune written by John David Edwards. It sets two stanzas of the hymn in a flowing, dignified manner. Hyfrydol is based on the hymn tune written by Roland Prichard and is a majestic setting in stepwise motion on alternating manuals.

Herbert Howells received his earliest musical training from the organist at Gloucestershire Cathedral. He later attended the Royal School of Church Music, where he studied under Stanford and Charles Hubert Hastings Parry. He succeeded Gustav Holst as Director of Music at St. Paul's Girls' School (1936 -1962). His two sets of Three Psalm-Preludes were inspired by psalm verses. They belong to the early part of Howells's career when he was in regular practice as an organist. He was assistant organist at Salisbury Cathedral for a short period during World War I. Psalm-Prelude Op.32, No.2 conveys the spirit of Psalm 37, verse 11: "But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth: and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace."

In 1959 Howells wrote Dalby's Fancy for one of several broadcasts John Dalby gave upon the small chamber organ, built by Samuel Green in 1778, in St Mary's Episcopal Church, Aberdeen. This chamber organ

had been placed in the nave, still intact, of the church after a bomb destroyed the chancel and organ during World War II.

Gerre Hancock, who died in January 2012, spent more than three decades as organist and master of the choristers at St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. From 2004 until his death, he was professor of organ and sacred music at University of Texas at Austin. A fellow of the Royal School of Church Music, Hancock was known for his skill in improvisation. The majority of his organ compositions grew out of his concert improvisations. Prelude on Slane is dedicated to Robert Baker, his teacher at Union Theological Seminary.

Simon Preston's training and subsequent career are representative of the professional lives of the leading English organists. He was a chorister and later organ scholar at King's College, Cambridge, where he studied with Sir David Willcocks. He subsequently held positions at St. Alban's Cathedral, Christ Church, Oxford, and Westminster Abbey. Alleluyas is an exuberant portrayal of the final verse of the well-loved Anglican hymn Picardy ("Let all mortal flesh keep silence").

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- 5 Ford 10:00am Convocation
- 10 Hockett 7:00pm Alex Shuhan, horn
- 11 Hockett 7:00pm Jennifer Kay, mezzo-soprano
- 14 Ford 8:15pm Guest Recital: Velvet Brown and MOJATuba, tuba
- 16 DeWitt 2:00pm Founder's Day Concert in the Park
- 16 Hockett 4:00pm Wendy Herbener Mehne, flute
- 17 Hockett 7:00pm Faculty Showcase
- 22 Hockett 7:00pm Marc Webster, bass; Charis Dimaras, piano
- 22 Ford 8:00pm CCO
- 23 Hockett 4:00pm Steve Mauk, saxophone
- **30** Hockett 2:00pm Deborah Montgomery, soprano
- **30** Ford 4:00pm Ithaca College Chamber Orchestra

October

- 2 Ford 8:15pm Percussion Ensemble
- 4 Hockett 8:15pm Aaron Tindall, tuba/euphonium
- 5 Ford 7:30pm Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra
- 6 Ford 10:00am Jazz Ensemble Children's Concert
- 7 Ford 3:00pm Choral Collage
- 8 Hockett 7:00pm Emily Newton, soprano; Dawn Pierce, mezzo-soprano
- 9 Ford 8:15pm Jazz Ensemble
- 10 Hockett 7:00pm Guest Recital: Andrew Smith, cello/Alfred Oyaguez, piano
- 10 Ford 8:15pm Concert Band