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# SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Celebrating the return of Peterborough's  
loudest musical instrument

FRIDAY 9 TO SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2017



- Recital by virtuoso organist, David Briggs
- Festival Concert with Grammy Award winning conductor, David Hill, and the Bristol Ensemble
- Festival Eucharist with choir, organ and Prime Brass
- World premières of two new compositions
- Virtual tour of the organ, live on screen



PETERBOROUGH  
CATHEDRAL

# WELCOME TO PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL'S SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017



It is a great pleasure to invite you to join me for this significant moment in the Cathedral's musical history. For many years it has been an ambition of Directors of Music here to have the magnificent 19th century Hill organ re-pitched from old philharmonic to standard concert pitch. At last this opportunity arose, and just before my arrival in 2014 the project was commissioned.

This Festival has been designed to showcase the organ in its full glory, whether in concert or worship, or as a solo or ensemble instrument. Most importantly, the re-pitching allows the organ to play alongside modern orchestral instruments.

The process of lengthening all 5286 pipes of the organ to change their pitch was skillfully undertaken by the organ builders Harrison and Harrison. It has taken 18 months to complete and has been supported by the generosity of many people, to whom we are most grateful.

I am absolutely delighted with the results. The unique sound of this most important instrument has been preserved, and its greater versatility means that the Peterborough Cathedral organ can be used more effectively by the Cathedral's musicians, and by a new and varied range of outside groups. In short, it can be enjoyed by worshippers and audiences more widely. I am very much looking forward to hearing and participating in wonderful performances from the talented musicians assembled for the Festival.

Steven Grahl, Director of Music

## PRE-FESTIVAL RECITAL

**Monday 5th June at 2.00pm**

Steven Grahl gives a public performance of Iain Farrington's *Animal Parade* at the conclusion of a music day for schools. All are welcome. Tickets: £5 (£4 concessions). Unreserved seating.

## FRIDAY 9 JUNE



### OPENING RECITAL BY DAVID BRIGGS

**7.30pm**

David Briggs is regarded as one of the world's finest improvisers and his virtuoso performances thrill and entertain their audience in equal measure. Once described as a "magical musical millipede", he is definitely one to watch as well as listen to! There will be a video link between the organ loft and a big screen in the nave. Tickets: £12 (£10 concessions). Unreserved seating.

## SATURDAY 10 JUNE

### INTO THE ORGAN LOFT

**10.30am**

See what happens when those stops are pulled! The Cathedral's organists get in amongst the organ pipes at high level in the Cathedral to give a virtual tour, shown on a big screen to the audience in the nave, and demonstrating how the organ works. Tickets: £5 (£4 concessions). Unreserved seating.



### HAUPTWERK AND THE CATHEDRAL ORGAN

**A talk and demonstration by Ben Trenchard**

**In Knights' Chamber at 3.00pm**

Former Peterborough Cathedral chorister, Ben Trenchard, will introduce Hauptwerk, the leading virtual pipe organ software. Permission was granted to undertake the re-pitch of the Cathedral organ only on condition that a recording was made of every single note at its original pitch. Ben will show how it is possible, using this recording and Hauptwerk software, to create a virtual instrument on which to play 'Peterborough Cathedral organ' at its original pitch. Tickets: £5 (£4 concessions). Unreserved seating.

## FESTIVAL CONCERT

**7.30pm**

The programme for choir, organ and orchestra includes *Poulenc Organ Concerto* and *Barber Toccata Festiva*, alongside a new commissioned work by Toby Young, and music by Parry and Fauré. The concert will be directed by Grammy Award winning conductor, David Hill.

The Bristol Ensemble  
Peterborough Cathedral Choir,  
Youth Choir and Festival Chorus;  
Peterborough Choral Society  
Steven Grahl, organist  
Tickets: £25, £20, £15  
(U18s half price).





## FESTIVAL EUCHARIST WITH CHOIR, ORGAN AND BRASS

10.30am

*Mass for Choir, Organ and Brass* by Joseph Jongen will be performed by the Cathedral Choir, Prime Brass and organist David Humphreys, directed by Steven Grahl.

## ORGAN RECITAL AND WORLD PREMIERE OF *TU ES PETRUS*

2.15pm

David Humphreys, Assistant Director of Music, will perform a new composition by David Briggs, commissioned especially for the Festival. Tickets: £8 (£6 concessions). Unreserved seating.



## FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG

3.30pm

The finale of the festival is the traditional Cathedral service service with choir and organ.

## TICKETS

All services and events take place in Peterborough Cathedral unless otherwise specified.

Monday 6th June	2.00pm	<i>Animal Parade</i> played by Steven Grahl	£5 (£4 concessions)
Friday 9th June	5.30pm	Choral Evensong	All welcome
Friday 9th June	7.30pm	Organ recital by David Briggs	£12 (£10 concessions)
Saturday 10th June	10.30am	Virtual tour of the organ	£5 (£4 concessions)
Saturday 10th June	3.00pm	Hauptwerk talk and demonstration	£5 (£4 concessions)
Saturday 10th June	7.30pm	Festival Concert	£25, £20, £15 (U18s half price)
Sunday 11th June	10.30am	Festival Eucharist	All welcome
Sunday 11th June	2.15pm	Organ recital by David Humphreys	£8 (£6 concessions)
Sunday 11th June	3.30pm	Choral Evensong	All welcome

## BOOK NOW

Book online via [www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk) or by phone or in person at Oundle Box Office on 01832 274734. Open 10am-3pm, Mon to Fri.

Saturday's Festival Concert tickets are also on sale at Peterborough Information Centre (01733 452336) and Stamford Arts Centre (01780 763203). \*20% discount applies when full price adult tickets are purchased for all Friday to Sunday events. For Hotel deals see Cathedral website.

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