LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERT

Tuesday 21 May 2019
1.15 pm

Peter King

Programme

Toccata ‘Jerusalem, du hochgebaute Stadt’
Triptico del buen Pastor (Triptych of the Good Shepherd)
Fantasie-Choral No 1 in D flat
Maytime Gavotte
Toccata ‘Placare, Christe servulis’

Sigfrid Karg-Elert 1877–1933
Jesús Guridi 1886–1961
Percy Whitlock 1903–46
Alfred Hollins 1865–1942
Marcel Dupré 1886–1971

‘He is a virtuoso of world class ... I’m astonished at his bravura; nothing fazes him ... and he plays with such élan, and with such passion, such commitment,’ said Chris de Souza, describing Peter King’s recent Liszt CDs on BBC Radio 3’s CD Review. A former student of Dame Gillian Weir and Allan Wicks (organ), and Ronald Smith (piano), Peter King was director of music at Bath Abbey for 30 years until his recent retirement. Under his direction the abbey choir visited France, Germany and Holland, and released seven CDs. In 1997 Peter started a girls’ choir at Bath; it has established itself as one of the finest in the country. Together with Nicolas Kynaston, Peter was responsible for the design and installation of the abbey’s Klais organ. His twelve CDs on the new instrument have been highly acclaimed by the critics. A CD of works for organ and orchestra with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, including the Poulenc Concerto and the Respighi Suite has been particularly singled out for praise, being ‘Editor’s Choice’ in both BBC Music Magazine and Gramophone, which described the CD as ‘a disc of real distinction ... leaves the competition standing ... even reluctant converts are likely to be overwhelmed by this thrilling disc. The sound of the Bath Abbey Klais organ matches the life-affirming playing of Peter King. The whole recording is filled with a love of making music.’

Peter was assistant chorus director to the CBSO during all of Sir Simon Rattle’s reign as musical director and he still plays the organ with the orchestra; he played on Rattle’s EMI recordings of Mahler’s ‘Resurrection Symphony’ and ‘Symphony of a Thousand’. Concert engagements have involved work all over Europe; highlights have included recitals at Ingolstadt Minster; Cologne Cathedral; King’s College, Cambridge; Westminster Abbey and St Paul’s Cathedral; an opening recital on the new organ in Palacio Euskalduna, Bilbao; and Birmingham, where he played at the opening of the new organ in Symphony Hall. Other engagements have included concerts in Washington National Cathedral and in St Thomas, 5th Avenue, New York, solo appearances with the CBSO (Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony) and The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields (Poulenc’s Organ Concerto). His recitals at the Bath Mozartfest have been broadcast on BBC Radio 3.

Peter holds the honorary degree of doctor of music from the University of Bath. He continues to be an active recitalist, much in demand across the UK and further afield. For further details of CDs, forthcoming concerts, etc, visit www.peterking.org. Follow Peter on Twitter: @PeterOrganKing.

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