

Saturday Recital marks start of 2005 Organ Recital Series

An Organ Recital will be given this Saturday, 15th January 2005, at 5.30pm in Canterbury Cathedral by Léon Charles FRCO (Organ Scholar, Canterbury Cathedral). It will be the beginning of a series of nine recitals in a series running until the beginning of October. The programme will include Widor's Symphony V (ending with the famous Toccata, which is played at many weddings), Duruflé's Suite, and other works by Bach and Leighton. Admission is by programme, which will be available at the door, price £7.50 / £5 concessions.

This will be the first recital that Léon Charles has given in Canterbury Cathedral, although he has performed elsewhere in the UK and the USA. Leon has been the Organ Scholar at the Cathedral since September 2004. He will go to St John's College, Cambridge as an Organ Scholar in the autumn of 2005. As well as playing the Cathedral organ, Leon assists Dr David Flood with rehearsals for the Cathedral's choir, including training the boy choristers, as featured last night on BBC 1's Inside Out programme.

The other recitals in the series will be:

26th Feb 5.30 pm Robert Patterson Assistant Cathedral Organist
2nd April 7.30 pm Andrew Parnell Cambridge
14th May 7.30 pm Kevin Bowyer International Recitalist
4th June 7.30 pm Robin Johnson & Maureen McAllister Organ Duet
2nd July 7.30 pm David Flood Cathedral Organist
6th Aug 7.30 pm David Briggs New York, USA
3rd Sept 7.30 pm Gordon Stewart International Recitalist
1st Oct 7.30 pm Huw Williams Asst. Organist, St Paul's Cathedral