PARISIAN ORGAN MUSIC FROM THE NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURIES

Performed by Organ Scholars of the Colleges of Oxford University

Saturday 10 May 2014 Exeter College Chapel

PROGRAMME

Symphony VI: i. allegro

Charles-Marie Widor

(1844-1937)

Thierry Hirsch, University College

Improvisations, Op 150: vi. Pro defunctis

Camille Saint-Saens

(1835-1921)

Tiffany Vong, Oriel

Symphony I: iv. Allegro vivace

Louis Vierne

(1870-1937)

Peter Shepherd, Merton

Fantaisie in A

Cesar Franck

(1822-1890)

George de Voil, Exeter

Sortie in Eb

Louis J.L. Lefebure-

Wely

(1817-1869)

Ben Bloor, New College

Andante religioso

Léon Boëllmann

(1862-1897)

Jerome Luchesa Smith, Lady Margaret Hall

Choral Dorien

Jehan Alain

(1911-1940)

Tomos Watkins, Pembroke

Le Divin Espoirs

Jean-Jacques Grunenwald

(1911-1982)

Jem Lowther, Corpus Christi

Les Corps Glorieux: Joie et clarté

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1982)

Nicholas Freestone, Worcester

Symphony III, iv. adagio

Louis Vierne

Robert Pecksmith, Somerville

Symphony I, iii. Final

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Richard Dawson, Keble

The Betts Association and Oxford Organ Scholars

In early September, 2013, a group of organ scholars travelled to Paris, Bordeaux, and Toulouse with the Betts Association to study and play on historic French instruments. Upon returning, the idea arose to showcase the talents of these students in a gala recital; and what better music to champion than the music of nineteenth-century Paris? This concert provides us with the opportunity to present these wonderful works, as well as a chance to show what was learned in our study of these composers and their works.

If you have enjoyed the concert today, please consider donating to the Betts Association as you leave the church. Proceeds will go towards masterclasses, more study trips to places with interesting organs, and other worthwhile ventures benefitting the Oxford organ scholars. Thank you.