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1. YDOA Programme

YDOA Events

2017

October

Saturday 21st (14:00)

Organ Recital by Philip Meaden and AGM

Holy Trinity Church, Micklegate, York

2. Previous Event



PREVIOUS EVENTS

Composite Recital given by YDOA Student Group

On Saturday the 30th of September, Jonty Ward and Leonard Sanderman of the YDOA Student Group performed an excellent composite recital in All Saints' Church, North Street. The programme included the following -

Fantasia in C minor by J S Bach.

E major Chorale by C Franck.

Fantasia in C minor BWV 562/1 by J S Bach.

Tierce en Taille by Louis Marchande.

Sketch No 5 for Pedal Piano by R Schumann.

Thank you to all those who supported the event.

3. Next Event

NEXT EVENT

The YDOA Annual Recital 2017 will be given by Philip Meaden in Holy Trinity Church, Micklegate, York on Saturday, 21st October at 14.00.

Recital Programme

Paean (1966) K Leighton

Prelude and Fugue in C Major J S Bach

Arabesque (1955) and Diversion for Mixtures (1959) F Jackson

Concerto in A minor BWV 593 Vivaldi/Bach

Nocturne (1964) J McCabe

Alleluyas (pub.1965) S Preston

After the Recital the AGM will take place in the Lower Hall of the URC, Priory Street.

4. Happy birthday Francis! From all in the YDOA



Francis in 1946 upon his appointment at York Minster

Some memories from our members

The editor writes

I can remember first meeting Francis after playing for a funeral at St Chad's many years ago. The churchwarden came bursting into the organ loft at the end of the service and said "Francis Jackson is down stairs and he wants to know who is playing as it is rather good!" So down stairs I went to meet Francis... A true gentleman who did indeed say some nice things about my playing.

I remember listening to Francis play recitals for many years before this and what was most noticeable was how his playing felt exciting and the enthusiasm for the music would come through; regardless of the mechanism of the organ being played. He has also become an inspiration to my son who enjoys listening to him playing at times at Acklam Parish Church!



Receiving his birthday card from the YDOA. Photograph Adrian Crawford

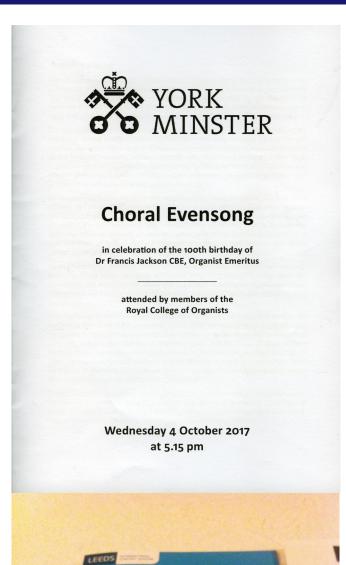
David Jackson writes

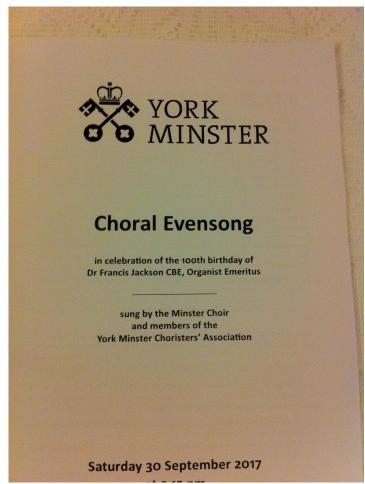
I first heard Francis play in 1963, when he was invited to give a short recital before an important service in Chester Cathedral. The recital opened with Bach's Fantasia in G and ended with a new piece composed by the cathedral organist, J Roland Middleton. Canon George Addleshaw of York Minster was to be installed as Dean of Chester, immediately after the recital.

I first met Francis In 1977. The Secretary of the York Waterworks Company asked him to invite me to the Minster organ loft for a Saturday evensong. It was a delight to see him accompany the service and that he was able to enquire all about me at the same time.

David Simpson writes

In the 1950's my parents and I attended York Minster Matins. Dr. Jackson conducted the choir or played the organ. My choral, organ music interest began. In my teens I watched Dr. Jackson or Ronald Perrin play for Evensong. Dr. Jackson gave an organ recital at St. Columba's Presbyterian Church where I played and I turned the pages. From 1962-66 Ronald Perrin gave me organ lessons obtaining my A.L.C.M. organ diploma. In April 1973 my wife Jennifer met Dr. Jackson at his St. Wilfred's R.C. church recital. His Minster organ recitals were wonderful. As organist, choirmaster, composer he has excelled and is a gentleman. We are honoured to have him as our Patron. Happy Birthday. May God Bless You.





York Evensong and Leeds Lunchtime celebrations

Arnold Mahon writes

I particularly remember Francis Jackson's recital during the centenary celebrations of the Armley organ in 1979, for which I had commissioned his Third Sonata. We met around two o'clock and went up to the organ loft, where he settled on the bench and spent a few moments looking up and down the stops. He then looked at me and said "well, everything seems to be as I remember it" and as it was obvious he wasn't going to play anything I asked if he would like to go into Leeds for some refreshment. To which he replied "yes, a good idea as I am meeting Priscilla at 4 o'clock." So off we went. Needless to say his recital was superb - not only the new sonata but an interpretation of Franck's Fantasie in A I have yet to hear surpassed, the Deux Esquisses of Dupré (with feet almost flying on the pedals) and a storming finish with Liszt's B.A.C.H. I will never forget it.



4. List of YDOA Presidents

	Founded in 1945		1980s
1945-6	Edward Cuthbert Bairstow	1980-1	Robert Hall
1946-7	Reginald Shephard Rose	1981-2	Michael Latham
1947-8	Archie W Sargent	1982-3	Richard Crosby
1948-9	Francis Alan Jackson	1983-4	Peter Maw
1949-50	H Reginald Mason	1984-5	Eric Grewer
	1950s	1985-7	David Templeman
1950-1	Frederick Waine	1987-8	Lloyd D Smith
1951-2	Reginald Shephard Rose	1988-9	Geoffrey Coffin
1952-3	Edmund Stanley Walton	1989-91	George Pilling
1953-4	Benjamin Dawson		1990s
1954-5	Benjamin Summerton	1991-3	Douglas Heath
1955-6	W Allen Bean	1993-4	Nicholas Page
1956-7	George James Stacey	1994-5	David Simpson
1957-8	Joseph Samuel McElheran	1995-6	Alan Aspinal
1958-9	Walter Hartley	1996-7	Peter Whitehead
1959-60	Benjamin Dawson	1997-8	Maureen Murfitt-Swindells
	1960s	1998-9	Jean Pilling
1960-1	Bernard J Porter	1999-2000	Edmund Cooke
1961-2	Ronald Perrin		2000 s
1962-3	William Addamson	2000-1	Alfred Boddison
1963-4	Alec C Cooper	2001-2	Cynthia Wood
1964-5	Evelyne G Bowmer	2002-3	Edmund Cooke
1965-6	George L Baggaley	2003-4	David Simpson
1966-7	Tom Ward	2004-5	Philip Paul
1967-8	Alec Brodie	2005-7	Phillip Sangwine
1968-9	Michael Minns	2007-9	Andrew Roberts
1969-70	Avena Helen Norfor	2009-11	Adrian Crawford
	1970s		2010 s
1970-1	Lloyd D Smith	2011-13	Raymond Sturdy
1971-2	Colin McGarritty	2013-15	Nigel Holdsworth
1972-3	Michael Phipps	2015-	Joan Johnson
1973-4	Jack Judson		
1974-5	Alfred Alcock		
1975-6	A Austin Winterbottom		
1976-7	Peter Whitehead		
1977-8	Ruth Smith		
1978-9	Maureen Murfitt-Swindells		
1979-80	Geoffrey Hunter		