

Welcome to our Organ Festival

The Victoria Organ in Walsall Town Hall was opened on October 1st 1908. It was built by Walsall firm Nicholson and Lord and has been enlarged several times.

There are now 4 manuals and 98 stops, controlling more than 3300 pipes. Monthly recitals are given by Peter Morris or visiting organists, on Wednesday lunchtimes from 1-2.

Afternoon of Music and Comedy

Thursday 20 November, 1.30pm

Walsall Town Hall, £4.00

Harold Britton Organ Recital

Wednesday 26 November, 1.00pm

Walsall Town Hall, £2.00

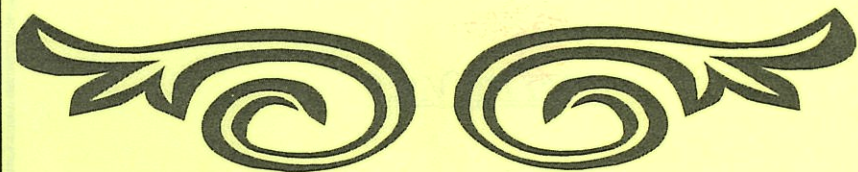
Events Team

Walsall Town Hall Organ Centenary Festival Concert

featuring

*The Choirs of St Peter's Collegiate Church
Wolverhampton Symphony Orchestra
John Thorne (Baritone)
Toby Barnard (Organ)*

Conductor: Peter Morris



*Walsall Town Hall
Sunday November 16th 2008*

PROGRAMME

Overture: The Land of the Mountain and the Flood
Hamish MacCunn

Coronation Anthem: I was Glad
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Organ Concerto:
The Cuckoo and the Nightingale
George Frederick Handel

Five Mystical Songs:
Ralph Vaughan Williams

INTERVAL

Symphony No 3 (The Organ Symphony)
Camille Saint-Saëns

St Peter's Collegiate Church Choirs

The city centre church of Wolverhampton has a strong musical tradition dating back hundreds of years. At present there are four choirs, 27 boys, 33 girls and 17 lay clerks and choral scholars as well as a group of 20 choristers called Wolverhampton Junior Voices. The choir is a member of the Choir Schools Association and takes part in an outreach programme across Wolverhampton Primary Schools with Government funding called 'Sing up'.

Wolverhampton Symphony Orchestra
was founded in 1973 and meets weekly. They perform around 4 concerts a year. The leader is Ros Rayner

John Thorne
is an architect by profession but is in great demand as a singer with local choirs.

Toby Barnard
is Director of Music at St Peter's Collegiate School, Wolverhampton and Conductor of Walsall Choral Society.

Peter Morris
conducts Wolverhampton Symphony Orchestra, is Director of Music at St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton and Borough Organist at Walsall Town Hall.
