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# BACH, BEAUTY AND BELIEF

## THE ORGAN WORKS OF J.S. BACH

### Introduction – Bach and the Organ

The organ loomed large from early on in Bach's life. The foundations of his multifaceted career as a professional musician were clearly laid in the careful cultivation of Bach's prodigious talent as an organist whilst he was still a child. Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach in 1685, and after the death of his father – the director of municipal music in the town – at the age of ten moved to Ohrdruf, where he was taken in by his eldest brother, Johann Christoph. Christoph was the organist at St Michael's Ohrdruf and had been taught by Pachelbel.<sup>1</sup> During his years at Ohrdruf, the young Sebastian was a choral scholar and likely had his first experiences in organ building and maintenance.<sup>2</sup> In 1700 he moved to Lüneburg, as a choral scholar at St Michael's School; this move brought him into the orbit of many organists, including Georg Böhm and Adam Reinken in Hamburg.<sup>3</sup> 1703 found him examining a new organ at the New Church in Arnstadt, where he was appointed as organist in August of that year, remaining for four years, his first major professional organist post (Wolff 2001 p. 526). Clearly showing remarkable talent as a player from an early age, Bach's career remained founded upon the organ even as he moved around in a variety of posts after leaving Arnstadt in 1707: as the organist

<sup>1</sup> Peter Williams, *J.S. Bach: A Life in Music* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), p. 9.

<sup>2</sup> Christoph Wolff, *Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), p. 37.

<sup>3</sup> Wolff, *Learned Musician*, p. 525.

of St Blasius's in Mühlhausen (1707 – 1708), court organist and chamber musician at Weimar (1708 – 1717), capellmeister at Cöthen (1717 – 1723) and cantor at St Thomas' Church in Leipzig (1723 – 1750).

### 'The Complete Organ Works of Bach'

Given that strong foundation, it is no surprise that organ music flowed from Bach's pen throughout his life. Yet how do Bach's organ works cohere? For the monolithic notion of 'The Complete Organ Works of Bach' is misleading. The picture is more fluid, even unclear, both as to the veracity of individual works and of their particular chronology. The impression is of a combination of works that have reached us in their present form through an often uncertain process of revision and collection (such as the *Six Sonatas*, BWV 525 – 530) and those with a more definite origin and/or date, such as *Clavierübung III*, which was published in 1739. Even a collection with a clear didactic purpose that is apparently easy to date like the *Orgelbüchlein*, BWV 599 – 644 (its title page is dated to 1722 or 1723)<sup>4</sup> can remain opaque in the chronology and detail of its contents: the title page was added later than the chorales it contains (Williams 2003 p. 227). Many of the preludes and fugues do not exist in autograph form, a fact that in most cases does not affect the question of authorship as much as that of the date of composition, although the authorship of some organ works previously assumed to have been by Bach have been called into question, like the *Eight Short Preludes and Fugues*, BWV 553 – 560. Others are easier by

<sup>4</sup> See Peter Williams, *The Organ Music of J.S. Bach*, Second Edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), p. 227.

virtue of their singularity either to ascribe authorship to, such as the Passacaglia, BWV 582, or to date, such as the Concerto Transcriptions, BWV 592 – 596, which are from Bach's Weimar years (Williams 2003 p. 202). However, the fluidity of the corpus is not as interesting – or as significant – as the stylistic and generic variety it exhibits.

### **Genres, Styles and Influences**

Bach's organ works are characterised, typically for the composer, by a multiplicity of genres and stylistic influences. Broadly they can be categorised into five areas, though inevitably these overlap: chorale-based works (preludes, partitas, variations, trios); the *Six Sonatas*; preludes/toccatas/fantasias (including the Passacaglia) and fugues (paired together, and single); transcriptions of works by other composers (concertos, trios, etc.); miscellaneous works (Allabreve, Canzona, Pièce D'Orgue, etc.). Williams catalogues the multifarious stylistic influences on Bach's organ works.<sup>5</sup> Many of these are traceable to other contemporary German organ composers whose compositional style Bach would almost certainly have known. As Williams states, these would have included Pachelbel, Böhm, Buxtehude, Bruhns, Reinken, Kerl and Froberger. Bach's organ works also frequently betray a French influence, both specifically, such as in the famous example of the Passacaglia, BWV 582, the first half of whose main theme originates in a piece by Raison, and more generically, such as in the C minor Fantasia, BWV 562 with its stylistic debt to French composers such as de Grigny. In addition,

<sup>5</sup> See Peter Williams, *Bach Organ Music* (London: BBC Music Guides, 1972), p. 9.

an Italian influence is often felt in the manual writing across-the-board from the quasi-string writing in the *Six Sonatas* to the tripartite Toccata in C, BWV 564 via the Frescobaldian Canzona, BWV 588 and Corellian Allabreve, BWV 589.

### **Purposes**

As the above discussion suggests, it is not surprising that many of the exact original purposes for the organ works remain unknown, though in general terms the following categories of use can be discerned: liturgical (many, if not most, of the chorales and chorale preludes; some of the prelude/toccatas and fugue pairs); didactic (the *Six Sonatas*; the *Orgelbüchlein*); stylistic assimilation (the concerto transcriptions; some toccatas and fantasias; Legrenzi and Corelli Fugues). In addition, collections such as *Clavierübung III* and perhaps the *Schübler Chorales* had a purpose that transcended their immediate utility: the desire to offer a musical-theological compendium (*Clavierübung III*), or leave a musical legacy (*Schübler Chorales*).

### **A Note on Current Bach Scholarship**

Such is the scope of Bach's organ works. But how have they been covered in the literature? There is a fascinating dialectic evident in current Bach studies more broadly between a hermeneutic taken up with purely musical concerns for Bach's works,<sup>6</sup> and a broader analytical approach to his music that seeks to contextualize Bach's contrapuntal, figurative and harmonic

<sup>6</sup> The work of Peter Williams is helpful in this regard. See Peter Williams, *The Organ Music of J.S. Bach*, Second Edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003); Peter Williams, *J.S. Bach: A Life in Music* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007).



peculiarities and complexities within a much broader framework involving contemporary theology,<sup>7</sup> aesthetics,<sup>8</sup> philosophy,<sup>9</sup> and science.<sup>10</sup> Assessing these different approaches to Bach's music is difficult, as the results are inevitably mixed. On the one hand, there is a need to maintain a degree of musical integrity by allowing the musical features of Bach's compositions to come first in any attempt to understand them. Thus, some of the least convincing musical-analytical work done from the contextual side arises from an approach to Bach's music that is too superficial. On the other hand, there is a sense in some of the 'music-only' approaches that *any* recourse to relevant external and contextual questions ought to be dismissed out of hand when clearly such factors occasionally – perhaps often – played a legitimate role in Bach's compositional process. The ideal, then, seems to be to take an approach to describing Bach's organ music that both honours the music itself whilst allowing for wider contextual questions to shape one's thinking as appropriate, perhaps on a piece-by-piece basis. With that

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7 Eric Chafe, *Analyzing Bach Cantatas* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000); Anne Leahy, "'Vor deinen Thron tret ich": The Eschatological Significance of the Chorale Settings of the P271 Manuscript of the Berlin Staatsbibliothek' in *Bach*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (2006), pp. 81 – 118; Timothy A. Smith, 'Fugues Without Words: A Hearing of Four Fugues from "The Well Tempered Clavier" as Passion Music' in *Bach*, Vol. 40, No. 2 (2009), pp. 45 – 66; Linda Gingrich, 'Hidden Allegory in J.S. Bach's 1724 Trinity Season Chorale Cantatas' in *The Choral Journal*, Vol. 51, No. 1 (August 2010), pp. 6 – 17.

8 Christoph Wolff, 'Bach and the Idea of "Musical Perfection"' in Christoph Wolff, *Johann Sebastian Bach: The Learned Musician* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001).

9 See John Butt, 'A mind unconscious that it is calculating'? Bach and the rationalist philosophy of Wolff, Leibniz and Spinoza' in John Butt (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Bach* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997).

10 David Yearsley, *Bach and the Meanings of Counterpoint* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002).

in mind, there seem to be two broad extra-musical contexts of particular relevance to the organ music of Bach in which purely musical observations can be worked out. These are *theology*, and *aesthetics*.

### Theological Aesthetics

Peter Williams highlights a conundrum that needs tackling if one is to think theologically about Bach's organ music, namely the tension that exists between Bach's stated theological intention in composition (most famously revealed in the composer's signature 'S.D.G.' – 'Soli Deo Gloria' (To God Alone Be Glory) – that has been found on some of Bach's manuscripts, penned after the final bars) and the apparent self-interestedness of much of Bach's music.<sup>11</sup> The key that unlocks this dilemma is the observation made by John Butt,<sup>12</sup> that for Bach, as for other Lutherans, music was *intrinsically* of eternal value. We can be more specific and outline two ways in which the inherent theological nature of music, as it was understood, appears to have influenced the music Bach actually wrote.

#### *i) Music as Theological Metaphor*

A theological idea that was found in the Leipzig circles in which Bach moved in the 1740s was that God's beauty can be conceived conceptually as a type of *harmonia*:

God is a harmonic being. All harmony originates from his

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11 See Williams, *Bach Organ Music*, pp. 10-11.

12 See John Butt, 'Bach's metaphysics of music' in Butt (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Bach*, p. 53.

wise order and organization... Where there is no conformity, there is also no order, no beauty, and no perfection. For beauty and perfection consists in the conformity of diversity.<sup>13</sup>

This fundamental idea of God's beauty as expressed in His unity-in-diversity immediately invites the metaphorical projection of this concept onto His creation: His beauty is expressed through His creation via the same aesthetic of unity-in-diversity. While criticisms have been levelled at this definition of beauty when held as an absolute value, as an explanation of Bach's contrapuntal practice it is highly suggestive. This desire for art to imitate nature in its perfection motivated Bach's musical project throughout his career and is particularly evident in his treatment of counterpoint: '[c]haracteristic of Bach's manner of composing is a way of elaborating the musical ideas so as to penetrate the material deeply and exhaustively.'<sup>14</sup> Bach's maximization of thematic coherence, harmonic richness, and contrapuntal complexity can be thus understood as having a *theological* rationale. This rationale perhaps best fits the music with which there is no accompanying text to direct one's interpretation of the musical figures, and is particularly relevant in grasping the aesthetic behind specifically contrapuntal projects like *The Art of Fugue*.

13 Georg Vensky, 1742. Like Bach, Vensky was a member of Lorenz Christoph Mizler's Society for Musical Science. Quoted in Wolff, *Learned Musician*, p. 466.

14 Wolff, *Learned Musician*, p. 469.

## ii) *Music designed to move the Affections towards God*

Ever since the discovery of Bach's personal Bible commentary, the so-called 'Calov Bible', it has often been noted that Bach's music appears to have been intended as an expression of a specifically, and personally-held, *Lutheran* faith.<sup>15</sup> The implications of this in seeking an informed speculation of Bach's theological views of music are significant. For the indications in Luther's writings are not only that he saw music as inherently theological on a number of different levels,<sup>16</sup> but specifically that he saw music as having a role in moving the believer's affections towards God, and thus an ability to strengthen the believer's faith in Christ.<sup>17</sup> Combining this insight with the commonly-observed (though not unchallenged) evidence of the Baroque *Affektenlehre* (or 'Doctrine of the Affections') in Bach's music, it can be seen how often Bach's sacred music (chorale-based or liturgically-intended; often both) makes its spiritual utility felt through its projection of a relevant and (sometimes) dominant *affekt*. This primary *affekt* is then projected through the musical material, itself often consisting of harmonic and motivic workings-out of a single *inventio*, or dominant musical figure.<sup>18</sup> In the organ

15 See Robin A. Leaver, 'Music and Lutheranism' in Butt (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Bach*, pp. 39 – 40.

16 Robin A. Leaver, *Luther's Liturgical Music: Principles and Implications* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007).

17 See Luther's directions to believers suffering depression: 'When you are sad, therefore, and when melancholy threatens to get the upper hand, say: "Arise! I must play a song unto the Lord on my regal [...]" Then begin striking the keys and singing in accompaniment, as David and Elisha did, until your sad thoughts vanish.' Martin Luther, Theodore G. Tappert (ed.), *Letters of Spiritual Counsel* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2006) p. 97.

18 Laurence Dreyfus, *Bach and the Patterns of Invention* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1996).

music, this notion is perhaps most useful in approaching the chorale preludes – a genre that covers many of the organ works – where in many cases the background text, where clear, often illuminates both the general *affekt* of a given prelude, and the specificity of particular harmonies and figurations that have been chosen to illustrate it.

### **Conclusion – Bach, Beauty and Belief**

Although the label of ‘The Complete Organ Works of Bach’ for the corpus is a misnomer, there are still many varied ways in which to view it coherently; theological aesthetics is just one example. Theology and aesthetics combine throughout Bach’s organ music, uniting them as works that project a Christian Lutheran worldview through their specifically musical beauty. In this they serve as exemplars of the theology of another towering eighteenth-century Christian intellect, whose published thought also combined beauty and belief with an emphasis on the affections of the believer: the American pastor Jonathan Edwards, with whom Bach has once been compared.<sup>19</sup> Edwards placed the affections-of-the-heart at the centre of his definition of genuine Christian experience, and thus taught that moving them God-ward was the primary aim of any means of grace in the church, whether preaching or music. As examples of Edward’s affection-driven theology in practice, the organ works of Bach clearly cohere in their common ability to promote both belief and beauty, or perhaps more accurately, belief *through* beauty.

<sup>19</sup> Richard A. Spurgeon Hall, ‘Bach and Edwards on the Religious Affections’ in *Johan Sebastian: A Tercentenary Celebration*, ed. Seymour L. Benstock (Westport: Greenwood Press), pp. 69 – 81.

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### **BWV 566 Prelude and Fugue (“Toccatà”)**

The Prelude and Fugue, BWV 566, is on a huge scale. Really a multi-sectioned work, in a form reminiscent of the Praeludia of Buxtehude or the Toccatas of Frescobaldi, it consists of four parts: an opening prelude, followed by a fugue, then an improvisatory toccata, followed by another fugue. Bach’s conception, though based on the forms of these other composers, is on a much bigger scale, evident all through the work, from the ten-note chords in the massive chordal section of the initial prelude, through the long, dense (but sprightly) first fugue, through the grand toccata with its dazzling runs, to the final fugue with its granite-like repeated notes and spectacular semiquaver runs that close off the piece. The repeated notes of the subject- find an echo in the fugue that closes this disc, the G major, BWV 541.

### **BWV 713 Chorale prelude Jesu, meine Freude (Kirnb. coll. No. 24)**

Here is a three-voice setting, which starts fugally with an attractive subject, the chorale given as a pedal line underneath counterpoint in the manuals. The two-part figuration is often simple, though a third voice joins later; consistent interest comes from the rhythmic interplay of the manuals. After the first half of the chorale the metre changes from 2/2 to 3/8; the chorale is now integrated into the upper part of the texture, as in BWV 734 (below).

### **BWV 734 Chorale prelude Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein**

This is a 'manualiter' (manuals only) setting. The chorale is heard clearly, migrating between the voices - soprano; alto; bass; alto; bass; soprano. As in BWV 713 (above), there is a change of metre for the second half of the chorale, with the melody more integrated into the counterpoints. Williams sees the second line of the text reflected in the affect of the prelude: 'und lasst uns fröhlich springen' ('and let us leap for joy') (Williams 2003 p. 478).

### **BWV 527 Trio sonata No. 3: Andante; Adagio e dolce; Vivace** *i) Andante*

The beautiful opening melody sets the tone of the whole sonata, which projects an affect of gentle melancholy. This is especially present in the first movement, an ABA form, with the writing characterised by a certain rhythmic sparring between manuals and pedals, with frequent mixing of duplets and triplets. Once the dominant is reached, there follows an attractive sequence around the cycle of fifths, which highlights the developmental quality of the middle section of the form. The opening material soon returns for a reprise.

#### *ii) Adagio e dolce*

The middle movement - in a two-part, binary form - is a gentle F major in a lilting 6/8, melancholic beneath the surface. The two manuals weave around each other above a bassline which is mostly in regular quavers. As with the first

movement - and common to all the Six Sonatas - there are beautifully carved sequences throughout, marked by written-out ornamentation.

#### *iii) Vivace*

The final Vivace opens with a jaunty melody in the right hand, and presents the same mixture of duple and triple rhythms as in the first movement. There is an elegance to the writing, suggested by the combination of slow-moving harmony in the pedal with fast-moving counterpoint in the manuals, with expressive suspensions throughout. There is also a dark tinge to the feel of the movement, perhaps given by the modal harmony with the flattened seventh-note of the scale (C natural instead of C sharp). The structure of the movement is the same as the first, an ABA, and the manual writing is reminiscent of Italian string sonatas (Williams 2003 p. 23).

### **BWV 574 Fugue on a theme by Legrenzi**

One possible source for the theme for this fugue has been identified as Legrenzi's trio sonata op.2 no 11. There is no autograph for Bach's work, though it was extensively copied and exists in several versions. It consists of a double fugue, in a three-part tripartite structure. The A section develops the theme in a conventional fugal structure; the B passage introduces a new theme, and is marked by the introduction of running semiquavers; then a third section brings the two themes together. This structure is then rounded off with an



improvisatory coda, in the style of North German toccatas, but perhaps also referencing the improvisatory element inherent within the Italian concerto style to which the writing throughout the fugue is indebted. Note the rhythmic progression through the work: the ‘disintegration’ of the quavers into semiquavers, and of the semiquavers into the demisemiquavers of the toccata at the end (Williams 2003 p. 173), an insight that hints at the unity inherent in this otherwise disparate structure.

### **BWV 739 Chorale prelude Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern**

BWV 739 is given in a 3-part texture, as in the chorales from the Neumeister collection, with the chorale on top of the texture, surrounded by counterpoint derived from it. After the chorale moves to the pedal, there are echo effects, and the last phrase of chorale is repeated for emphasis, allowing the pedal to take the final phrase, a descending scale, its presence in the bass creating automatic harmonic direction to the close. Note the violinistic figures in the upper texture, particularly the arpeggios in the final two bars, an ‘original Bach fingerprint’ (Williams 2003 p. 486).

### **BWV 596 Concerto after Vivaldi op.3 no.11: (Allegro); Grave - Fuga; Largo e spiccato; (Allegro)**

The original of BWV 596 is Vivaldi’s string concerto no. 11 from his op. 3 collection, ‘L’estro armonico’ (‘The Harmonious Inspiration’), published in Amsterdam in 1711. Six of these

concertos were transcribed by Bach, with the D minor (no. 11) and A minor (no. 8) the most famous of Bach’s other organ transcriptions. Vivaldi’s structure is maintained by Bach: an Allegro, a connective Grave, a Fugue, a Largo, and a final Allegro. The chief musical differences in Bach’s transcription reflect an adaption of Vivaldi’s string original to the organ’s distinct characteristics and technical challenges - hence the term ‘transcription’ rather than simple copying. After an energetic opening, the two violins’ caprice is given to the manuals over a repeated pedal D; the Grave follows, with interesting harmonies. The following Fugue has a characteristic subject, its harmonic potential contained in the latter half’s sequence of perfect fifths. The Largo is a sicilienne and reflects a typical Vivaldian technique, starting with a homophonic ritornello, going into the solo, accompanied by gentle chords. The final Allegro features a racing opening, in the original two violins chasing each other up the scale; the harmonic structure of the movement is built on the sequence of fifths from the previous Allegro.

### **BWV 735 Chorale prelude Valet will ich dir geben (Fantasia)**

BWV 735 is a Fantasia based on the chorale ‘Valet will ich geben’. The description is apt, highlighting a stylistic freedom to the setting which is grounded in a certain discipline to its structure: the phrases of the prelude closely follow those of the chorale, but the counterpoint that flows from them runs free. The melody is given as a cantus firmus in the obbligato pedal line, though the counterpoint in the manuals is also

derived from it. The writing bears comparison with two other of Bach's preludes from the Eighteen Leipzig chorales: 'Komm Heiliger Geist', (BWV 651) and 'Jesus Christus, unser Heiland', (BWV 665): all are linked by the characteristic use of a rhythmic figure (three semiquavers followed by two quavers), generating a joyful affect that stands somewhat in contrast to the chorale's text ('Valet will ich dir geben, du arge, falsche Welt'/'I shall say farewell to you, O wicked, false world').

### **BWV 737 Chorale prelude Vater unser im Himmelreich**

BWV 737 is very different in style to BWV 713 and BWV 734 (see above). Another manualiter setting, it is written in the old style as an organ-motet, in a four-part homophonic, chordal, texture which lacks the independent counterpoint of the other settings, but communicates a gravitas to the setting. Peter Williams has highlighted its status as an early work (with similarities to those chorales found in the Neumeister collection), and its indebtedness to Scheidt's organ-motets, as well as to Pachelbel (Williams 2003 p. 482).

### **BWV 541 Prelude and Fugue BWV 541**

The Prelude and Fugue in G major BWV 541 is marked by an affect of sheer joy. The work's autograph score was possibly prepared for Bach's son Wilhelm Friedemann, perhaps for his audition at the Sophienkirche in Dresden in 1733. The exuberant and sprightly prelude, starting with its semiquaver run, maintains its feel with semiquavers running through the

entire piece. The opening flourish leads into a rhythmically more disciplined main section, containing two discernible sections each starting with the main figure - the first in G, the second in D. The Fugue continues the affect of joy, and is marked by a clever and effective dovetailing of the counterpoint with the fugue subject entries. The fugue throughout is striking for its melodious quality: 'the subject sounds like a theme awaiting words', and the end of the fugue 'like a choir singing' (Williams 2003 pp. 83, 85). Note the dramatic diminished chord marking off the last section, of final entries of the subject, from the rest of the structure.

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# THE ORGAN OF TRINITY COLLEGE CHAPEL

The organ of Trinity College Chapel was built by the Swiss firm Metzler Söhne in 1976. The design, by Bernhardt Edskes, incorporated the surviving pipework of the two organs built for Trinity by “Father” Bernard Smith in 1694 and 1708. The organ has three manuals and forty-two ranks, of which seven are original. The 8’ Principal on the Rückpositiv is from Smith’s 1694 organ, while the 16’ Principal on the Pedal and the 16’ Principal, 8’ and 4’ Octave, 2’ Quinte, and 2’ Superoctave on the Great are from 1708. The Victorian enlargements to both the instrument and its cases have been removed, and all the pipework is contained within the restored Smith cases, whose carving recalls the school of Grinling Gibbons. The cases are likely to have been designed by Smith and executed by him or one of his team. The salient characteristics of this mechanical-action organ are the meticulous craftsmanship and artistic integrity employed by Metzlers, the durability of the instrument, together with its rich but gentle resonance, its aptness for the acoustics of the Chapel, and its exquisite balance. It is understandably regarded as one of the finest instruments in the United Kingdom.

## HAUPTWERK, C-F”

1•	Principal	16
2•	Octave	8
3	Hohlflöte	8
4•	Octave	4
5	Spitzflöte	4
6•	Quinte	2 2/3
7•	Superoctave	2
8	Sesquialter	III
9	Cornett	IV
10	Mixtur	IV-V
11	Trompete	8
12	Vox Humana	8

## RÜCKPOSITIV

13•	Principal	8
14	Gedackt	8
15	Octave	4
16	Rohrflöte	4
17	Octave	2
18	Gemshorn	2
19	Larigot	1 1/3
20	Sesquialter	II
21	Scharf	III
22	Dulcian	8
	Tremulant	

## SCHWELLWERK

23	Viola	8
24	Suavial	8
25	Rohrflöte	8
26	Principal	4
27	Gedacktflöte	4
28	Nasard	2 2/3
29	Doublette	2
30	Terz	1 3/5
31	Mixtur	IV
32	Fagott	16
33	Trompete	8
	Tremulant	

## PEDAL

34•	Principal	16
35	Subbass	16
36	Octavbass	8
37	Bourdon	8
38	Octave	4
39	Mixtur	V
40	Posaune	16
41	Trompete	8
42	Trompete	4

45 Rückpositiv/Hauptwerk 46 Schwellwerk/Hauptwerk

47 Hauptwerk/Pedal 48 Rückpositiv/Pedal 49 Schwellwerk/Pedal

(• Father Smith ranks)

## DAVID GOODE

David Goode is Organist at Eton College, combining this post with a flourishing performing career.

A music scholar at Eton, and then organ scholar at King's College, Cambridge, he studied organ with David Sanger and in Amsterdam with Jacques van Oortmerssen. From 1996-2001 he was Sub-Organist at Christ Church, Oxford; following prizes at the 1997 St. Alban's Competition, and the 1998 Calgary Competition, he concentrated on a freelance career between 2001 and 2003. In 2003 he moved for 2 years to Los Angeles as Organist-in-Residence at First Congregational Church, home to the world's largest church organ.

In 1999 he made the first of numerous appearances at the Proms, and in 2002 he made his recital debuts at the RFH and at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, subsequently playing all over Europe, the US, Australia and the Far East. He plays at the AGO National Convention in June 2016. He also has an established partnership with the trumpeter Alison Balsom: in March 2014 they played for the reopening concert of the RFH organ.


Of his Bach CD for Signum in 2013 The Times said: 'One of Britain's finest organists puts the 1714 organ in Freiberg Cathedral through its paces .... An exemplary introduction'. 7 CDs of a complete survey of Reger's organ music have now also appeared, to warm reviews. He has forged a strong relationship

over the years on Radio 3 with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and the BBC Singers, and has played numerous contemporary works, including Francis Pott's *Christus* ('a stupendous achievement' The Times), and Peter Maxwell Davies' *Solstice of Light*.

He has also developed a profile as a composer: a set of anthems has been published, together with recordings by the choir of King's College, Cambridge; and his Blitz Requiem was performed in September 2013 by the Bach Choir at St Paul's Cathedral, and broadcast on Classic FM. He played at the AGO Convention in June 2016, and is a juror at the 2017 St. Alban's International Competition.





The image shows a close-up, low-angle view of a highly ornate wooden organ console. The console is made of dark, polished wood and features intricate carvings, including two large, carved faces (cherubs or angels) on the front panel. The organ pipes are arranged in several rows, with the front row being the most prominent. The pipes are dark in color, possibly black or dark blue, and are set within a wooden frame. The background is dark, suggesting a dimly lit interior, likely a chapel or church. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and craftsmanship.

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