

NEILTAYLOR

A native of Bradford and former chorister of Bradford Cathedral, Neil Taylor won a Scholarship to the Royal College of Music, where he studied with John Birch and Nicholas Danby. While he was a student, he was organ scholar at St Alban's Cathedral, and on graduating, was appointed Assistant Organist at Norwich Cathedral.

As well as premiering many new works during his time at Norwich, he made numerous broadcasts and recordings with the Cathedral choir, and toured with them on the continent and in the U.S.A. As well as directing the Cathedral Consort, he formed the Cathedral Girls' Choir, which completed its first CD recording and made a highly successful tour of Germany shortly after its inception.

He has been Organist and Master of the Music at Sheffield Cathedral since 1997, and he is responsible for the Cathedral Choirs of boys, girls and men. Since his appointment, the Cathedral Choir has toured both at home and abroad (Germany, Holland, France, Hungary and the U.S.A.)

CD recordings include Music for a Millennium, a Classic f1A Magazine CD of the year Award winner and eight CD recordings with the Cathedral Choirs.

Neil has directed and assisted on choral courses as far afield as Aldeburgh, and Mexico City and on the Eton Choral courses. As an organist he has played at most of the major venues in the UK.

In addition to his Cathedral duties, Neil is also Musical Director of the St George's Singers, Manchester, and appears frequently as Musical Director and Organist on BBC Radio 4's Daily Service. In his spare time, he enjoys reading and walking: a keen cook, he is also an enthusiast of real ales and good wines.

PROGRAMME

Prelude and Fugue in E flat major.....	J. S. Bach
Chant de mai.....	Joseph Jongen
Trivium.....	Arvo Part
Paeon	Kenneth Leighton
Cantabile	Cesar Franck
The Lost Chord.....	Arthur Sullivan

INTERVAL

Sonata no. 3 in A. Major.....	Felix Mendelssohn
Master Tallis's Testament.....	Herbert Howells
Voluntary in D minor.....	John Stanley
Imperial March.....	Edward Elgar
Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.....	Tchaikovsky
Toccatina and Fugue in D minor (BWV565).....	J. S. Bach