

Peter Holder

Long form biography

Peter Holder is Sub-Organist of St Paul's Cathedral, a post to which he was appointed at the age of 23, following two years as Organ Scholar at Westminster Abbey. His responsibilities at both institutions have involved playing at numerous events of national importance, including the 60th Anniversary of the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II and a Service of Remembrance to mark the 10th Anniversary of the London Bombings. Peter is an Organ Tutor at the Junior Royal Academy of Music and was last year the Pidem Organ Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music, where he previously undertook undergraduate and postgraduate studies, gaining numerous scholarships and awards, most notably HRH Princess Alice the Duchess of Gloucester's Prize for exemplary studentship at graduation in 2013. He continues his repertoire studies with David Titterton, Jon Laukvik and Patrick Russill, and improvisation with Thierry Escaich.

Peter has previously held posts at St Albans Cathedral, Southwell Minster and The Royal Hospital Chelsea. He has broadcast for BBC radio and television, and performed in the 2012 BBC Proms with the combined Orchestra of the Royal Academy of Music and Juilliard School, conducted by John Adams. As a continuo player, he has performed with St James's Baroque at the Luffhansa Festival of Baroque Music's annual concert at Westminster Abbey.

Recent performances include venues such as the Royal Albert Hall; Royal Festival Hall; Reading Town Hall; St John's Smith Square; Westminster Abbey; the Cathedrals of Gloucester, St Paul's, and Westminster; Cambridge Summer Music Festival; John Hill Memorial Series at St Lawrence Jewry; Lichfield Festival; and St Albans International Organ Festival. Peter's first solo recording will be released imminently, and is played on the sensational 1797 Holzhey organ of Neresheim Abbey, featuring the works of members of the Bach family, WA Mozart and Christian Heinrich Rinck.

Further information can be found at www.peterholdermusic.co.uk