

CHRISTCHURCH
CATHEDRAL
TRANSITIONAL



MALCOLM LEITCH, BARITONE

WITH

JOHN LINKER, ORGANIST

2 MAY 2018

1.10PM

FIRE & FURY!

Evening Hymn	Henry PURCELL
Thus saith the Lord and Who may abide (from <i>Messiah</i>)	G F HANDEL
Lord God of Abraham	Felix MENDELSSOHN
O du mein holder (from <i>Tannhäuser</i>)	Richard WAGNER
Libera me (from <i>Requiem</i>)	Gabriel FAURÉ
The Call	Ralph VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
L'heure Exquise	Reynaldo HAHN
Fear no more the heat o' the sun	Gerald FINZI
Why do the nations so furiously rage together (from <i>Messiah</i>)	G F HANDEL
The trumpet shall sound (from <i>Messiah</i>)	G F HANDEL



MALCOLM LEITCH

Malcolm's singing career began at Chichester Cathedral (UK) as a boy chorister. He sang as Bass Lay Clerk at ChristChurch Cathedral (NZ) for eight years and has recently returned to New Zealand after an extended period singing in the UK, primarily based at Chelmsford Cathedral. During this time he also sang at the Cathedrals of St Paul's (London), Canterbury, York Minster, Ely, Christ Church (Oxford), Worcester, Winchester and Chichester, and at the Cambridge Colleges of Kings and St John's.

Malcolm was in-demand as a concert soloist in the London and East Anglia regions, with performed repertoire including Handel's Messiah, Or's Carmina Burana, Elgar's Dream of Gerontius, Fauré's Requiem, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Bach's St John Passion and Duke Ellington's Sacred Music. He has performed on television and radio, and has featured on various CD recordings, in both the UK and New Zealand.

Now based in Christchurch, Malcolm has a variety of up-coming engagements around New Zealand across the major centres as concert soloist.



JOHN LINKER

Dr John Linker is Director of Music at ChristChurch Transitional Cathedral (appointed 2014) where he leads the oldest musical entity in New Zealand, the ChristChurch Cathedral Choir. Concurrent to his Cathedral duties, John has the pleasure serving as Music Director for Christchurch City Choir (appointed 2016), an enthusiastic group of 70+ singers committed to the highest artistic excellence. Both the Cathedral Choir and the City Choir are integral to the religious, artistic, and musical life of the Canterbury region, and provide a sense of cultural stability in the ever-changing landscape of Christchurch.

A native of Princeton, Illinois, USA, John holds music degrees from Northern Illinois University (Bachelor of Music), Chicago Musical College at Roosevelt University (Master of Music), and University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (Doctor of Musical Arts), and is active in and has held leadership positions in numerous musical organisations.

Prior to coming to New Zealand, John led choir programmes in Kentucky and Illinois to critical acclaim. An active organist, John has performed throughout the US, the UK, Europe, and New Zealand, and was recently a featured performer for the New Zealand Organ Association National Congress. In addition to teaching, John is passionate about chamber music and collaborative music making. His greatest joy is any adventure with his wife Molly and their daughter Lila.

www.johnlinker.com

You are invited to future recitals and concerts in the Transitional Cathedral.

Each programme is a Tuesday at 1.10pm

5 June 2018 – John Linker, organ

Recitalists for dates below to be confirmed.

3 July 2018

7 August 2018

4 September 2018

6 November 2018



THE CHOIR OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL

The ChristChurch Cathedral Choir has sung choral services since the Cathedral opened in 1881. The Cathedral Grammar School was established some months before the Cathedral was opened to train choristers to sing at the Cathedral services. This choral tradition has been maintained through the subsequent 130 years, maintaining this unique English choral tradition in the Southern Hemisphere.

The full choir consists of twenty boys and ten men. The boys receive scholarships to attend The Cathedral Grammar School. The men of the choir are either Lay Clerks (professional singers, highly skilled in the art of Anglican choral tradition) or Godley Wakefield Scholars (college or tertiary students - talented young singers, many training for careers as professional singers).

CHORAL SERVICES ARE SUNG AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

CHORAL EVENSONG

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 5.30pm; Friday at 4.30pm;
Sunday at 5.00pm

CHORAL EUCHARIST OR SPECIAL SERVICE

Sunday at 10.00am

For more information visit www.christchurchcathedral.co.nz