

Mayfair Organ Concerts
Tuesday 28 September, 1.10pm
St George's Hanover Square
Freddie James

L Marchand (1669-1732)
Grand Dialogue

W Byrd (1539-1623)
Prelude and Fantasia in a minor

H Purcell (1659-1695)
Voluntary in G

J S Bach (1685-1750)
Prelude and Fugue in e minor BWV 548

Freddie James's musical career started as a chorister at Southwark Cathedral, and after leaving the choir, he held positions as organ scholar at Croydon Minster and assistant organist at the St Nicolaas Basilica, Amsterdam. He studied organ at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam with Jacques van Oortmerssen for a year before reading Music as organ scholar at St John's College, University of Cambridge, graduating with a double first, which he followed with an MPhil degree. Whilst at Cambridge, he had organ lessons with Gordon Stewart. Subsequently he studied organ and harpsichord at the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Künste, Stuttgart with Ludger Lohmann and Jörg Halubek, and at the Schola Cantorum, Basel, with Tobias Lindner and Francesco Corti.

Freddie has given many solo recitals around Europe, including at the Hereford Three Choirs' Festival, Westminster Abbey, Southwark Cathedral, St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Coventry Cathedral, St John's Smith Square, Huddersfield Town Hall, King's College Cambridge, Grote Laurenskerk, Rotterdam, St Nicolaas Basilica, Amsterdam, Stiftskirche, Stuttgart, Grossmünster, Zurich, Münster, Schaffhausen. He is also in demand as a continuo player on organ and harpsichord, and has performed with a number of groups, including the London Mozart Players, St John's Sinfonia, the English Sackbut and Cornett Ensemble, the Armonico Consort, Il Gusto Barocco, Ensemble Corund, Staatsorchester Kassel, and the Philharmonia Orchestra.

Freddie has been awarded a number of scholarships and prizes, including the WT Best scholarship from the Worshipful Company of Musicians and a bursary and a scholarship from the Nicholas Danby Trust. He has won prizes at international organ competitions in Innsbruck, Alkmaar, Wiesbaden, Béthune, Treviso, Pistoia and Sion. He is organist of the Franziskanerkirche, Lucerne, with its two historic organs, and teaches organ at the Musikhochschule Lucerne.