



South Yorkshire Organ Festival

The organ is one of the most remarkable and complex musical instruments in the world. Able to produce both the loudest and quietest sounds of any instrument, the organ has inspired musicians and organs alike for centuries. South Yorkshire, and Sheffield in particular, is home to many fine organs, ranging from smaller but perfectly formed instruments in local churches through to one of the largest concert-hall organs in the UK.

The inaugural South Yorkshire Organ Festival opens up these organs across Sheffield and beyond. From Thursday 30 May through to Sunday 2 June, experience a range of events including:

- The chance to play a cathedral organ
- A guide to the cinema organ, with live demonstrations
- Workshops and masterclasses for both organists and pianists wishing to try the organ

- A performance of music from the film *Interstellar* given by the organist on the original soundtrack, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the film's release.

There is something for everyone this half term! Many of the events are family-based and are free to attend, involving access to these instruments previously unprecedented to the general public. Through this festival, we will shine a light on these instruments which are rarely given the spotlight and inspire the next generation of organists and organ enthusiasts.

All proceeds from this festival will go towards **Sheffield Cathedral's School Singing Programme**, providing music education and extra-curricular activities for children in schools in some of the most deprived areas of Sheffield.



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INTERSTELLAR

10th Anniversary Concert



Prepare for a concert that's out of this world

Sheffield Cathedral
Sunday 2nd June, 18.00

Embark on a cosmic journey through the world of Christopher Nolan's space epic, *Interstellar*. Released in 2014, the film was an immediate hit with both audiences and critics, with a crucial factor being Hans Zimmer's Oscar-Nominated soundtrack. Zimmer based his score on the sounds of the organ, working with organist Roger Sayer to create what Zimmer described as the best work of his career.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the film's release, Roger Sayer is coming to Sheffield Cathedral to perform a suite of Zimmer's iconic music from the film alongside other space-related music.

Roger will also discuss how he came to be involved with the film, as well as on working with both Zimmer and Nolan. There will also be a Q+A for audience members to connect with Roger and ask any questions they have.

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Come enjoy a stellar evening of music which promises to transport you to the stars!

Book tickets

Ticket Prices: Adults £15, Under-16s £10

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Thursday 30 May

14.00 – 16.00

Organ Taster Session | Sheffield Cathedral | Free entry

Ever wanted to try playing a cathedral organ? Whether you are an experienced organist or have never touched a keyboard before, all are welcome to come and have a go - no sign-up required! This event is especially aimed at families and children: why not have a play then enjoy a coffee and cake from the cathedral's award-winning 1554 Coffee Shop?

Friday 31 May

13.00

An Introduction to the Cinema Organ | Astoria Centre, Barugh Green, Barnsley

Celebrated cinema organist and chair of the Penistone Cinema Organ Trust, Kevin Grunill, provides an introduction to the fascinating world of the cinema organ featuring the large Compton organ installed at the Astoria Centre in Barnsley, demonstrating music from the instrument's heyday up to the present day. There will also be the chance to look inside the organ chambers as well as interact with various display items. Light refreshments will also be available.

19.00

Concert with The Guild of Strings | St Mark's, Broomhill, Sheffield | Free Entry

Sheffield Cathedral organist James Mitchell joins the Guild of Strings to perform Mozart's Church Sonata No. 17 and Handel's Organ Concerto "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale" alongside Bach's Double Violin concerto and Brandenburg Concerto No. 5.

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Saturday 1 June

10.30

Open Console Event | Astoria Centre, Barugh Green, Barnsley | Free Entry

Join Kevin Grunill and Rosemary Field, former Head of Organ Studies at the Royal School of Church Music, for this informal get-together at the Astoria Compton organ. There will be the chance to have a go on the organ, as well as meet fellow organists and organ enthusiasts. All are very welcome and tea/coffee will be available, although bringing a packed lunch is recommended. For those wanting a more structured introduction to the cinema organ, please see 'An Introduction to the Cinema Organ' on Friday 31st.

10.00 – 12.30

Hymn Playing - Masterclass | Upper Chapel, Sheffield Free Entry (sign-up required)

Brush up your hymn-playing skills, or learn how to get started, at the excellent 3-manual organ in Upper Chapel. Register your interest here:



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13.30 – 16.00

Baroque Keyboard Music - Workshop St Matthew's Carver Street, Sheffield Free entry (sign-up required)

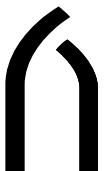
Are you a pianist wanting to try Baroque music on a historically authentic instrument? Bring along your ABRSM A-List piece to this workshop on the organ of St Matthew's Carver Street, a historically-informed instrument based on the work of organ-builder Bernard Smith (1630-1708), one of the most important organ builders of his day. Register your interest here:



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Sunday 2 June

10.00 – 11.30

Corpus Christi Eucharist | Sheffield Cathedral | Free Entry

Ever wanted to hear the organ with live electronics? Come along to Sheffield Cathedral for a very special cathedral Sunday service, where we celebrate the Christian feast of Corpus Christi which merges ambient electronica with live organ playing and sung liturgy, finishing with a premiere performance of a new organ work by composer Amelia Awan. All are welcome regardless of faith or background.

18.00 – 19.30

Interstellar 10th Anniversary Concert

Sheffield Cathedral

Adults £15, Under-16s £10



Join us for this very special concert marking the 10th anniversary of the release of Christopher Nolan's epic film Interstellar. Roger Sayer, the organist on the original film soundtrack, will perform a suite of Hans Zimmer's music from the film. Roger will also discuss working with both Nolan and Zimmer, and there will be a Q+A for audience members to ask any questions they have. Book your tickets here:

[Book tickets](#)

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