

# *A Southendian* **SHOWCASE**



Saturday 22nd April 2023



100

1923 – 2023

*years of the*  
**War Memorial Organ**  
*at Southend High School for Boys*

A registered charity in England and Wales  
(Registered charity number 1173343)



The Old Southendian  
Organ Society (OSOS)



## Programme

SHSB Big Band	<i>Ain't No Sunshine</i>	B. Withers, arr. R. Stitzel
	<i>Just Cuz</i>	R. Hirsch
	<i>Fight of the Foo Birds</i>	N. Hefti, arr. P. Blair
Brian Fletcher	<i>Improvisation Op. 150 No. 7</i>	C. Saint-Saëns
Ladies Chamber Choir	<i>Benedictus</i>	K. Jenkins
United Chamber Choir	<i>Rivers of Babylon</i>	trad, arr. K. Burton
	<i>Shenandoah</i>	trad, arr. B. Chilcott
	<i>Shine on Us</i>	M. Smith, arr. B. Greer
	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	trad, arr. K. Burton
Old Boys Jazz Band	<i>Chameleon</i>	H. Hancock
	<i>Watermelon Man</i>	H. Hancock
	<i>Giggle</i>	M. Bernardis

### *Interval (30 mins)*

*Please join us in the Pavilion and Dining Hall for refreshments.*

SHSB Big Band	<i>Car Wash</i>	N. Whitfield, arr. P. Murtha
	<i>Back to the Basement</i>	B. Zvacek
Edward Steel	<i>Davy Jones</i>	H. Zimmer
United Chamber Choir	<i>Fix You</i>	C. Martin
	<i>Requiem</i>	B. Pasek, arr. R. Emerson
	<i>You're the Voice</i>	K. Reid, arr. K. Shaw
	<i>Let the River Run</i>	C. Simon, arr. C. Johnson
United Jazz Band	<i>Vehicle</i>	J. Peterik, arr. R. Ford
	<i>Birdland</i>	J. Zawinul, arr. M. Sweeney

The School Song

*Many thanks to all who have supported this event and helped to make the concert possible. In particular, thank you to those who have encouraged our performers, to the premises team and many others at the School for helping with arrangements leading up to this afternoon.*

*Special thanks to Peter Worth and Rachel Worth for bringing together such a brilliant variety of performers and music for our enjoyment.*

## **About The Old Southendian Organ Society**

The Old Southendian Organ Society was set up to protect and enhance the future of the War Memorial Organ at Southend High School for Boys. We also aim to support organ pupils and Organ Club at the school by further enhancing the opportunities available to them. We are very grateful to all of our supporters for making our work possible.

## **About the War Memorial Organ**

The organ was gifted to the school in 1923 by the Old Southendians in memory of staff and ex-pupils lost in the Great War. Installed in the Victoria Circus building, it was transferred to the Prittlewell Chase site in 1938 but blown to pieces two years later by a World War Two bomb, having to wait until 1953 before restoration by its builders, Hill Norman & Beard.




Following a fantastic and generous response to the £50K appeal to fund the professional rebuilding of the organ in 2017/18, the instrument was expanded, with new string sounds on the Swell, robust bass tones on the Pedal with both a Trombone and Acoustic Bass added, and extra versatility with a Geigen Principal and Piccolo on the Swell.

This year, Southend High School for Boys, the Old Southendian Association and Old Southendian Organ Society join to celebrate 100 years of the organ.

*Join in the celebrations this year at our series of public concerts from the Old Southendian Organ Society, with free entry for students!*

Details of all of the concerts may be found at: [www.osos.org.uk](http://www.osos.org.uk)

Our next concert features Old Southendian John Dixon, whose exciting and unique recital will include his own compositions for the organ and the world premiere of his *Fantasia on the School Song*.



# JOHN DIXON

## Organist and Composer

John returns to Southend High School for Boys for this exciting and unique recital including his own compositions for the organ from his published and unpublished catalogues.

**Tickets £8 – £10, free for Under 18s**

**Book via [www.osos.org.uk](http://www.osos.org.uk)**

**for early bird discount options**

*Southend High School for Boys, Prittlewell Chase, SS0 0RG*

**Saturday 22nd July 2023**

**7:00pm**



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