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David Bednall

Choral Director, Clifton Cathedral

David Bednall is recognized as one of the leading choral composers of his generation. He studied for a PhD in Composition with Professor John Pickard at the University of Bristol and is published by Choral Music Publishing, OUP, Boosey and Hawkes, Faber, and Novello. He is Choral Director at Clifton Cathedral, Director of Bristol Bach Choir, Bristol Chamber Choir and Chew Valley Choral Society, alongside an extensive freelance career.

David studied with Dr. Naji Hakim and David Briggs and was Assistant Organist at Wells Cathedral and Sub Organist at Bristol Cathedral. Prior to this he was Organ Scholar The Queen's College, Oxford, and then at Gloucester Cathedral. He won Improvisation and Performance prizes at FRCO and has improvised on live radio. His extensive performance career has included a recital at Notre-Dame de Paris. He appeared as stunt-organist on Dr Who.

David's compositions are widely performed, recorded, and broadcast on BBC Radio and Classic FM. His first CD Hail, gladdening light was a Gramophone Editor's Choice, as was Stabat Mater with Jennifer Pike (violin) and Benenden Chapel Choir under Edward Whiting. Flame Celestial received a Gramophone Recommendation and Requiem with Philip Dukes (viola) and St Mary's Calne and Welcome All Wonders garnered superb international critical acclaim. Recent projects have included a BBC Commission, commissions for Westminster Abbey, Edington, Presteigne, and Three Choirs Festivals, Jesus College, Cambridge, and Make we Merry. His St Mark Passion, commissioned for the BBC Singers, was premiered on Maundy Thursday 2025 and was broadcast on Radio 3 in 2026.

More information can be found at www.davidbednall.com

PROGRAMME

Entrée pontificale	Marco Enrico Bossi (1861 – 1925)
Chant du soir	Marco Enrico Bossi
Toccata on <i>Veni Creator</i>	Jeanne Demessieux (1921 – 1968)
Prélude Ascensionnel	Thierry Pallesco (born 1956)
Te Deum	Thierry Pallesco
Veni Creator from 5 <i>Paraphrase grégoriennes</i>	Thierry Pallesco
Meditation on <i>Pange lingua</i>	Richard Jeffrey-Gray (born 1966)
Variations on 'I got rhythm' by Gershwin	Harold Britton (1923 – 2022)
Adoration	Florence Price (1887 – 1953)
Saraband (for the morning of Easter)	Herbert Howells (1892 – 1983)