

Brilliant young British organist Richard Gowers, who celebrated his twentieth birthday in January this year, was born in Cambridge, England into a family of musicians, composers and organists. He was for five years a chorister in the great Choir of King's College, Cambridge, and sang the famous solo *Once in Royal David's City* in the 2007 broadcast of Nine Lessons and Carols to listeners worldwide.

Richard spent a further five years as a music scholar at Eton College, Windsor, during which time he conducted the college orchestra in a full-scale performance of the Brahms Requiem and performed Ravel's Piano Concerto. In August 2012 he became the youngest Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, passing the fellowship diploma with a prize for the highest marks in performance. Previous recital venues include St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Albans Cathedral and St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle in England, the National Cathedral in Washington, Trinity Church, Boston, Harvard University and the Nikolaikirche in Leipzig. In 2013 he was the winner of the Northern Ireland International Organ Competition.

Richard spent last year in Germany, where he studied with Stefan Engels at the Mendelssohn Conservatoire, Leipzig and in September 2014 he began a three-year appointment as an organ scholar with the King's College Choir, while studying for a music degree at Cambridge University.

For Brisbane Baroque he will give four FREE recitals of Bach's greatest works on the magnificent organ in City Hall.

BACH - THE GREAT ORGAN WORKS

THE BEGINNINGS

Toccata, Adagio & Fugue in C, BWV 564 Vivaldi Concerto in A minor, (arr. Bach), BWV 593 Passacaglia in c minor, BWV 582

I

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542i Prelude in E-flat 'St Anne', BWV 552i Trio Sonata in C, BWV 529 Trio Sonata in G, BWV 530 'Great' Fugue in G minor, BWV 542ii

III

Prelude in E-flat 'St Anne', BWV 552i Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot BWV 679 Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 Allein Gott, BWV 662, 663, 664 Fugue in E-flat 'St Anne', BWV 552ii

IV

THE BACH LEGACY

Bach: Prelude & Fugue in C, BWV 547
Bach: Aus Tiefer Not, BWV 686
Mendelssohn: Sonata in A, Op. 65 No. 3
Schumann: Six Fugues on the name BACH Lebhaft, Op. 60 No. 5
Reger: Fantasia on BACH - Op. 46 Karg-Elert Sequenz in c, WoO 12
Wagner: Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg,
Prelude (arr. Lemare)

