

St John's College Chapel, Cambridge - 1.10pm

## Thierry Mechler

### The Programme

*Symphonie No 8 in B minor, Op 42 No 4*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

In its scale and its technical difficulty, Widor's *Symphonie No 8* is one of the pinnacles of the organ repertory, worthy of comparison, as one writer put it, with Beethoven's *Hammerklavier Sonata* and Liszt's *Sonata in B minor*. The last of the four symphonies of 1887, it opens with a wide-

ranging and dramatic sonata form movement with a mighty development section and an irregular recapitulation. This is answered first by a more intimate *moderato cantabile*, in which the melodic line is accompanied by broken chords on the *voix celeste*, and then by a scherzo-like *allegro*. The theme of the subsequent variation movement appears first in the pedals and is developed with great contrapuntal ingenuity. An *adagio* with a restless central section then leads into the *final*, a movement whose brilliant and spirited writing brings not only this work to a close, but also rounds off the eight

symphonies which are so intimately tied up with Widor's work in his early years at Saint Sulpice in Paris.

### The Performer

Born in 1962, Thierry Mechler studied organ with Daniel Roth at Strasbourg. In 1981 he won first prize at the *Concours International de Paris*, followed by a period of study with Marie-Claire Alain. He also studied the art of improvisation with Jacques Taddei and has won many prizes and awards.

Thierry Mechler is highly regarded as a teacher, and is invited each year to numerous festivals throughout the world. In 1991 he was appointed as titular organist of the Cathedral St Jean in Lyon.

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