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Fri 26 September 8pm Symphony Organ Silent Movie

Nosferatu (1922)

Certificate 12

with improvised organ accompaniment from Nigel Ogden

Mon 17 November 8pm John Scott (St Paul's Cathedral)

Thur 11 December 8pm
Carlo Curley's
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Thur 18 March 8pm
Thomas Trotter
(Organist in Residence)

Thur 20 May 8pm
Olivier Latry
(Notre-Dame de Paris)

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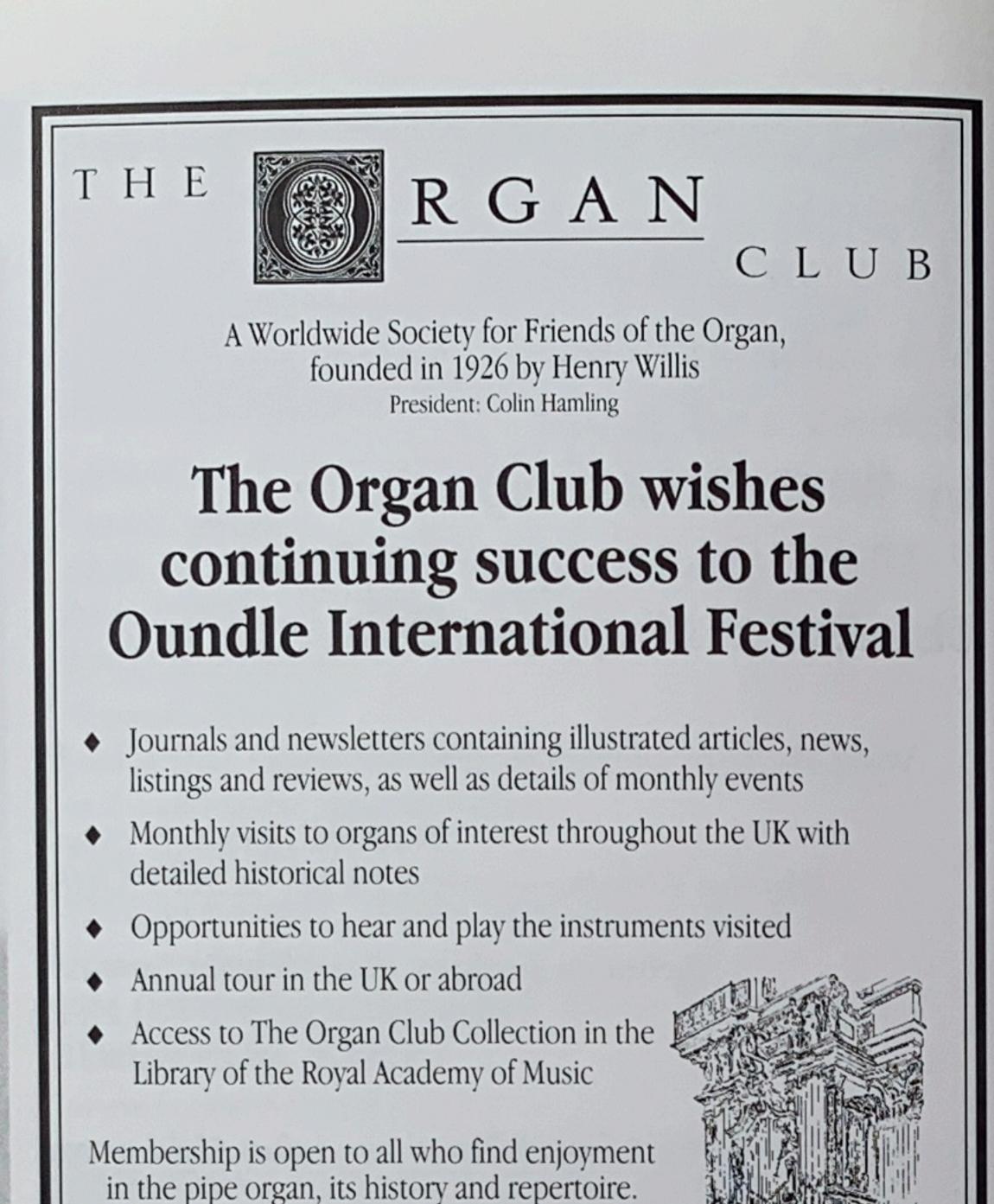
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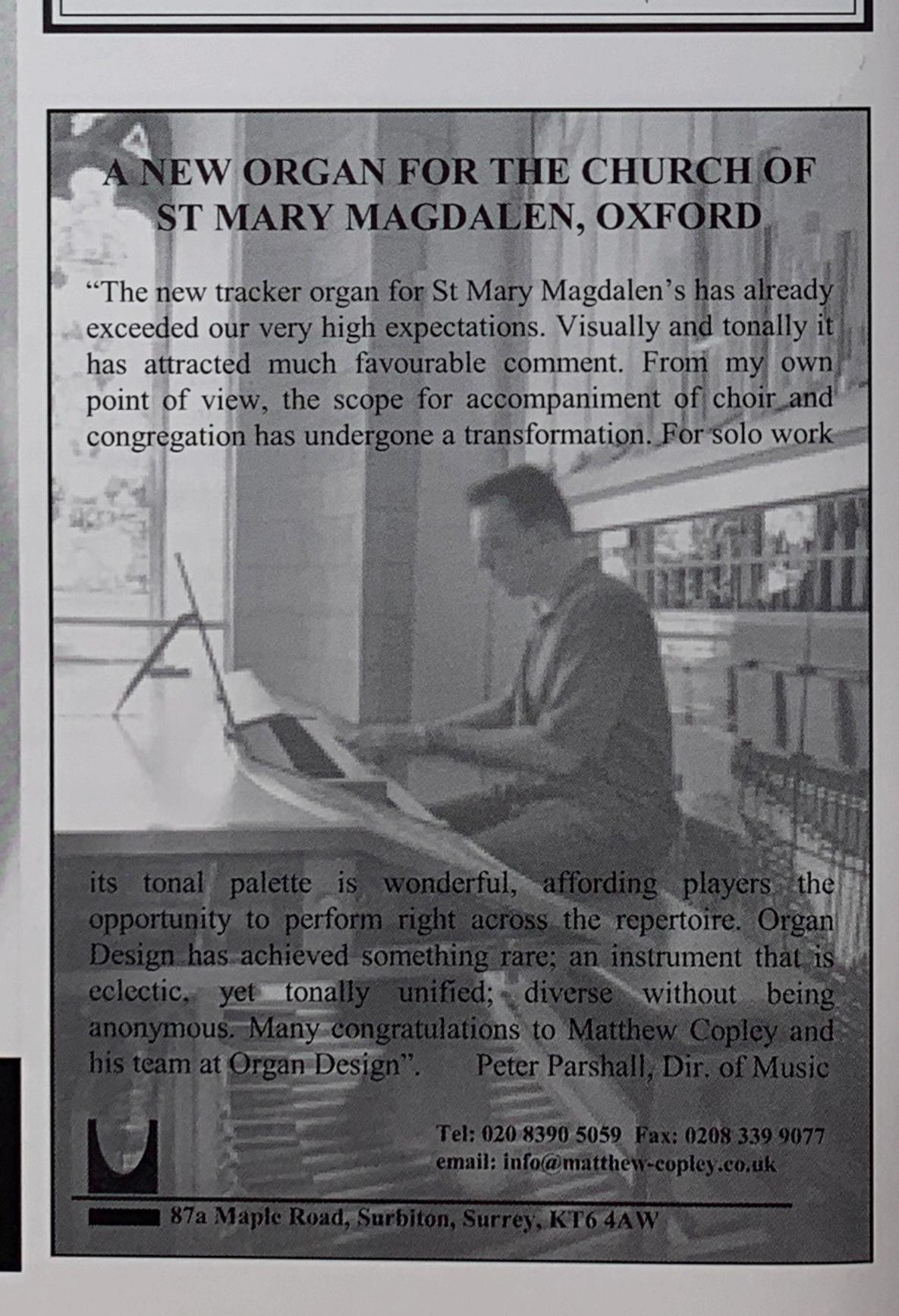
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Twilight organ recital Jon Laukvik 9pm

St Mary's Church, Fotheringhay

Concerto in Judas Maccabaeus

G F Handel (1685-1759)

Ouverture – Allegro – Organo ad libitum (Air) – Andante – Marche

Sonata in A minor (H 85; Wq 70/4)

C P E Bach (1714-1788)

Allegro assai - Adagio - Allegro

Chorale prelude
O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid

Johann Gottfried Müthel
(1728-1788)

Fantasy in F major

Suite Plein jeu – Fugue – Duo – Récit – Grand jeu

Toccata (Adagio and Fugue) in C major (BWV 564) J S Bach (1685-1750)

The Organ Concerto No 16 in F major (HWV 305a) was written by Handel, probably to be played in connection with his oratorio Judas Maccabaeus (HWV 63). His concerti, scored for small organ and strings and to be played as entrées and interludes, enjoyed great vogue and in some cases proved more popular than the oratorios themselves. The English organs of Handel's day rarely sported pedal divisions, but the keyboard writing, secular and virtuosic in style, cuts a dash. Tonight's version for organ solo, preserved in the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge, was arranged by Handel himself.

Carl Philipp Emanuel, who in his lifetime was more famous than his illustrious father, was Kapellmeister to King Frederick the Great of Prussia. He wrote his Organ Sonatas for Princess Amalie of Prussia, the sister of the King – composed for a 'princess who could play no difficulties and no pedal' (note on a manuscript). The brisk 'classical' manner of the outer movements contrasts effectively with the melodramatic *Emfindsamer Stil* (expressive style) that was a hallmark of C P E Bach's musical language.

J G Müthel was one of J S Bach's last pupils in Leipzig and was later active in Riga, Latvia. His style is similar to that of C P E Bach, with its patterned economy coupled with emotional gestures. O Traurigkeit ... weaves a melancholy commentary on the text of this Passiontide chorale, whilst the Fantasy banters brilliantly with neat classical gestures.

Jon Laukvik's Suite blends the conventions of the French

classical organ movements, replete with their traditional registrations, with more than a touch of Jazz and Blues!

The well-known *Toccata with Adagio and Fugue* is one of the few humorous organ pieces from Bach's hand. Starting out as a Northern German toccata with virtuoso lines in manual and pedal, it continues as an Italian concerto in the spirit of Vivaldi. The Adagio movement is also in the Italian style, ending as a sort of *toccata di durezze e ligature*. The theme of the Fugue, a gigue, teases the listener with its ambiguity of metre: is the theme written in 6/8 or 3/4?

Jon Laukvik

Jon Laukvik received his earliest music training in his native town of Oslo. He went on to study organ at the

University of Music in
Cologne with Professor
Michael Schneider and
harpsichord with Professor
Hugo Ruf. He also studied
organ with Marie-Claire
Alain in Paris.

In 1977 Jon Laukvik was awarded both the First
Prize and the Bach Prize in the International Organ
Competition in
Nuremberg. The same year he was a prize-winner in

the International Organ Competition sponsored by the Assembly of the German Protestant Church in Berlin. In 1980 he was appointed professor at the University of Music and Interpretative Art in Stuttgart, and since 2001 has also been professor at the University of Music in Oslo.

Jon Laukvik is author of a highly successful organ tutor Orgelschule zur historischen Aufführungspraxis (Historical Performance Practice in Organ Playing). His further book, on the performance of Romantic organ music (Orgel und Orgelmusik in der Romantik), was published in December 2000.

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