

Rupert Gough – short general biography

Rupert Gough has been director of Choral Music and College Organist at Royal Holloway, University of London since 2005. He is also Organist and Director of Music at London's oldest surviving church, Saint Bartholomew the Great, which maintains a professional choir. At Royal Holloway Rupert has developed the choral programme to include weekly choral recitals, choral conducting courses and transformed the Chapel Choir into an elite group of 24 choral scholars. The Choir particularly came to prominence through their series of recordings for



Hyperion Records and for their role in popularising contemporary composers from the Baltics States, USA and UK. Their recording *Winter Songs* of the music of Ola Gjeilo is one of Decca Classics most successful albums and was top of the US and UK classical charts. The choir is now greatly in demand for recording work from a variety of record labels, composers and orchestras and travels widely for concert performances.

Rupert was a chorister at the Chapels Royal, St. James's Palace, and won a scholarship to the Purcell School. He received (with distinction) a Masters degree in English Church Music from the University of East Anglia whilst Organ Scholar at Norwich Cathedral. For 11 years he was Assistant Organist at Wells Cathedral during which time he made around 30 CD recordings as accompanist and director. Rupert has worked with a wide variety of professional ensembles including the BBC Singers, King's Singers, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Britten Sinfonia, London Mozart Players and Tallinn Chamber Orchestra. He is an established reviewer of organ recordings and has a number of compositions, editions and arrangements published by OUP, Edition Peters and Carus Verlag.