Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Organist and Director of Music*
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Sunday Recital Series

Eugene Lavery, organ

Waco, Texas

Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 5.15p.m.

Alla Hornpipe *from* Water Music	*George Frideric Handel* (1685-1759) *tr. Jean Guillou* (1930-2019)
4. Steal Away *from* Lay my burden down	*Iain Farrington* (b. 1977)
Prelude and Fugue in a minor, BWV 543	*Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)
Choral Parahphrase: Attende Domine	*Jeanne Demessieux* (1921-1968)
Sonata Eroïca, Op. 94	*Joseph Jongen* (1873-1953)

New Zealand-American organist and choral conductor Eugene Lavery is highly sought after as a performer and teacher, having concertized at venues such as St. Paul's Cathedral, London; St. Ignatius Loyola, New York; and St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney; performed with the American Symphony Orchestra and Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra; and having served on the faculty of Royal School of Church Music courses in the United States, New Zealand, and Nigeria. Eugene has also appeared as an organist for live broadcasts for Television New Zealand and Radio New Zealand.

Eugene currently serves as Organist and Director of Music at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, TX where he directs the semi-professional adult choir, the St. Alban's Chorister Program, the professional Vox Seraphim baroque choir and orchestra, and a vibrant concert series. Eugene has also recently overseen the design and installation of a new world-class organ, Schoenstein Op. 180.

Born in New Zealand, Eugene received his Bachelor of Music with First Class Honors from the University of Auckland while also serving as Organ Scholar and then Assistant Organist at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Auckland, New Zealand. In 2007 Eugene relocated to New York after gaining entry to the prestigious Master of Music program at The Juilliard School under the tutelage of Paul Jacobs.

Eugene is married to Dr. Sharon Lavery who serves as Lecturer of Opera Coaching at the University of North Texas, and together they raise two boys, Ryan and Adam.

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Nicolas Haigh, organ

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Colin Andrews, organ

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