



## Composer Biography

### Huw Morgan



Founding Co-Director of Firehead Organ Works, Huw Morgan was born in 1975 in Newport, South Wales: he studied music at the University of Oxford, where he was organ scholar at St Edmund Hall, and choral conducting at the Royal Academy of Music, winning the Doreen Olwen Leyshon prize.

He is currently director of the [Ripieno Choir](#); previously he held posts of musical director of

the [Hanover Choir](#) and the [Merbecke Choir](#) of Southwark Cathedral, and was organist of [St Laurence Church](#), Catford for ten years. Huw also taught on the Royal School of Church Music's higher education programme and has been general manager of His Majestys Sagbutts & Cornetts.

Huw's compositions have featured at the South Bank Centre, the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, the Canterbury Festival, the Bergen International Organ Festival, at Canterbury Cathedral and on Radio 3 and numerous CDs. Recent commissions include composing and arranging music for [Ipswich Remembers](#), a major show featuring Ipswich Choral Society and Dance East telling the story of Ipswich's involvement in World War 1; and [Fault](#), a work for two organs and electronics exploring the ecological impact of the US/Mexico border wall and composed for the organ department of Arizona State University.

In 2013, with the organists Michael Bonaventure and Lauren Redhead, he founded [Automatronic](#), a collective that seeks to promote, create, and perform new music for organ+electronics. Huw recently spent time in Hamilton, New Zealand where he was guest director of the choir of St Peter's School, Cambridge and sang in the cathedral choir; he now teaches at Monmouth School.

In 2013 he recorded his debut solo CD [Breaking Light](#), described as "sparkling" and "wonderfully atmospheric" in Church Music Quarterly (June 2014). This year, [David Pipe](#) has undertaken a recording surveying Huw's organ music for the [Meridian Records](#) label – this was recorded at [Bridlington Priory](#) and is available through this website (see "CD Recording" below).

Away from music, Huw is a keen photographer, rugby and cricket fan, and enjoys walking in the ancient landscapes of Britain. He lives in South Wales and Bristol with his wife Emma and daughters Arwen and Aneira.