

# Jeremiah Martin, Organist



Jeremiah Martin Performing at Galway Cathedral

Jeremiah Martin is from Galway, Ireland, where he began his musical journey steeped in traditional Irish music. He won many awards at the all-Ireland level but was introduced to the organ when he won a scholarship to study at the Schola Cantorum at St Finian's College, Mullingar. He undertook additional study at the Royal Irish Academy of Music and later with Frances Moore at the Limerick Municipal School of Music. Under her tutelage he won the Sarah Cooper Cup for organ at Dublin's Feis Ceoil, obtained his FTCL at Trinity College London for organ performance, and won the Fitzgerald Trophy for advanced organ performance.

However, he also had a passion for medicine. During medical school at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland he performed regularly in Ireland and Europe. In 2003 during his final year of medical school, Jeremiah transcribed the orchestral score of Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto: the performance as a piano and organ duet with pianist Diamond Tam in Dublin's National Concert Hall was acclaimed.

His medical training and interest in cardiothoracic surgery began to take precedence and Jerry moved to the USA where he completed a general surgery residency at Yale New Haven, Saint Raphael Campus. After completing a cardiothoracic fellowship at the University of Kentucky in Lexington he spent an additional year at Duke University before returning as an academic thoracic surgeon to the University of Kentucky. Passionate about addressing disparities in lung cancer care, he completed a Masters in Clinical Trial Design before making the decision to relocate to Portsmouth, Ohio and Southern Ohio Medical Center. Scioto County, in Appalachian Ohio, is in a region with some of the highest incidence of, and mortality from, lung cancer in the nation. The medical center's unique leadership culture and commitment to excellence has allowed Jerry to steer a team of clinicians and build a center that is recognized not only as a Commission-on-Cancer recognized site, but also designated as both screening and treatment center of excellence by the GO2 foundation. His team shares a clinical passion to shift the stage-of-diagnosis for patients with lung cancer, and share lessons learned from this high-risk population at the national level.

During and since the COVID-19 pandemic, Jerry has enjoyed exploring less-heard organ repertoire, in particular that of the booming Victorian era. Amongst other finds, he has recorded the complete works of Walter Battison Haynes that are freely available on YouTube. Jerry is currently back in Ireland where he will be performing at Galway Cathedral, and then in October at Blackburn Cathedral.