Dónal McCann is an acclaimed conductor, organist and composer. Born in Belfast, his musical training began as a chorister at St Peter’s Cathedral, before taking up piano and organ tuition in Dublin. He read music and was an organ scholar at King’s College, Cambridge, where he achieved a double first and accompanied the world famous choir under Sir Stephen Cleobury and Daniel Hyde.

As Head of Chapel Music at Winchester College, he directs the renowned chapel choir, including the Quiristers: the boy choristers who sing at the College. He is involved in all aspects of musical life at Winchester College, and leads the college’s choral partnerships programme.

Dónal is in demand as an organ recitalist, giving recitals in the UK and abroad, most recently in Westminster Abbey and opening the restored organ of the church of St Lawrence in Malta. He achieved the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists aged 17. He is co-principal keyboardist of the Oxford Bach Soloists, one of the UK’s leading early music groups, and his debut solo album of organ works by Bach and Walther was met with critical acclaim. He is also an award-winning composer; his music recently being performed by the BBC Singers on BBC Radio 3.