

# Keys, Hands, Feet and Pipes

Caird Hall, Dundee

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In this exciting show the charismatic and dynamic international concert organist Daniel Moulton will introduce pupils to the magnificent concert organ in the Caird Hall and its music in an engaging and entertaining way.

With the help of volunteers from the audience and big screen projection, Dan will show how the organ works and how the player combines the different sounds to make music.

Dan will use this short musical motto (a theme by Paganini) and develop it, involving all the variety of organ pipe sounds, to illustrate the story of Daedalus and Icarus.



## *Summary of the story of Daedalus and Icarus*

The story of Daedalus and Icarus is part of Greek mythology. Daedalus was a talented architect and inventor. He built an amazing labyrinth for King Minos on the island of Crete. The king was proud of his labyrinth and didn't want anyone else to have one like it, so he wouldn't let Daedalus or his son Icarus leave the island. Daedalus became very unhappy about being imprisoned and he looked for ways to escape. He realised that if he could fly like a bird King Minos's navy would not be able to catch him. In secret he made wings from feathers and wax for himself and Icarus. When they were finished, Daedalus put them on, flapped his arms and rose in the air. At last, they could escape! Daedalus strapped the wings on Icarus too and he warned him to follow him closely. If he flew too low his wings would get wet and they wouldn't hold him up. If he flew too high, the heat of the sun would melt the wax and the wings would fall off. When they were ready to escape Daedalus and Icarus flapped their wings and flew out over the sea. As he wheeled and soared in the air Icarus became so excited with his new power of flight that he forgot his father's warning. He flew higher and higher – until the heat of the sun began to melt the wax that held the feathers in place. Too late, he cried to his father for help as he plummeted towards the ocean. Icarus plunged in to the water and disappeared beneath the waves, never to be seen alive again.

So...always listen to advice from people who are older and wiser than you are!