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News from Council

Due to the extreme weather on February 7, the BBQ and Garden Party previously advertised for that date has been postponed until March 7 (see below). The deadline for RSVP has been extended to **Friday 6 March**.

The process to appoint a new editor for *Organ Australia* is progressing. The final date for applications is **Friday 6 March**, and it is hoped that the next edition of this Newsletter will bring news of the newly appointed editor. For more information about this position, see the advertisement below or visit the Society website for the complete position description. If you know anyone who should apply, let them know this week.

The next Council meeting will be held in the choir room at the Scots' Church on **Monday 6 April** at 2.15pm. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions that you'd like to bring to the attention of the Council, please contact Kieran Crichton, via email to secretary@sov.org.au or telephone 0407 816 321, by **Monday 30 March**.

Coming Events

BBQ and Garden Party Postponed

Saturday 7 March 2009, 4.30-8.30pm.

Country Women's Association Club, 3 Lansell Road, Toorak.

(NB: Limited parking on-site, but Lansell Road and surrounding streets have plenty of spaces)

The Society will provide meat, vegetarian food and bread.

BYO drinks, and bring a salad or dessert to share.

Entry: \$5, to support the CWA drought relief fund.

RSVP by Friday 6 March to the Secretary, Kieran Crichton, to secretary@sov.org.au or on 0407 816 321.

OPEN CONSOLE

Monday 9 March, 2009, 1-4pm at the Scots' Church, Melbourne

This is an opportunity for members to experience playing on one of the city's finest instruments. Information about the Rieger organ can be found through www.ohra.org.au. 20 minute blocks can be booked through the Secretary, Kieran Crichton, on 0407 816 321 or email to secretary@sov.org.au. Members are invited to join for dinner at a nearby restaurant following this event.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8 June – Queen's Birthday Organ Visit to the Yarra Valley.

Saturday 1 August – Launch of the newest collection of organ music by Australian Composers. Prize winning pieces from last year's inaugural *New Organ Music Awards*, published as a memorial to the late Ian Harrison.

Tuesday 3 November – Cup Day Organ Visit to Brunswick. The Annual General Meeting will be held during this event.

EDITOR – ORGAN AUSTRALIA

The Council of the Society of Organists (Victoria) Inc seeks to appoint a new Editor for *Organ Australia*, to succeed Bruce Steele. Established as a national quarterly journal in 2005, *Organ Australia* is published by the SOV in conjunction with six other Australian organists' societies. With a subscriber base of over 500, *Organ Australia* is distributed widely around Australia and has subscribers further afield in New Zealand, America, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Council seeks applicants with the capacity to develop and articulate a vision to position *Organ Australia* as the pre-eminent journal for organists in Australia, with experience in building strong networks to facilitate the growth of the journal. Applicants should display flair for inspiring contributions from a wide range of writers, and a broad knowledge of music and music history. Preference may be given to applicants with knowledge of the organ and organ music.

An honorarium of \$ 525.00 per issue is offered.

To obtain a Position Description, please contact the Secretary, Kieran Crichton, on 0407 816 321 or email to secretary@sov.org.au.

Applications are to be received by 5pm, **Friday 6 March 2009**. Appointment will commence from the June edition.

THOMAS HEYWOOD CONCERTS

2.30pm, Sunday 29th March: St Francis in the Fields Anglican Church 224 Hull Road Mooroolbark. (Melway 51 G1)

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Anderson organ in Mooroolbark with afternoon tea to follow.

Entry: \$25 / \$20 concession (under 12 free). Enquiries and bookings, telephone 9761 9242.

FREE THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Every Thursday 1.00pm to 1.30pm at St Michael's Uniting Church, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne.

A variety of organists will play during the year, including St Michael's organist, Rhys Boak.

A guide to other Sunday musical events is available at the Church, which is open every weekday.

See the website for further information: <http://www.stmichaels.org.au/st-michaels-church/music> or Phone: 9654 5120.

BACH CANTATA SERVICES AT ST JOHNS

St Johns Southgate presents an ongoing series of services incorporating the choral music of J.S. Bach. The 2009 program is its 12th liturgical year.

Sunday 22 March, 9.00am

Sunday Eucharist (4th Sunday in Lent)

Singet dem Herr ein neues Leid (BWV 225/1,3,4)

Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf (BWV 226)

Two motets by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.

Thomanerchor Leipzig visiting from Germany. Dir. George Christoph Biller (Thomaskantor, Leipzig).

Sunday 19 April, 9.00am

Sunday Eucharist (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern (BWV 1) for soloists, choir, strings incl. concertante violins, 2 oboes da caccia, 2 horns and continuo. St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra. Dir. Graham Lieschke. St Johns' new pair of oboes da caccia will be dedicated.

Thursday 21 May, 7.30pm

Vespers (Ascension Day)

Magnificat in D Major (BWV 243) for soloists, 5-part choir, strings, 2 oboes, 2 flutes, 3 trumpets, timpani and continuo.

St Johns Bach Choir and VCA Bach Orchestra. Dir. Marco van Pagee.

Sunday 31 May, 9.00am

Pentecost Festival Eucharist

Two cantatas from *Harmonische Gottesdienst* by G.P. Telemann.

Zischet nur, stechet, ihr feurigen Zungen! for voice, oboe and continuo.

Ergeuss dich zur Salbung der schmachtenden Seele for voice, violin and continuo.

Robert Macfarlane (tenor), Soloists from St Johns Bach Orchestra. Dir. Graham Lieschke.

An event of the 2009 Autumn Chamber Music Festival.

Sunday 21 June, 9.00am

Sunday Eucharist (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)

Wär Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeit (BWV 14) for soloists, choir, strings, 2 oboes, horn and continuo.

Australian Chamber Choir and St Johns Bach Orchestra. Dir. Douglas Lawrence.

Sunday 9 August, 9.00am

Sunday Eucharist (10th Sunday after Pentecost)

Mass in F major (BWV 233)

Der Herr is mein getreuer Hirt (BWV 112) for soloists, choir, strings, 2 oboes, 2 horns, bassoon, and continuo.

St Johns Bach Choir and VCA Bach Orchestra. Dir. Marco van Pagee.

Sunday 22 November, 9.00am

Sunday Eucharist (Last Sunday of the Church Year)

Mass in G minor (BWV 235)

Ach wie flüchtig, ach wie nichtig (BWV 26) for soloists, choir, strings, 3 oboes, flute, and continuo.

St Johns Bach Choir and VCA Bach Orchestra. Dir. Marco van Pagee.

There is no admission charge for services at St John's, Southgate, 20 City Rd, Southbank.

Enquiries: tel. 9682 4995 or 9370 8092. Parking available at service times.

CONCERTS SPIRITUELS

A series of concerts in the magnificent setting of the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories, 548 Burke Road, Camberwell.

Sunday 10 May, 3.00pm

(with the Choir of Queen's College)

Sunday 5 July, 3.00pm

Sunday 6 September, 3.00pm

Sunday 1 November, 3.00pm

(with the Choir of Queen's College)

Donation requested is \$5 minimum. Enquiries: 9809 4426.

DANIEL ZARETSKY AT THE MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

Tuesday 17 March at 1.00 p.m.

St Petersburg organist Daniel Zaretsky will perform works by Bach, Gigout, Vienne and Russian composers Kohler and Kushnarev.

NEWS FROM THE ST AIDAN'S MUSIC SOCIETY

Carlo Curley and the St Aidan's Music Society very much regret the cancellation of Carlo's much anticipated concert which was to have been held at St Aidan's Uniting Church on Friday 6th March.

The next SAMS concert will be Trio Vivace on Sunday 22nd March at 2.30pm.

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Requiem by Gabriel Fauré.

Trio Vivace was created in 2003 to explore fascinating and sometimes little known repertoire written for flute, violin and piano. Sylvie Leprohon (flute), Ivana Tomaskova (Violin) and Katherine Day (piano) share a passion and enthusiasm for chamber music. Their program at St Aidan's will feature C.P.E. Bach's Trio in A minor; Five pieces by Cesar Cui; Medailles Antiques by Philippe Gaubert; Aria by Jacques Ibert; Bohuslav Martinu's Promenades; Eugene Goossens' Four Sketches and Elena Kats-Chernin's Wedding Suite for flute and violin. Entry: \$20 including refreshments. St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street, North Balwyn (Melway Map Ref: 46 F3). Enquiries and bookings, contact Maurice Mathers: 9890 8322.

HUGH FULLARTON ORGAN RECITAL, 2.30PM, SUNDAY 22 MARCH

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, cnr. Union Rd. & Montrose St., Surrey Hills, is holding an *Autumn Concert Series*, beginning with *Masterworks for Parish Organ*, by Hugh Fullarton on the church's Hill, Norman & Beard organ, on Sunday 22 March. Future concerts feature the Holy Trinity Chamber Choir singing "Easter Masterpieces" on 26 April and some of Melbourne's finest young musicians in a "Rising Stars" concert on 31 May, all at 2.30pm. Entry: \$10 per concert or Series Ticket: \$25.

AUTUMN MUSICFEST AT ST SILAS ANGLICAN CHURCH, 2.30PM SUNDAY 22ND MARCH.

A feast of words and music featuring choral works by Bayside singers, opera duets by Tracy Hendy and Heather Michael and organ solos by John Kirkham and Hume McGrath. Entry: \$20/15 includes afternoon tea. Proceeds to Pipe Organ Fund. Evensong follows at 5pm. St Silas is located on the corner of Ferrars and Bridport Streets, Albert Park. Bookings and enquiries, telephone 9696 5116.

RSCM MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR SINGERS AND ACCOMPANISTS

Saturday 28 March, 2009, 9.00am to 4.00pm at Pakenham Uniting Church.

This workshop is for all church musicians, members of congregations and singers. Tutors will be organists Roslyn Carolane and Siegfried Franke, singer Michele de Courcy, and Secondary School music teachers Sophy Morley and Janette Osborne. Morning tea, afternoon tea and light lunch provided. Registration fee \$25 by Friday 13 March 2009.

Enquiries: Marion Dewar, Tel 03 5662 4432, Fax 03 5662 4430, email imdewar@telstra.com and Siegfried Franke, Tel 9484 7211, email frankes@trinity.vic.edu.au

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT THE SCOTS' CHURCH

Monday 6 April, 1pm: The Australian Chamber Choir, directed by Douglas Lawrence. Works by Thomas Tomkins, William Byrd and Stephen Hodgson.

Tuesday 7 April, 1pm: Soloists from the Choir of Scots' Church and Orchestra, Elizabeth Anderson (organ) and Douglas Lawrence (organ & director). Works by Dietrich Buxtehude, Nikolaus Bruhns & J.S. Bach

Wednesday 8 April, 1pm: Wednesday service with excerpts from Marcel Dupré's *Stations of the Cross* – Robin Batterham, organ.

Thursday 9 April, 1pm: *Leçons de Ténèbre* – Michel-Richard De Lalande – Past Echoes, Louisa Hunter-Bradley, David Macfarlane and Laura Vaughan

Friday 10 April, 8pm: *St John Passion* – J.S. Bach. Performed by the Scots' Church Choir, Orchestra and Soloists, directed by Douglas Lawrence.

Sunday 12 April, 11am: Easter Sunday Service. The Ministers, Choir, Organ and Brass Ensemble. Works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Michael Praetorius, Vaughan McAlley and Charles-Marie Widor.

CHORAL MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S TOORAK, WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL 7.30PM

Members and soloists of the Choir of St John's Toorak will perform sacred choral music for Lent and Passiontide. Programme includes Byrd's *Mass for 4 voices* and anthems and motets by Byrd and Gibbons. Join us for a time of reflection and enjoy the beauty of this timeless repertoire. Entry: by donation.

SWEDISH CHURCH VALPURGIS NIGHT CONCERT, SATURDAY 2 MAY 2009, 8 PM

A concert with music from Denmark, Norway and Sweden, performed in the original languages will be preceded by the traditional Valpurgis celebration at 6pm, with a short Church Service, Bonfire and hot dogs.

Swedish Church 21 St Georges Road, Toorak (Melway2M K5). Enquiries telephone 9827 5580

Admission is free, but a retiring collection will be made for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009.

Choir website: <http://skut.svenskakyrkan.se/melbourne/choir.html>

AUSTRALIA'S NEWEST GRAND CONCERT ORGAN

Sunday 17 May 2009, 2.30pm in The Great Hall (Aikman Hall), Haileybury Senior Campus, Keysborough, Vic.

Thomas Heywood will perform the opening solo concert on Australia's newest Grand Concert Organ at Haileybury College. The instrument has four manuals and 63 stops with a specification designed by Thomas, who acted as consultant for the project. It was gifted to the college in 2006 by the Royal Burgh of Perth for rebuilding by the Western Australian firm Pipe Organs W.A. Originally built in 1887 for Perth City Hall, Scotland by Scottish organ builder John R Miller, the organ was rebuilt in 1957 by Henry Willis III. Featuring a 4-manual Willis mobile on-stage console, the Grand Organ will be housed behind new twin cases divided in the side galleries. With a luxurious romantic specification in a large and comfortable concert hall, the new Grand Organ will be the ideal vehicle for the performance of the finest classical and romantic music.

SCOTS' CHURCH INTERNATIONAL ORGAN SERIES

Tuesday 1 September, 6.15pm: The Scots' Church Choir and Soloists, Robin Batterham (organ), Douglas Lawrence (conductor). Works by Edward Elgar, Benjamin Britten, Felix Mendelssohn and John Rutter.

Tuesday 8 September, 6.15pm: Wolfgang Kleber – organist of the Pauuskirche, Darmstadt, Germany.

Wednesday 9 September, 2pm: Lecture recital with Wolfgang Kleber on the *Schübler Chorales* of J.S. Bach

Tuesday 15 September, 6.15pm: Frantisek Vanicek, organist at Hradek Kralove's University, Prague, Czech Republic.

Tuesday 22 September, 6.15pm: Graham Lieschke, organist at St John's Lutheran Church, Southgate, Melbourne.

Tuesday 29 September, 6.15pm: Rhys Boak, organist at St Michael's Church, Collins St, Melbourne.

ORGANIST REQUIRED

St. Bartholomew's, Burnley seeks a Parish Organist. Principal duties are to accompany the Sunday morning Sung Mass, rehearse with Cantors and assisting at pastoral services and other liturgies as required. Additional duties include major liturgies in Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas. For all enquiries contact Fr. David Patterson via email to davidpat01@optusnet.com.au or telephone 9428 3284. Website: www.stbarts-burnley.org

ORGANIST REQUIRED

St. John's German Lutheran Parish seeks an organist. Principal duties are to accompany hymns and play the liturgy on Sundays from 10 am to 11.30 am. Services are conducted in German and English. Salary by negotiation, commensurate with training and experience, based on the Society of Organists recommended rates. St. John's is located on the corner of Albert and Osborne

Avenues in Springvale. Application to the Elders of St. John's, P.O. Box 9, Springvale 3171 or stjohns@g-node.com.au For all enquiries, contact Pastor Wilhelm Stern, telephone 9546 6005. Website: www.stjohnsgerman.com

ORGANIST WANTED

The Montefiore Homes Aged Care Facility are looking for an organist who would be interested in giving a recital/demonstration of the organ to their residents. The instrument in the facility is a Wurlitzer 'Orbit'. This request has followed attendance by residents at the Gordon Stewart concert during Seniors Week at the Melbourne Town Hall who enjoyed hearing the organ! Enquiries to: Cynthia Cohen (email c.cohen@jewishcare.org.au or 03 8517 5682)

CHORAL VACANCIES AT TOORAK UNITING CHURCH

Principal Singer positions for Alto and Tenor are required for major suburban church choir, offering solo and chorus opportunities for professional choral singers, and occasional work with other professional instrumentalists. The Choir rehearses and sings on Sunday mornings only February to December, but the Principal Singers positions are paid for 12 months. Sight singing skill required (but it will develop very fast for the right person!). You are expected to provide a solid vocal lead to other (volunteer) singers in your voice part. For all enquiries contact Andrew Blackburn, Director of Music, telephone 03 9829 0340 or 0412 221 954. Website:

www.toorak.unitingchurch.org.au/indexc.htm

TWO FREE ORGANS

Chelsea Church of Christ has two electronic organs that are available free of charge. One is a Yamaha and the other is a Thomas, both understood to be 1960s models and probably need some servicing. They will need to be collected. Chelsea Church of Christ is located at 3-5 Blantyre Avenue, Chelsea and the telephone number is 9773 0301. Enter from Station Street; Cheesecake Shop is on the corner. Inspection can be organized during the week, 10am to 4pm.

COPIES OF *The Crucifixion*

Do you have any copies of Sir John Stainer's cantata *The Crucifixion* which might be lying unused in a dusty church cupboard? Dr. June Nixon would be pleased to adopt any unused copies of *The Crucifixion*, which is performed annually at St Paul's Cathedral on Good Friday. Contact june@junenixon.com.

ORGAN-ISMS: ANECDOTES FROM THE WORLD OF THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS.

Jenny Setchell's collection of anecdotes collected from more than 120 musicians around the world is now into its second printing. Local as well as interstate and international organists have made their contribution to this unique book with a Foreword by Dame Gillian Weir. Joy Hearne is the Australian distributor for this fascinating collection: copies are \$25 each. To arrange your copy contact Joy on 9893 3095.

VICTORIAN MUSIC LIBRARY

The Music is now housed at the Uniting Church Archive Building, Orrong Road, Elsternwick and is open with three volunteers on Tuesdays. Email to Faye Dumont for more information: choir@rmit.edu.au

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES of the SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS

To promote and cultivate an interest in the organ and its music.

To promote a friendly exchange of ideas amongst members of the Society.

To assist players and encourage those who may be interested in learning the organ

To offer advice, if requested, on the rebuilding and design of instruments.

To encourage a high standard of musicianship amongst members.

MEMBERSHIP of the SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS

For a membership form, please visit our website, www.sov.org.au. Membership is not restricted to organists, and anyone with a love and interest in the organ and its music is welcome to join. If you know anyone – young or old! – who might enjoy the activities and opportunities offered by the Society, why not make them a gift subscription? Membership benefits include this Newsletter, which includes notices of coming events, concerts and other organ-related activities in Victoria, and *Organ Australia*, our quarterly journal.

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT

Many members now pay their subscription by bank transfer. This is quick and easy, and saves paper; however, in a few cases the name of the member does not appear on our bank statement – which means we have no information about the person making the payment. As a consequence, reminder notices will continue to be sent. To confirm that you have paid your membership, please return the reminder with a note of the date when the bank transfer was made. For any questions, call our Treasurer, David Brown, on 0432 851 216

SOV WEBSITE

The SOV web address is www.sov.org.au. For additional information about Society events, please check the *Upcoming Events* page. David Macfarlane is the Society webmaster. Email addresses and telephone numbers for all Council members and other office bearers can be found on the *Contact Us* page.

REGISTRAR OF DEPUTIES

Warwick Lewis keeps a list of members willing to play for weddings, funerals or locums for Sunday Services. Telephone 9802 0125.

BOOK / MUSIC REVIEWS

Colin Jenkins is the member who accepts books & music for review, and he will distribute them to various reviewers.

He can be contacted at Ph / Fax 9437 7759. Publications are to be sent to our post office box address given at the top of page 1.

Advertising in *Organo Pleno* Newsletter

All copy for advertisements is due by the **20th of each month**. The Newsletter is published in the first week of each month February-December. All sale items and job advertisements are carried for three issues only, subject to renewal by the advertiser.

Please send all advertisements to the Newsletter Editor, Colin Prohasky, via email to newslettereditor@sov.org.au or telephone 0425 726 880.

For all enquiries about including inserts (flyers, brochures etc), telephone the Secretary, Kieran Crichton, on 0407 816 321.

When an item has been sold, or a position filled, please contact Kieran Crichton to stop your advertisement.