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COMING EVENTS

Saturday 1 August, 5.30pm at the Scots' Church, corner of Collins & Russell St Melbourne

Launch of *The Southern Cross Collection: 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. Pieces from the collection will be performed on the Rieger organ by David Macfarlane and Kieran Crichton. Copies of the collection will be available for sale at \$25 per copy (a discount rate) at the launch.

Wednesday 26 August, 5.30pm and 7.00pm

Open console at the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories and St John's Anglican Church Camberwell from 5.30pm. This will be followed by supper and a viewing of a DVD from the American Guild of Organists **Master Teacher** series in the parish centre at St John's at 7.00pm. This fascinating video focuses on Marilyn Mason, and features our President, Gordon Atkinson. To book a time at either organ, and to assist catering for supper, RSVP to Kieran Crichton via secretary@sov.org.au or 0407 816 321 by **Tuesday 25 August**.

From the Treasurer

At this time of financial strain, I have some good news for members of the SOV. Firstly, subscriptions will be remaining at the same amount for the year ahead and secondly, council have approved a special offer with a 2 for 1 deal. This means that you can sign up a friend for free, the only condition being that the friend is not a current member. Hopefully this will be a valuable opportunity to introduce a friend/family member/colleague to the world of the SOV. Renewals will be sent out in the next month.

You may wonder where your money goes. A large portion of your subscription is spent on the publications you receive – for instance, *Organ Australia* and the Newsletter. These need to be printed and distributed. Most events the society holds are free of charge to members or at least subsidised. The society often pays for performers, venues and catering to make an event possible. There are many unseen costs too, for example, insurance, correspondence and advertising. It is important to have some funds set aside for larger projects such as the *New Organ Music of Australia* competition and educational projects.

Hopefully the SOV can continue to grow and be able to take on new projects as we face the future.

Best wishes

David Brown
Treasurer

News from Council

Council Elections

Due to the new electoral procedure adopted in last year's constitutional changes, Council elections will now be taken by a postal ballot. This means that nominations close significantly earlier than in the past. Nomination forms will be available from the website in the next couple of weeks and in the September newsletter. Any nominations must be sent to the Secretary to arrive by close of business on **Friday 2 October**. The result of the election will be announced at the AGM on 3 November.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 24 October – Mendelssohn Day at Toorak Uniting Church. To mark the bicentenary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47), the Society of Organists is holding a festival focusing of the life of Mendelssohn, his music, cultural milieu, and to explore the role of the organ as a progressive force in music making. The day will include performances of music by Mendelssohn and his contemporaries by prominent Melbourne organists, choirs and chamber ensembles along with papers and discussions exploring the themes of the day.

Professor Gerard Gillen (Titular Organist, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Dublin) will be the keynote recitalist. The Society's Annual Dinner will be held in the evening, with an address by Dr Peter Tregear.

Tuesday 3 November – Cup Day Organ Visit to Brunswick.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held during this event.

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 telephone: 9654 5120.

SING STANFORD

Saturday 1 August, 4.00pm at St James the Great Anglican Church, 435 Inkerman Street, East St Kilda.

St James the Great is hosting a 'StanfordFest'. To honour this great Irish composer, the program will include the Te Deum in B flat and the Evening Service in G, plus secular instrumental and choral music. If you wish to sing Stanford in this occasional choir, contact John Kirkham 0448 319 105 or come to rehearsals on Saturdays at 10.00am or Wednesdays at 7.30pm throughout July.

ORGAN-ic LUNCH WITH JOHN SCOTT

Wednesday 5 August, 1.00-2.00pm at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Appointed a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) for his long-term work as Organist and Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral in London, John Scott is now Organist and Director of Music at Saint Thomas Church in New York. Universally respected, he displays 'that perfect combination of technical virtuosity and intense musicianship which is so rare' (Gramophone). In this concert, he plays repertoire spanning five centuries including Handel, Mendelssohn and Grainger.

Programme: F Mendelssohn (1809-1847) *Overture to 'St Paul'* (arr. WT Best); GF Handel (1685-1759) *Concerto in F Op.4 no.5* Larghetto - Allegro - Alla Siciliana - Presto; JS Bach (1685-1750) *Prelude and Fugue in A minor BWV 543*; T Tallis (1505-1585) *Organ Hymn: Veni Redemptor*; H Howells (1892-1983) *Master Tallis's Testament*; P Grainger (1882-1961) *Handel in the Strand* (arr. W Stockmeier); A Wammes (b.1953) *Miroir*; M Duruflé (1902-1986) *Toccata*.

Admission FREE, no bookings required.

Contact details: Tel 9658 9658

Email: grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Web site: www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan

BACH CANTATA SERVICES AT ST JOHNS SOUTHGATE

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 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.

ST AIDAN'S MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

Sunday 9 August, 2.30pm at St Aidan's Church, Duggan Street, North Balwyn. (Melway Map ref: 46 F3)

St Aidan's Music Society is pleased to present the wonderful Chamber Strings of Melbourne in concert at St Aidan's Church. This group is directed by Christopher Martin and the program includes some gems by composers such as Vivaldi, Britten, Hindemith, Barber and Dag Wieren. Admission \$20 includes refreshments. Enquiries: Maurice Mathers 9890 8322. Email:

mmathers@netspace.net.au

ORGAN RECITALS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

Thursday 13 August, 1.15pm Michael Heighway.

Thursday 20 August, 1.15pm Paul Dean (London).

Thursday 27 August, 1.15pm Rhys Boak (St. Michael's, Collins St).

Thursday 3 September, 1.15pm Dr Gordon Atkinson.

Tuesday 6 October, 1.15pm Concert by the Thisted Church Choir of men and boys, Denmark, directed by Preben Norgaard Christensen.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT St PATRICK'S MENTONE

St Patrick's Catholic Church, cnr Rogers Street and Childers Street, Mentone.

The Catholic Parish of Mentone-Parkdale this year celebrates ten years of the historic 1862 Nicholson Organ installed in St Patrick's. This important organ (formerly in the Congregational Church, Prahran) was restored and re-opened in August 1999. Two special events will be held to celebrate this milestone:

Sunday August 16, 2.00pm Tenth Anniversary Concert

Director of Music, Christopher Trikilis. FREE admission followed by refreshments.

Sunday October 18, 2.00pm The Bishop Kelly Memorial Concert

Featuring internationally renowned prize-winning concert organist Dong-ill Shin (Austin, Texas, USA).

Enquiries: 9583 2103 (office hours) or 0402 678 148.

THOMAS HEYWOOD CONCERTS

Sunday 16 August, 3.00pm at St John's Anglican Church, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell, Melbourne (Melway Map 59 J1)

Saturday 29 August, 7.30pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 170 Flinders Street, Adelaide, South Australia.

Enquiries 1300 66 12 44 For more information, please visit Web site <http://concertorgan.com>

CONCERTS AT RICHMOND UNITING CHURCH

Richmond Uniting Church, 314 Church St, Richmond.

Sunday 16 August, 5.00pm

Pianist Freya Dinshaw will perform an exciting and varied program, including *Ballade No. 1* by Chopin and the well-known *Sonata in F major (K 332)* by Mozart.

Sunday 20 September, 5.00pm

A concert of music exploring repertoire ranging from the *Unaccompanied Cello Suites* by JS Bach to the modern and unconventional sound world of Elliott Gyger.

Admission to all concerts is by gold coin donation. Refreshments will be served after each concert in Gallery 314.

Enquiries: 9427 1282.

LINDSAY HUTCHINSON CONCERTS

Sunday 30 August, 2.00pm at St Macartan's Catholic Church, Tanti Avenue, Mornington.

Lindsay Hutchinson will present an organ recital on the 1969, 2 manual and pedal, 18 speaking stops, George Fincham Pipe Organ. Admission: \$10 including afternoon tea.

Sunday 13 September, 2.00pm at St James-the-Less Anglican Church, Nepean Highway, Mount Eliza.

Lindsay Hutchinson will present an organ recital on the two pipe organs – the 1873 George Fincham Pipe Organ, (1 manual and pedal & 7 speaking stops) in the 'Old' Church and the 1990 Australian Pipe Organs instrument (2 manuals and pedals, 5 ranks & mixture) in the 'New' Church. Admission \$10 including afternoon tea.

CHRISTOPHER TRIKILIS RECITAL AT MOOROOLBARK

Sunday 30 August, 2.30pm at St Francis in the Fields Anglican Church, 224 Hull Road, Mooroolbark (Melway 51 G1).

Composers will include Walther, Mendelssohn, Dubois, Sowande, Floyd, Buxtehude & Brahms. Afternoon tea to follow.

Admission: \$15 / \$10 concession (under 12 free). Enquiries: 9761 9242.

'LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH' MUSIC AFTERNOONS

St Mary's Anglican Church, cnr Queensberry and Howard St, North Melbourne.

A series of 1 hour music recitals has been scheduled for the last Sunday of each month, and includes a 'cuppa.' Programmes include a variety of music for organ, voice and other instruments. Admission is by donation to the St Mary's Water Tank Fund.

Enquiries: Phone 9328 2522.

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 Pauluskirche, Darmstadt, Germany.

Wednesday 9 September, 2.00pm

Lecture recital with Wolfgang Kleber on the *Schübler Chorales* of JS 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.

CONCERTS AT ST ANDREW'S

St Andrew's Anglican Church, cnr New Street and Church Street, Brighton.

Sunday 6 September, 3.00pm Young Voices of Melbourne

Directed by Mark O'Leary, Young Voices of Melbourne, one of Australia's finest children's choirs, performs widely throughout Australia and internationally. The choir will present a programme of great choral music from around the world.

Sunday 18 October, 3.00pm The Australian Youth Choir

The Australian Youth Choir, with director Bill Simmons, is a highly regarded choir, performing throughout Australia and the world. The choir will be joined by the Choir of St Andrew's for this concert.

Admission for each concert: \$20 (\$10 students) at the door. Enquiries: 9592 1240

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITION

Friday 26 February 2010 at the Church of the Epiphany, Miami, Florida, USA.

Any organist under the age of 30 is eligible to enter. First prize is US\$5,000.

Preliminary round recordings must be received by **Friday 18 December, 2009**.

For more information, please go to www.ruffatti.com/mioc.htm or email miamiorgancompetition@gmail.com

ORGANIST REQUIRED

The Anglican Parish of Jika Jika requires an Organist for All Saints Church, Preston. Duties include weekly Sunday morning services plus additional feast days, as negotiated. For further details, please contact Fr James Grant on (M) 0425 721 962.

Email: info@jikajika.com

SEEKING ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR

St David's Uniting Church, Newtown, Geelong, is seeking the services of an organist and choir director for Thursday night practices and Sunday morning worship services. The Church has a Taylor pipe organ, rebuilt by Hill, Norman & Beard, and is regularly maintained. An enthusiastic choir of 15 four-part voices is accustomed to sing introits and anthems, as well as special Easter and Christmas music. An honorarium is offered. Applications and enquiries should be directed to the Church Secretary, Mr Geoff Neilson. PO Box 1, Geelong, Vic 3220. Telephone: 03 5224 7700. Email: gneilson@whkdayneilson.com.au

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

A vacancy exists for a TENOR at St Paul's Cathedral. The choir sings a comprehensive repertoire, and enjoys a friendly atmosphere. Sight reading ability is essential; payment/scholarship available. For more information or to arrange an audition, contact: Dr June Nixon (june@junenixon.com)

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

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30-note organ pedal board, complete in reasonable order, located in Moorooduc. Contact Nigel Nettleship, 0409 029 747 or (03) 5978 8388. Email: nigel47@bigpond.com

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 give 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*, the national 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, 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.

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