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## ***The Southern Cross Collection: Organ Music by Australian Composers***

The *Southern Cross Collection* was launched at The Scots' Church on 1 August in the presence of Mrs Richenda Harrison (pictured, right, with Dr Gordon Atkinson, President). The collection contains the successful entries from the 2008 New Organ Music Awards, and is dedicated to the memory of our late President, Ian Harrison.

Copies are available for \$36.00, and may be purchased at upcoming Society events on October 24 (Mendelssohn Day) and November 3 (organ visit to Brunswick). An order form is attached with this newsletter, and additional forms can be downloaded from [www.sov.org.au](http://www.sov.org.au).

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### ***Open Console at Scotch College Memorial Assembly Hall***

Saturday 26 September, 2.30-4.30pm, 1 Morrison Street Hawthorn.

This is an exclusive opportunity for members to explore the possibilities of the splendid organ by Hill, Norman & Beard (1929-30), installed in the Memorial Assembly Hall by the South Island Organ Company and Peter Jewkes in 2004. Bookings for 20-minute periods may be made with the Secretary. To book, contact Kieran Crichton via email to [secretary@sov.org.au](mailto:secretary@sov.org.au) or on 0407 816 321.

Further information about the organ will be found on the Organ Historical Trust of Australia website: <http://ohta.org.au/organs/organs/Scotch1.html>

**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.

## **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. A nomination form is included with this newsletter. Further copies may be obtained from the Society website.

All 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.



## **SCOTS' CHURCH INTERNATIONAL ORGAN SERIES**

- Tuesday 8 September, 6.15pm** Wolfgang Kleber – organist of the Pauluskirche, Darmstadt, Germany.  
Works by JS Bach, Reger, Mendelssohn and Messiaen.
- Wednesday 9 September, 2.00pm** Master Class 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.  
Works by Bruhns, JS Bach, Mendelssohn and Eben,
- Tuesday 22 September, 6.15pm** Graham Lieschke, organist at St John's Lutheran Church, Southgate, Melbourne.  
Works by Johann Ludwig Krebs and JS Bach
- Tuesday 29 September, 6.15pm** Rhys Boak, organist at St Michael's Church, Collins St, Melbourne.  
Works by JS Bach, Bossi, Jongen, Franck and Guilmant.

All concerts in The Scots' Church are free. Web sites: [www.douglaslawrence.org](http://www.douglaslawrence.org) <http://www.scotschurch.com>

## **ORGAN RECITALS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE**

- 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.

## **ORGAN CENTENARY**

**Sunday 6 September, 2.15pm** at St Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church, 10 Wilson Street, Brighton.

This concert at St Cuthbert's will mark the completion of the ninth year of Early Music in the Very Round and the 100<sup>th</sup> year since completion of the Fincham organ in the church. The Early Music Consort of Melbourne will be joined for the occasion by Bendigo vocalist Merrin Torpy and Melbourne actress Annabel Green. Helga Hill will be at the organ for this special celebration of a century of music-making on the St Cuthbert's organ. Music by JS Bach, Stanley, Pachelbel, Frescobaldi, and others. Sponsored by Bayside City Council and Bayside Library Service. Arranged by the Early Arts Guild of Victoria. Admission is \$5 for adults, with those under 18 free. Bookings are not required. Enquiries: 9699 8417 or Email [helgamhill@bigpond.com](mailto:helgamhill@bigpond.com)

## **ORGAN MUSIC OF THE BAROQUE**

**Sunday 6 September, 3.00pm** at the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories, 548 Burke Road, Camberwell (near Riversdale Rd).

DAVID AGG plays music from the Organ's Golden Age by Bach, Pachelbel, Buxtehude, Dandrieu and Stanley in the magnificent setting of the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories. Donation \$5+ Enquiries: 9809 4426.

## **CONCERTS AT ST ANDREW'S BRIGHTON**

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

## **BLOW THE TRUMPET**

**Friday 11 September, 8.00pm** at Trinity College Chapel, Royal Parade, Parkville.

The Tudor Choristers will perform in the superb acoustic of Trinity College Chapel, directed by Andrew Blackburn. The programme will include the following works, which celebrate polyphony and choral brilliance. Byrd: *Sing Joyfully, Haec Dies*; Gibbons: *O Clap Your Hands*; Batten: *O Sing Joyfully*; Bach: *Jesu, Meine Freude*; Stanford: *Three Motets*; plus works by: Greene, Vaughan Williams, Bruckner, Guerrero, Palestrina, Randall Thomson and Orban Gyorgy.

The Tudor Choristers was founded in Melbourne in 1962 by David Carolane. The small group soon flourished and expanded to become one of Victoria's pre-eminent choirs. Specialising in unaccompanied music, The Tudor Choristers has performed for most of Australia's leading concert organisations, including the ABC, Musica Viva, the Victorian Arts Centre and the Victorian Arts Council. The choir has made radio broadcasts, appeared on national television and in feature film. Performances under such notable guest conductors as Sir David Willcocks and Philip Ledger, and tours of New Zealand and North America, have confirmed The Tudor Choristers' ranking as one of Australia's finest choral ensembles.

Tickets: \$30 (\$20 concession). Bookings: (03) 9513-9992 or at the door. Ticket Secretary, Tudor choristers, PO Box 171. Ivanhoe 3079. [www.tudorchoristers.org.au](http://www.tudorchoristers.org.au)

## **LINDSAY HUTCHINSON CONCERT**

**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.

## **ST AIDAN'S MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT**

**Sunday 13 September, 2.30pm** at St Aidan's Church, Duggan Street, North Balwyn. (Melway Map ref: 46 F3)

St Aidan's Music Society presents Katherine Day in a piano recital. Originally from Little River, Katherine studied the piano with Irene Shaw in Geelong before winning a scholarship to University High School, Melbourne, and pursued advanced studies at the Victorian College of the Arts and the Royal College of Music, London. Katherine has a varied portfolio of activities, including solo recitals, chamber music and working as an accompanist. She has appeared in festivals in Victoria, the ACT and NSW, played concertos with Orchestra Victoria, the Zelman Memorial Symphony and the Melbourne Musicians, and recorded for ABC Classic

FM and 3MBS FM. Admission is \$20 including refreshments. Enquiries and bookings: Maurice Mathers, telephone 9890 8322 or email to [mmathers@netspace.net.au](mailto:mmathers@netspace.net.au)

### **CONCERT AT RICHMOND UNITING CHURCH**

**Sunday 20 September, 5.00pm** at Richmond Uniting Church, 314 Church St, Richmond.

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 is by gold coin donation. Refreshments will be served after each concert in Gallery 314. Enquiries: 9427 1282.

### **PAST ECHOES - EARLY MUSIC ENSEMBLE**

**Sunday 20 September, 3.00pm** at St John's Anglican Church, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell (MEL 59 J1)

Led by Louisa Hunter-Bradley (soprano & recorder), with Victoria Watts (viola da gamba) and David Macfarlane (harpsichord). Since 1997, Past Echoes has been part of the new generation of Early Music specialists in Australia. Programs of diverse provenance, periods and combinations of popular and unknown works have been integral in the accessibility and divergence of Past Echoes programs. Featured regularly in concert series and festivals across Australia, Past Echoes' creativity and excellence attracts a broad range of audiences. Sparkling wine and afternoon tea will be available after the concert with an opportunity to meet the artists. Enquiries: John Lester (M) 0429 331 344.

### **SPRING CONCERT**

**Sunday 27 September, 3.00pm** at St Andrew's Uniting Church, 909 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill.

The choir 'Free Spirit' directed by Deb Leigh will sing a variety of contemporary, gospel and spiritual songs. Also featuring organist Richard Hoy. Admission \$10 including afternoon tea. Proceeds in support of Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project and St Andrews Music Ministry. Inquiries 9890 1515 or 9894 2335.

### **TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT ST PATRICK'S MENTONE**

**Sunday 18 October, 2.00pm** at St Patrick's Catholic Church, corner of Rogers Street and Childers Street, Mentone.

The Bishop Kelly Memorial Concert, featuring internationally renowned prize-winning concert organist Dong-ill Shin (Austin, Texas, USA). 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. This is to be the second of two special events to celebrate this milestone. Enquiries: 9583 2103 (office hours) or 0402 678 148.

### **HISTORIC ORGANS ON RICHMOND HILL**

**Sunday 18 October, 3.00pm** commencing at St Stephen's Anglican Church, 360 Church Street, Richmond.

Rhys Arvidson and Jim Fletcher will present a promenade of three half hour concerts with 15 minute intervals. The concerts will start at **St Stephens**, then to **St Ignatius** and concluding at **Richmond Uniting** followed by refreshments in Gallery 314 next to Richmond Uniting Church. (It is an easy two minute stroll between the churches on Church Street between Swan street and Bridge Road.) Admission is **free** but a gold coin or non perishable item of food donation in support of the Richmond Churches Food Centre run by the three churches would be most welcome.

### **BACH CANTATA SERVICE 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 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.

### **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.

### **'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.

### **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](mailto:june@junenixon.com))

### **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](http://www.ruffatti.com/mioc.htm) or email to [miamiorgancompetition@gmail.com](mailto:miamiorgancompetition@gmail.com)

## **Christopher Wrench plays J.S. Bach's *Six Trio Sonatas* [BWV 525-530] on the organ of the Garnisons Kirke, Copenhagen.**

Christopher Wrench writes 'From the moment I first played the Lund reconstruction of the Garnisons Kirke organ in 1998, I dreamt of recording the Bach Organ Sonatas on the instrument. With my strong interest in informed performance practice, there was no doubt in my mind that the tonal freshness of this particular instrument and the exceptional agility of its mechanism would provide a superb medium for the realisation of Bach's musical vision.'

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### **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](http://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](http://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.

### **Advertising in *Organo Pleno* Newsletter**

News of forthcoming events, advertisements and other items of interest are published in this newsletter free of charge as a service to members. All copy for advertisements is due by the **20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



## FORM OF NOMINATION FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of (address) \_\_\_\_\_,  
a financial member of the Society of Organists (Victoria) Inc, and entitled to vote, wish to nominate  
\_\_\_\_\_ of (address) \_\_\_\_\_,  
another financial member of the Society, as a Council Member of the Society of Organists (Victoria) Inc.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

This nomination form must be returned by (post or email) to the Secretary of the Society of Organists (Victoria) Inc by close of business on **Friday 2 October 2009**.

Election is by postal ballot, and the result will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 2 November 2009**.



# THE SOUTHERN CROSS COLLECTION

## ORGAN MUSIC BY AUSTRALIAN COMPOSERS

The Society of Organists is delighted to announce the publication of *The Southern Cross Collection: Organ Music by Australian Composers*. The collection contains the successful entries from the *New Organ Music Awards* held in 2008 as part of the Society of Organists' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, dedicated to the memory of Ian Harrison.

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