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## Mendelssohn Day

**Saturday 24 October**

### **3.30-5.00pm, St John's Anglican Church Toorak**

Concert featuring Mendelssohn's Six Organ Sonatas, played by organists Gordon Atkinson, David Brown, Robin Batterham, Christopher Cook, David Macfarlane and Christopher Trikilis. Free entry.

### **5.30pm, Toorak Uniting Church**

Recital by Professor Gerard Gillen, Titular Organist, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Dublin, including works by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Hasse and Tournemire. Entry: \$15 for concert only.

### **6.30-10.00pm, Toorak Uniting Church**

Society of Organists Annual Dinner, with an address by Dr Peter Tregear, Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of the VCA and Music, School of Music, Parkville, University of Melbourne. Tickets: \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members, includes entry to recital at 5.30pm.



## COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 3 November** – Cup Day Organ Visit to Brunswick.

The itinerary for this visit to four organs in Brunswick will be published in the next edition of *Organo Pleno Newsletter*. The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held as part of 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.

### **Council Meeting**

The next Council meeting is to be held on **Friday 16 October**. 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](mailto:secretary@sov.org.au) or telephone 0407 816 321, by Friday 9 October.

## **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.

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

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

## **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 11 October, 9.00am** Sunday Eucharist

*Wo Gott der Herr nicht bei uns halt* (BWV 178) for 3 soloists, chorus, strings, 2 oboes, horn & continuo; and Bach's newly discovered *Organ Fantasia* on the same chorale (BWV 1128).

St Johns Bach Choir, St Johns Bach Orchestra, directed by Graham Lieschke.

**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.

# **PIPE UP MELBOURNE TOWN HALL ORGAN EVENTS IN THE MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL**

## **CAMERON CARPENTER**

**Sunday 11 October, 7.30pm - 9.15pm** at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

One of the world's most exciting young musicians is making his Australian debut. Cameron Carpenter is known for his intensely personal, often flamboyant, performances. Dubbed 'The Maverick Organist,' his organ playing has to be heard to be believed. The first organist to have been nominated for a Grammy Award, Carpenter will play a diverse mix of music, from Messiaen and Liszt to unique renditions of John Coltrane and Patsy Cline, a version of John Williams' Harry Potter soundtrack and the world premiere of his own composition. Doors open at 7.00pm.

Admission \$40. Groups (8+): \$36. Concession: \$30. Student: \$25 Melbourne Festival Discount Packages available.

Bookings at Ticketmaster 1300 136 166 & [www.melbournefestival.com.au](http://www.melbournefestival.com.au) Cameron Carpenter is also appearing in 'Shall We?' on Monday 12 October. Enquiries: 9658 9658 [grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au) [www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan](http://www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan)

## **DOUBLE BILL - SACRED SELECTIONS & SHALL WE?**

**Monday 12 October, 7.30pm - 9.30pm** at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Pipe Up: C17 to C21 – 400 years of organ. From Chopin to The Church, the organ is taken to the extreme in a night of hard core musical exploration.

**PART 1:** Ollie McGill and Rowan Vince perform Matt Stokes - Sacred Selections British contemporary artist Matt Stokes has taken 'choice cuts' from different styles of underground music, and had it transcribed for the pipe organ, an instrument with an important role in worship of a different kind. Two Melbourne keyboard wizards Ollie McGill (The Cat Empire, The Genie) and Rowan Vince (Late Night Piano Club) will perform renditions of happy hardcore, black metal and seminal Aussie acts from Jimmy Barnes to The Church.

**PART 2:** Cameron Carpenter and Bishi - Shall We? Two of the world's most original young talents come together in musical harmony and mutual respect. USA organist Cameron Carpenter and UK singer, sitar player and DJ Bishi will perform a truly diverse repertoire encompassing ancient Sanskrit, Chopin and Disney.

Doors open at 7.00pm. Enquiries: 9658 9658 [grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au) [www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan](http://www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan)

Admission \$45. Groups (8+): \$40.50 Concession: \$33.75. Student: \$25 Melbourne Festival Discount Packages available.

Bookings at Ticketmaster 1300 136 166 and [www.melbournefestival.com.au](http://www.melbournefestival.com.au)

## **BACH MARATHON WITH CALVIN BOWMAN**

**Sunday 18 October, 8.00am - Midnight** (with intervals) at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) is widely regarded as the most influential creator of music – ever. His organ works are a pinnacle, both in Bach's opus and in the organ's repertoire. Part musical concert, part endurance test, this unique event sees acclaimed organist Calvin Bowman attempt to perform the complete organ works of JS Bach in one day.

This is a FREE event. No bookings required. General admission seating. First in, best dressed. Doors open at 7.45am.

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## Dong-ill Shin in Melbourne

Dong-ill Shin, originally from Korea but now based in Austin, Texas, USA, is touring to Melbourne for three concerts. Dong-ill Shin has performed all over the world and has won many prestigious awards including the Grand Prix de Chartres International Organ Competition. His musical sensitivity combined with a flawless technique has won over audiences and critics alike, and he is hailed as one of the great talents of his generation. 'He demonstrated how wonderfully an organist can bring life to an organ' (L'Alsace, France).

### **SENIORS ORGAN-IC LUNCH WITH DONG-ILL SHIN**

**Wednesday 7 October, 1.00pm - 2.00pm** at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Enjoy an hour of popular organ works as a special event in the Victorian Seniors Festival. Dong-ill Shin was a child prodigy in his native Korea, winning prizes at prestigious international competitions including St. Albans and Chartres. Program: *Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux from Mess pour les couvents* by F Couperin; *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* (BWV 532) by JS Bach; *Allegro from Symphony No. 6* by CM Widor; *Gospel Prelude 'O Zion Haste How firm a foundation'* by W Bolcom; *Adagio from Symphony No. 3* by L Vierne; *Prelude and Fugue on the name of B-A-C-H* by F Liszt. Admission \$5. Credit card bookings on 1800 136 762, or send a cheque to: Seniors Festival, c/- Information Victoria, 505 Little Collins St, MELBOURNE VIC 3000. Enquiries: 9658 9658 [grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au) [www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan](http://www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan)

### **St Aidan's Music Society Concert**

**Friday 16 October, 8.00pm** at St Aidan's Church, Duggan Street, North Balwyn. (Melway Map ref: 46 F3)

St Aidan's Music Society has pleasure in presenting the brilliant organist Dong-ill Shin in concert on the magnificent pipe organ in St Aidan's. Shin's program will include works by Bach, Franck, Widor, Vierne and Liszt. Admission \$20, includes refreshments. Enquiries Bruce Steele 9817 2151.

### **Bishop Kelly Memorial Recital**

**Sunday 18 October, 2.00pm** at St Patrick's Catholic Church, cnr Rogers and Childers Sts, 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. The next event will be held to celebrate this important milestone is the annual Bishop Kelly Memorial Concert featuring internationally renowned concert organist Dong-ill Shin performing works by Bach, Franck, Widor, Vierne and Liszt. An event you will not want to miss! Admission \$10 including afternoon tea. Enquiries: 9583 2103 (office hours) or 0402 678 148.

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

**Sunday 18 October, 3.00pm** at St Andrew's Anglican Church, cnr New Street and Church Street, Brighton.

The Australian Youth Choir, with director Bill Simmons, is a highly regarded choir, performing throughout Australia and the world. They will be joined by the Choir of St Andrew's for this concert. Admission: \$20 (\$10 students) at the door. Enquiries: 9592 1240.

### **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. 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.

### **CHORAL MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S TOORAK**

**Sunday 1 November, 2.00pm** at St John's Church, cnr Toorak and Orrong Roads, Toorak.

The soloists and choir of St Johns Church Toorak will sing *Schubert's Mass in G*, *'Lord I flee to Thee'* by Mendelssohn, and Britten's *'Abraham and Isaac'*. Entry by donation.

### **ORGAN-IC LUNCH WITH THE AIR FORCE BAND**

**Monday 16 November, 1.00pm - 2.00pm** at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

The Air Force Band is back for another year – with a brand new program. Since its inception in 1921, the Air Force Band has supported Australia's Defence Forces with fine musical entertainment, through both peaceful and turbulent times. Come and enjoy a mix of marches, hummable tunes and exciting organ solos from composers including Elgar, Grainger, JS Bach and Walton. Featuring conductor Steve Wright and organ soloist Brendon Lukin. Program includes: *Spitfire Prelude and Fugue* by Walton; *Padstow Life Boat March* by Vinter; *Toccata & Fugue in D minor* (solo organ) by JS Bach; *Irish Tune From County Derry* by Percy Grainger; *Pomp and Circumstance March No 1* by Elgar.

This is a FREE event. No bookings required. Doors open at 12.30pm. Enquiries: 9658 9658 [grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au) [www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan](http://www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan)

### **DIS-ORGAN-EYES-D-2**

**Monday 16 November, 8.00pm - 9.00pm** at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Following its successful 2008 debut, Dis-organ-eyesd returns for another year. RMIT University's Technology, Composition and Perception students create electronic soundscapes unlike any the Melbourne Town Hall Grand Organ has heard before. Students will be making the most of the organ's vast musical instrument digital interface (MIDI) capabilities, presenting a suite of works sure to arouse the senses and challenge the intellect. All works are world premieres, written especially for the Melbourne Town Hall Grand Organ, including a new commissioned work from 2008 Kristian Roberts. This is a FREE event. No bookings required. General admission seating. Doors open at 7.45pm.

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## **VOICES FOR DIDGERIDOO, ORGAN AND NARRATOR BY PHILIP GLASS**

**Friday 4 December, 6.30pm - 8.00pm** at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Presented by the Interfaith Centre of Melbourne and the City of Melbourne. Enjoy a special reprise performance of music written to celebrate the reopening of the Melbourne Town Hall Grand Organ in 2001. US composer extraordinaire Philip Glass's composition brings together the traditions of a distinctly European wind instrument (the grand organ), with a traditional Indigenous Australian wind instrument, the didgeridoo. Together with celebrated didgeridoo artist Mark Atkins and Wurundjeri elder Joy Murphy Wandin, Glass created a musical and spiritual message that speaks of both Indigenous and Western cultures. Presented as part of the Parliament of the World's Religions and with the original performers, this special work will be heard in Australia for the first time since its world premiere more than eight years ago. Voices will be complemented by performers from the parliament.

Organist: Calvin Bowman. Didgeridoo: Mark Atkins & Ron Murray. Narrator: Joy Murphy Wandin.

Doors open at 6.00pm. Admission from \$15. Bookings 9639 0096 & [www.easytix.com.au](http://www.easytix.com.au)

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## **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)

## **CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS AT ST GEORGE'S MALVERN**

A number of choral scholarships have been established at St George's Malvern, a church renowned for its long tradition of fine music. Singers need to be available for Sunday morning services, a Thursday night rehearsal, and for a few special services throughout the year. For further information please contact the Director of Music, Dr Calvin Bowman, on 9751 0325, or via email at [calvin.bowman@aya.yale.edu](mailto:calvin.bowman@aya.yale.edu)

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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.

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# 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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# ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Society of Organists will be held on Saturday 24 October 2009, 6.30-10.00pm, at Toorak Uniting Church, 603 Toorak Road Toorak.

Dinner will be preceded by a recital in Toorak Uniting Church by guest artist Professor Gerard Gillen, Titular Organist of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Dublin, featuring works by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Hasse, Stanford and Tournemire.

Your dinner booking includes discounted admission to the recital at 5.30pm.

Dinner will be two courses, including a spit roast, and the venue operates a bar service.

The speaker for the dinner will be Dr Peter Tregear, Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of the VCA and Music, School of Music, Parkville, University of Melbourne.

**Please return this booking form by Friday 9 October, including a note of any special dietary requirements.**

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## BOOKING FORM

Number of guests: ..... @ \$35.00 (members) ..... @ \$45 (non-members)

*Dinner booking includes  
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