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## COMING EVENTS

### Mendelssohn Day, THIS SATURDAY 24 October

#### THE FACE OF JANUS: FELIX MENDELSSOHN'S ORGAN SONATAS

**3.30pm, St John's Anglican Church (corner Toorak and Clendon Roads, Toorak): Free Entry.**

The *Six Sonatas for Organ* (Op. 65) of Felix Mendelssohn present a plethora of stylistic and formal devices described by Larry Todd as "paradoxically Janus-faced, eyeing the baroque splendours of Bach through the lens of Felix's own stylistic identity." This recital is a unique opportunity to hear all of the sonatas performed by six prominent Melbourne organists: Christopher Cook, David Brown, Robin Batterham, Gordon Atkinson, David Macfarlane and Andrew Blackburn.

#### GERARD GILLEN IN CONCERT

**5.30pm, Toorak Uniting Church (603 Toorak Road, Toorak): Entry -- \$15 for concert only**

Professor Gerard Gillen is the Titular Organist, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Dublin, and one of Ireland's most influential musicians. This concert is his first and only Australian performance. The programme will feature music by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Hasse and Tournemire.

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 2pm, Tuesday 3 November 2009 at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 183 Hope Street Brunswick West. Please see the attached document for annual reports and meeting papers. If you are intending to be present at the meeting, please bring this document with you.

Members wishing to bring items of general business to the meeting must notify to the Secretary in writing by sending to **P.O. Box 315 Camberwell 3124** or via email to [secretary@sov.org.au](mailto:secretary@sov.org.au) to arrive no later than close of business on **Monday 2 November 2009**.

### Message from the Vice-President

At the 2008 Annual General Meeting, the Council of the Society of Organists Victoria convened a Special Meeting outlining a wide range of Constitutional changes to tidy up and ease the operations of our Society into the future.

During the changeover of councils, there was a delay in lodging the changes with the Department of Justice (to whom all registered organisations are responsible), who have advised the Society that the changes must be reconfirmed at a public meeting before resubmission.

For ease of holding such a meeting, it has been decided to include reconfirmation of the constitutional changes in our Annual General Meeting on Melbourne Cup Day (Tuesday, November 3, 2009) at St Joseph's Catholic Church, West Brunswick.

Christopher Trikilis  
Vice-President and Public Officer

# Cup Day Organ Visit to Brunswick.

**Tuesday 3 November from 10.30am**

Council has decided to try a slightly altered format for this regular Society event. Because of the close proximity of the first three churches for the day, there will be three short demonstration recitals to allow all members and guests to hear the instruments, followed by an hour of open console in all three churches to allow all members wishing to play the instruments to have the opportunity to do so.

Time	Place & Event
1030	Organ demonstration by Gordon Atkinson at St Ambrose Catholic Church (287 Sydney Road)
1050	Organ demonstration by David Macfarlane at Christ Church Anglican Church (8 Glenlyon Road)
1110	Organ demonstration by Kieran Crichton at Brunswick Uniting Church (214 Sydney Road)
1130	Open console at St Ambrose, Christ Church at Brunswick Uniting Church
1230	Lunch
1400	<u>Annual General Meeting</u> of the Society at St Joseph's Catholic Church West Brunswick
1500	Running of the Melbourne Cup
1515	Organ demonstration by Anthony Halliday at St Joseph's West Brunswick (183 Hope Street), followed by open console.

To facilitate booking a lunch venue, could anyone wishing to join a group booking at lunch contact the Kieran Crichton via email to [secretary@sov.org.au](mailto:secretary@sov.org.au) or telephone 0407 816 321 no later than midday on **Monday 2 November**.

## GRAND ORGAN EVENTS AT THE MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. Philip Glass' 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 performance is the first time to experience Glass' *Voices* since its world premiere more than eight years ago.

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)

For enquiries about all City of Melbourne organ concerts, telephone 9658 9658, email [grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan](http://www.thatsmelbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan)

## **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.

## **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.

## **FAURÉ'S REQUIEM AT CAMBERWELL**

**Sunday 1 November, 3.00pm** at Our Lady of Victories Basilica, 548 Burke Rd, Camberwell.

The Choir of Queen's College, directed by Matthew Champion, with David Agg, organ, present *Fauré's Requiem* on the eve of All Souls' Day. Donation \$5+. Enquiries 9809 4426.

## **150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RECITAL AT LAUNCESTON**

**Sunday 8 November, 2.00pm** at Albert Hall, Launceston, Tasmania.

Grand Organ Recital by Dr Lindsay Hutchinson on the fine 3 manual 1860 Charles Brindley Pipe Organ. The recital will include some of the works played in the opening recital by George Pringle, of Melbourne - sometime organist of St Andrew's Brighton, St Peter's Eastern Hill and St Francis Church, Lonsdale Street, and conductor and organist of the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Society. Entry: Gold coin donation to assist with restoration of the Albert Hall.

## **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.

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

**Sunday 22 November, 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 Cantorion Cymreig Victoria Welsh Choir in concert. Now in its third decade of music-making, the choir presents about thirty concerts a year mainly in Victoria and interstate. Admission \$20 includes refreshments. Enquiries Maurice Mathers 9890 8322 or [mmathers@netspace.net.au](mailto:mmathers@netspace.net.au)

## **SAINT CECILIA'S DAY RECITAL BY MATTHEW SCHULTZ**

**Sunday 22 November, 3.00pm** at Western Heights Uniting Church, Douglass Street, Herne Hill, Geelong.

Featuring music by composers celebrating anniversaries in 2009, including Purcell, Handel and Mendelssohn. Enquiries: 0418578968

## **ADVENT ORGAN CONCERT SERIES AT MENTONE**

St Patrick's Catholic Church, cnr Rogers and Childers Streets, 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. Join us for music of the season performed by prominent Melbourne organists each Saturday at 5.00pm (admission FREE).

**Saturday 28 November, 5.00pm** John Mallinson (former Organist and Master of the Choristers, St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne)

**Saturday 5 December, 5.00pm** Baltazar Kurowski (Organ Scholar, St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne)

**Saturday 12 December, 5.00pm** Janet Gibbs (Director of Music, St Mark's Anglican Church Fitzroy)

**Saturday 19 December, 5.00pm** *Four hands, four feet* - Dr Gordon Atkinson and Christopher Trikilis (Director of Music, St Patrick's Mentone) performing duets.

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

## **KIERAN CRICHTON RECITAL AT MOOROOLBARK**

**Sunday 29 November, 2.30pm** at St Francis in the Fields Anglican Church, 224 Hull Road, Mooroolbark. (Melway 51 G1)

Composers will include Mendelssohn, Rheinberger, JS Bach, SS Wesley, Schumann, Albrechtsberger & Reger.

Afternoon tea to follow. \$15 / \$10 concession (under 12 free). Enquiries: 9761 9242.

## **SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITING (FORMERLY DORCAS STREET PRESBYTERIAN) 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Sunday 6th December 4pm**, 325 Dorcas St, South Melbourne.

Organ Recital by Matthew Schultz and Historical Exhibition. Refreshments served. RSVP appreciated. Enquiries: 96901188

## **ORGANIST REQUIRED, ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH, GLEN IRIS.**

Applications are sought from qualified, experienced and enthusiastic musicians for the position of Organist at St Andrew's Uniting Church (corner Burke and Malvern Roads, Glen Iris) commencing from January 2010. The church boasts a fine and well-maintained two-manual organ with 21 stops built by David Fincham in 1973. Ordinary duties are to play for Sunday Worship at 10.00am and festival services at Christmas and Easter. There is no choir at present, although the parish would be supportive of any musical activities the successful applicant may wish to promote by way of increasing the musical offering in worship or concerts. St Andrew's is a prominent church with many weddings and funerals each year. The annual salary is in accordance with Society of Organists guidelines, and is currently set at \$6,840.00 per annum (+CPI), with additional fees for pastoral services. For all enquiries contact Heather Cameron via email: [hmcameron@comcen.com.au](mailto:hmcameron@comcen.com.au) or telephone 0407 330 442. Applications close Monday 30 November. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 7 December 2009.

## **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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