

Society Events...

QUEENS BIRTHDAY REGIONAL ORGAN RAMBLE TO SALE

Monday 11 June, commencing 11.00am

Members may either make the 2¼ hour drive from Melbourne to Sale, or catch the V/Line Gippsland Train which departs from Southern Cross Station at 7.25am, picking up passengers at Flinders Street, Caulfield, Dandenong and Pakenham, arriving in Sale at 10.18am. (Saturday Timetable)

A free car-pooling service will be provided from the Sale Train Station, between the venues and then back to the Sale Train Station before 5.10pm. If you wish to travel by train, please advise Simon Colvin via email membership@sov.org.au or phone on 0409 202 875 before **Sunday 3 June**. Discounted cost is \$35 in a GROUP BOOKING of at least 12 people travelling together first class.

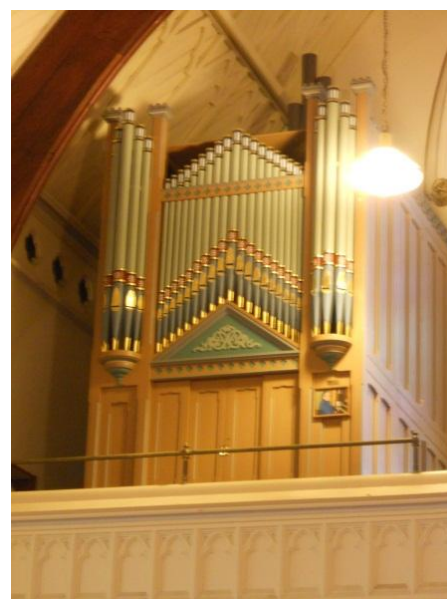
10.30am – 11.00am Members are welcome to arrive at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, explore the precinct and have some morning tea and refreshments in Delbridge Hall, adjacent to the Cathedral.

11.00am – 12.15pm St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Cunningham Street (1882 George Fincham, 2m, 12 spst, 3c, tr & elpn.) Originally built for the residence of Dr. Joseph S. Summers, Windsor.

12.30pm – 2.00pm **Lunch** - a group booking has been made at Sporting Legends & Thyme on York bar and bistro, www.sportinglegends.com.au although members are still free to make their own arrangements.

2.15pm – 3.30pm St. Columba's Uniting Church, cnr Macalister and Raymond Streets, (1968 Laurie Pipe Organs, 2m, 18 spst, 2c, elpn [7 ranks])

3.45pm – 5.00pm St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral, cnr Foster and Pearson Streets, (Unknown; possibly c.1884 William Stone incorporating older parts, 2m, 12 spst, 3c, tr.) This is the only pipe organ in Gippsland with a reed (Bassoon 16') on the pedal division.



Photos: Anthony Hahn.

REVIEW: Gordon Stewart at Toorak Uniting Church (Sunday 20 May)

The Society and Toorak Uniting Church members and friends enjoyed a warm and informal presentation by Gordon Stewart of musical items interlaced with anecdotes of his Scottish upbringing, organ education and beyond. The son of a Scottish Presbyterian Minister in Dundee, Gordon 'escaped' to Manchester where his musical horizons underwent an exponential growth, particularly through contact with a wondrous and glamorous star of the organ, by the name of Gillian Weir.

Participation in a master class under Lionel Rogg led to an invitation to Geneva to study with him, something only able to be managed after applying for and receiving an educational scholarship funded by Sean Connery, also of Scottish origin.

Musical items included *The Cuckoo* from an organ concerto of Handel, Festing's *Aria and Variations* and concluded with *Sonata No.1 BWV 525* of JS Bach. The program was performed on the Peter Collins organ utilizing eight stops only (of the thirty-two) and rich, and sonorous sounds were produced for us.

Members subsequently enjoyed a light afternoon tea in the Manse Gallery Café, Kinross House, at the rear of the church with Gordon.

Alan Roberts, President.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*Sunday 9 September*

Student Concert.

Tuesday 6 November

Cup Day Metropolitan Organ Ramble & Annual General Meeting.

Friday 9 November

Annual Dinner.

Other Events...**ST AIDAN'S MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERTS**

St Aidan's Church, 17 - 21 Duggan Street, North Balwyn 3104 (Melway Map 46 F3).

*Sunday 3 June, 2.30pm***Musical Society of Victoria – Prizewinners' Concert**

A concert featuring instrumentalist prizewinners for 12 years & under, and 15 years & under.

*Sunday 12 August, 2.30pm***Vivien Hamilton (soprano) and Len Vorster (Piano)**

Two of Melbourne's favourite performers team up to delight you with their varied program of songs.

*Sunday 2 September, 2.30pm***Musical Society of Victoria – Armstead Singing Award**

A very popular concert featuring finalists in the 19 – 30 age group. Come to hear the future singers.

*Sunday 9 September, 2.30pm***Australian Boys Choir**

A return of this popular choir with another fun-packed program to entertain you. This is one of our most well-attended events.

*Sunday 11 November, 2.30pm***Conda Trio** – Richard Keuneman (violin), Julia Monsbrough (French horn), Anna Carson (piano).

A delightful combination of instruments which will charm the ear in the church's outstanding acoustic. Please support them.

Tickets: \$20 per concert including refreshments. Further details phone 9890 8322, mmathers@netspace.net.au www.staidans.org.au**THE AUSTRALIAN VOICES CHAMBER ENSEMBLE***Friday 8 June, 7.30pm* at Christ Church South Yarra, cnr Toorak and Punt Roads, South Yarra.

The Australian Voices chamber ensemble is touring to Victoria in early June, plus they're running a free workshop prior to the concert at 6.30pm, at which they offer the opportunity for attendees to learn a piece and sing it with the choir during the concert. Tickets for the concert cost \$25/\$18 concession, \$10 for school students, and pre-school aged children enter free.

If you would really like to come, but cannot afford the ticket cost, the Christ Church Music Foundation may be able to help. Please email Philip Nicholls, Director of Music, directly with all requests for assistance at music@ccsy.org.auFor further information go to www.darwinvoices.com/tickets.aspx or visit their web page www.theaustralianvoices.com**ROLAND ATELIER ORGAN CONCERT/WORKSHOP WITH TONY FENELON***Tuesday 12 June, 2.00pm & 7.30pm* at Bernies Music Land, 381 Canterbury Road, Ringwood.

One of the world's most famous theatre organists joins us for a magical day of organ music, playing tips and Atelier joy!

Admission \$20 or 2 x MusiClub 2012 vouchers. Enquiries Ph: 9872 5122.

MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE BACH COMPETITION (Note revised date)*Sunday 17 June, 3.00pm* at the Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, 31 Sturt Street, Southbank.Final round of this year's competition. Young soloists, duos, small ensembles perform JS Bach repertoire on instruments of their choice. The final was initially scheduled for Sunday, 3 June 2012 but due to a number of reasons it was decided to push the date forward to Sunday, 17 June so as to ensure that everything was organised properly and contestants were provided with adequate time to prepare. Prizes to be awarded at the conclusion. Enquiries phone: 9207 2631, Email: craig.fernandes@melbournerecital.com.au**RSCM MUSIC SUNDAY FESTIVE CHORAL EVENSONG***Sunday 17 June, 6.00pm* at Christ Church South Yarra, cnr Toorak and Punt Roads, South Yarra.

Singing at Evensong is open to any chorister who can attend the 4.30pm rehearsal on the day and has registered by email beforehand. Vicar: The Revd Dr Richard Treloar. Preacher: The Revd Dr Craig D'Alton (vicar of St Mary's, North Melbourne) led by the Choir of Christ Church, South Yarra. Director of Music: Philip Nicholls. Parish Organist: Siegfried Franke.

Music: *Yoruba Jubilate* – Christopher Dearnley; *Responses on an Australian Theme* – Peter Godfrey; *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis* – Rosalie Bonighton; *Sing We Merrily* (The RSCM Music Sunday Commission for 2012) – Malcolm Archer, plus hymns for choir and congregation. Enquiries: Philip Nicholls, Director of Music, Christ Church, South Yarra. Email: music@ccsy.org.au**ST MARK'S FITZROY CONCERT SERIES 2012**St Mark's Anglican Church, 250 George Street, Fitzroy. Enquiries: Jeremy Fletcher 0429 395 484. jeremy.fletcher1@me.com*Sunday 24 June, 2.30pm***LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY**

St Mark's Choir, Fitzroy; Jeremy Fletcher, director. The tremendous feast of the birth of The Baptist coincides with the mystical day of the mid-year solstice. Come and hear these two great realities explored in the language of music. Full \$20; Concession \$15. Admission at the door includes afternoon tea.

Palestrina – *Ut Quant Laxis*Palestrina – *Justus ut Palma Florebit*Gibbons – *This is the Record of John*Gibbons – *Short Service*Lloyd Webber – *Prelude on 'Winchester New'**Sunday 22 July, 2.30pm***THE LINDSAY O'NEILL MEMORIAL ORGAN RECITAL**

Dion Henman, organ. Lindsay O'Neill (1924-2002) was one of Australia's most distinguished organists. Lindsay had a close connection with St Mark's and he performed the opening recital on the 1938 Harrison and Harrison organ. Lindsay's ashes are interred in the Calvary Garden at St Mark's. Full \$20; Concession \$15. Admission at the door includes afternoon tea.

J S Bach – *Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor BWV542*Mendelssohn – *Sonata No. 2 in C Minor*Franck – *Prelude, Fugue and Variation Op.18*Stanford – *Postlude in D*A E Floyd – *Sketch in F*Thalben-Ball – *Elegy*Howells – *Rhapsody No. 3**Sunday 9 September, 2.30pm***MAGNIFICAT**

St Mark's Choir, Fitzroy. Jeremy Fletcher, director. A musical celebration of two great feasts - the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September) and Our Lady of Sorrows (15 September). Full \$20; Concession \$15. Admission at the door includes afternoon tea.

Cascioli – *Stabat Mater*Byrd – *Magnificat (Second Service)*C J Luke – *Ave Maria*Biebl – *Ave Maria*Palestrina – *Missa Ave Maria*

BACH@TRINITY 2012 — AN INTERNATIONAL BACHFEST

Sunday 1 July, 3.00pm at the German Lutheran Trinity Church, 22 Parliament Place, East Melbourne.

'*JS Bach – Arias*', final event of the BachFest presented by the Australian Bach Society Inc. Julia Nafisi (alto), Anne Gilby (oboe, oboe d'amore, cor anglais), Fiona Piggott (cello) and David Macfarlane (harpsichord) will perform arias from various cantatas for contralto, solo instrument and continuo. Admission: \$35 (concession \$25). Patrons: Allan J. Myers AO QC; Thomaskantor, Georg Christoph Biller. Information: www.kirche.org.au Booking: www.trybooking.com

CAMERON CARPENTER: SOLO ORGAN-ic

Monday 2 July, 7.00pm at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

The world of Cameron Carpenter is one in which anything is possible. At just 30 years of age, Cameron Carpenter has re-defined the pipe organ as an instrument for the modern times. A dazzling showman, Cameron performs the great works of the organ repertoire with remarkable freshness, creates his own colourful compositions that have been compared to Percy Grainger and Liszt, and expands the pipe organ pallet into anime, popular culture and beyond.

Cameron first performed at the Melbourne Town Hall in 2009 where he wowed both audience members and critics. "... a one-man orchestra ... outrageous showmanship can sit with an uncompromising musical intellect ... but it was the sheer creative force of the music itself that pushed this performance beyond the realm of spectacle" (The Age).

Tickets available through Ticketmaster. Ph: 136 100 or www.ticketmaster.com.au/prices \$16 to \$40, plus \$5.50 fee per transaction. Melbourne Town Hall contact details: 03 9658 9658 grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan



6-WEEK ORGAN PLAYING COURSE

Thursday 19 July, 10.30am – 11.30am at Bernies Music Land, 381 Canterbury Road, Ringwood.

A hands-on playing course for home organists. Come and learn the foundations of playing along with rhythms and getting the most from your organ. Organists of all levels are welcome. Course: \$198, Bookings essential. Phone Craig: 9872 5122.

CONCERT ON RICHMOND HILL

Sunday 19 August, 5.00pm at Richmond Uniting Church, 314 Church Street Richmond.

Organ concert featuring Jennifer Chou, final of the '2012 Concerts on Richmond Hill' series, performed on the 1888 Fincham organ. Approximately one hour duration. Admission is by gold coin donation. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

For further details, please call 9427 1282.

Opportunities and Trading Table

ORGANIST / MUSIC DIRECTOR

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Williamstown, seeks suitable applicants with an enthusiasm for traditional and innovative forms of liturgy. The position is to be on a sessional basis, including most Sundays, special events and with a large wedding ministry. Holy Trinity has a century-old William Anderson pipe organ in ongoing restoration, supported by an Alex Steinbach grand piano. With such a sizeable wedding ministry, this could be a shared position. To express interest or discuss this position, please contact the Vicar, the Rev Bill Beagley on 0408 349 315 or Email: william.beagley@three.com.au

ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

Christ Church, North Adelaide is seeking an enthusiastic and committed Organist and Choir Director to develop their excellent musical tradition from the *Book of Common Prayer*. Services on Sundays at 8.00am and 10.30am, Evensong at 6.00pm.

Please contact the Rev Canon Lyndon Sulzberger, 35 Palmer Place, North Adelaide, SA, 5006.

Email: rector@ccna.asn.au Website: www.ccna.asn.au Mob: 0407 408 811.

SOPRANO CHORAL SCHOLAR

There is a vacancy for a paid Soprano Choral Scholar in the choir of Christ Church Brunswick. The choir sings High Mass on Sundays, Evensong and Benediction on the last Sunday of the month and special services during Easter and Christmas. The church is offering a competitive choral scholarship which is paid quarterly in arrears. For further information, please contact the Director of Music, David Cundy :- music@christchurchbrunswick.org

TENOR REQUIRED

There is a vacancy for a Tenor in the choir of St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. The choir sings choral evensong on Tuesdays to Fridays during school term and Choral Eucharist and Evensong on Sundays. The choir is also renowned for its carol services at Christmas, Advent and Easter. If you are interested or require further information, please contact the Director of Music, Dr June Nixon :-

june@junenixon.com

FINAL FLOURISH

Dr June Nixon's book of last verse hymn arrangements, *Final Flourish*, has just been reprinted with a more stable binding!

It is available from your favourite music shop or direct from the publisher – Kevin Mayhew info@kevinmayhewltd.com

ORGAN SPEAKER CABINET FOR SALE

Pre-loved External Speaker Cabinet, complete with 25m multicore cable, to suit Johannes model Opus 15 or similar classic organ.

Light Oak colour. \$1500 or nearest offer. Enquiries to Colin, Mob: 0425 726 880 colinpro2001@yahoo.com

LOWREY ORGAN AVAILABLE

Lowrey model Holiday Deluxe organ available to members, free to a good home.

Location: East Bentleigh. Enquiries: Robyn Kimpton kimptondav@gmail.com

PIPE ORGAN FOR SALE

Enquiries to Dr. John Hamilton, Phone (03) 9808 1568, or Email lynjohn01@optusnet.com.au

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\$36.00 including postage. Visit www.sov.org.au to download an order form.

The Treasurer is patiently waiting to receive subscriptions from a number of members.

If you have overlooked making this important payment, please contact the
Membership Secretary, Simon Colvin. Contact details in the SOV Directory.

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, Allan Smith, on 0419 347 787.

SOV WEBSITE

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

REGISTRAR OF DEPUTIES

Warwick Lewis keeps a list of members willing to play for weddings, funerals or locums for Sunday Services. Contact details below.

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 **20th of each month**. 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 (contact details below). When an item has been sold, or a position filled, please notify the editor to stop your advertisement.

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