

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A block-buster month in the Victorian organ world with the retirement of a cathedral organist after forty years of service and our Melbourne Town Hall Get Organ-ised! Young Performers Day.

On Sunday 3 February I attended St. Paul's Cathedral Melbourne for the final service of Dr. June Nixon as Organist and Director of Music. The cathedral was packed and the musical liturgy drew on many threads associated with her musical life and tenure at the cathedral. The standing congregation broke into spontaneous applause as Dr. Nixon processed out with the Dean and the Choir through to the West Door of the Cathedral. A most fitting tribute.

At the other end of the musical career spectrum we had our Melbourne Town Hall Day on Sunday 17 February with open console sessions, tours of the organ, a brilliant and captivating presentation for young people followed on by enthusiastic queuing of young aspirants to play or at least touch a pedal or console note on the organ. The day concluded with a Young Performers Concert, with performances by Samuel Whitehead, Alan Thomas, Tom Neal-Williams, Sean Wallis and Ria Angelika Polo. Channel 7 sent a cameraman and the Herald Sun two photographers. Our involvement with the City of Melbourne in this event was inspirational for all involved.

Alan Roberts



Samuel Whitehead

Alan Thomas

Tom Neal-Williams

Sean Wallis

Ria Angelika Polo

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Society Events...

#### SOV ORGAN RAMBLE

**Monday 11 March** For our 2013 Labour Day Organ Ramble we return to Kew, which we last visited in November 2006.

The day will begin with two of these churches, and thanks to the nuns at Sacred Heart, we have an opportunity to see the splendid chapel of the Carmelite Monastery with its George Stephens organ.

**10.00 – 11.00am** Sacred Heart Catholic Church, cnr Cotham & Glenferrie Roads, Kew.

**11.15 – 12.15pm** Venue to be confirmed, contact Simon if necessary: 0409 202 875.

**12.15 – 2.15pm** Lunch

**2.15 – 3.15pm** Uniting Church, Highbury Grove, Kew.

**3.30 – 4.30pm** Carmelite Monastery, Stephenson Street, Kew.

NB. If anyone has a list of visits the Society made in past years, Simon Colvin would be grateful to hear from you.

At present the list only goes back as far as June 2001. Email: [members@sov.org.au](mailto:members@sov.org.au)

#### OLIVIER LATRY ORGAN RECITAL IN MELBOURNE

**Wednesday 10 April** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Gisborne Street, East Melbourne. (Melway Map 43 K7)

The internationally renowned organist, Olivier Latry, from Notre-Dame de Paris, will be touring Australia and New Zealand in April, and this will be his only performance in Melbourne – a 'must see' event.

Tickets from [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) search Olivier Latry Organ Recital,

or use this link: <http://www.trybooking.com/CAHZ> Telephone enquiries: 0410 844 552.



## Other Events...

### CHORAL EVENSONG AT BOX HILL

*Saturday 2 March, 4.00pm* at St Peter's Anglican Church, 1038 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill (Melway 75 H4).

Choral Evensong at St Peter's Box Hill, organized by The Friends of Anglican Music Inc. All choristers are welcome to participate in this event. Music includes Morley's setting of the canticles (with faux bourbons) and Mozart's *Ave Verum*. The rehearsal begins at 2.00pm and the Service is at 4.00pm. Conductor Rev Derek Jones and organist Colin Jenkins. Afternoon tea to follow.

### FREE ORGAN CONCERTS AT EAST ST KILDA

All Saints' Church, East St Kilda, cnr Chapel Street and Dandenong Road, East St Kilda.

A series of free Organ concerts are held on the second Sunday of the month, duration approximately 50 minutes.

<i>Saturday 2 March, 7.30pm</i>	Hans Hielscher	Marktkirche Wiesbaden; Concert Organist
(Admission \$20, \$15 Conc, Students 18 and under free. Champagne supper to follow.)		
<i>Sunday 10 March, 4.00pm</i>	Rhys Boak	St Michaels Church, Collins Street
<i>Sunday 14 April, 4.00pm</i>	Chris Trikilis	St Patrick's, Mentone
<i>Sunday 12 May, 4.00pm</i>	Jennifer Chou	Toorak Uniting Church
<i>Sunday 9 June, 4.00pm</i>	Siegfried Franke	St Paul's Cathedral; Christ Church, South Yarra
<i>Sunday 14 July, 4.00pm</i>	Gordon Atkinson	Malvern Presbyterian Church
<i>Sunday 11 August, 4.00pm</i>	Brendon Lukin	St David's, Geelong
<i>Sunday 8 September, 4.00pm</i>	John Kirkham	St Paul's, Geelong
<i>Sunday 13 October, 4.00pm</i>	Christopher Cook	St George's, Malvern
<i>Sunday 10 November, 4.00pm</i>	Hugh Fullarton	Freelance organist, performer, composer, and teacher
<i>Sunday 8 December, 4.00pm</i>	Tom Healey	St Andrew's, Brighton

Further information about all concerts is available from John Rivers: [music@allsaints.org.au](mailto:music@allsaints.org.au)

### THOMAS HEYWOOD RECITAL AT MOOROOLBARK

*Sunday 3 March, 2.30pm* at St Francis in the Fields Anglican Church, 224 Hull Road, Mooroolbark (Melway 51 G1).

Adults \$25, Concession \$15 (under 12 free). Afternoon Tea to follow. Enquiries: 9761 9242.

### CONCERT AT ST ANDREW'S BRIGHTON

*Sunday 3 March, 2.30pm* at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton.

Hans Hielscher, Organist of Wiesbaden Marktkirche and Municipal Organist at Wiesbaden Kurhaus Concert Hall, will perform the following programme:

<i>Gothic Fanfare</i> - Lester Groom;	<i>Prelude on 'Londonderry Air'</i> - Noel Rawsthorne;
<i>Sonata No. 4</i> - Rheinberger;	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> - arr. Dan Miller;
<i>Cantabile</i> - Enrico Pasini;	<i>In the Mystic Land of Egypt</i> - Albert Ketelbey, arr. Hielscher;
<i>Rhapsody in Blue</i> - Gershwin, arr. Hielscher.	Admission \$25/\$20/\$10 at the door.

### WELSH SINGING FESTIVAL

*Sunday 10 March, 3.00pm* at St David's Uniting Church, cnr Aphrasia and Talbot Streets, Newtown (Geelong).

Come join us for the traditional Gymanfa Ganu Welsh singing Festival. Massed choir singing under the direction of Dr Malcolm John. Organist: Brendon Lukin. The Augmented Choir of St David's Uniting Church, The Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir (dir. Jeanette John), The International Harvester Male Chorus (dir. Cliff Rankin), soloists: Juliet Tripodi and Ann Mackinnon, and bass: Thomas Watson. All choristers and general public are welcome to attend. Choir singers please RSVP by 1 March. [alwynhobbs@bigpond.com](mailto:alwynhobbs@bigpond.com) All music will be available online for personal printing.

### ORGAN-ic LUNCH: DOUBLE TAKE

*Wednesday 20 March, 1.00pm* at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

In February 2012, Myfanwy McIndoe and Chris Trikilis were voted as the best young performers in the inaugural Future Organ-ic event. Their prize was a shared Organ-ic Lunch concert at the Melbourne Town Hall, performing on the impressive 4-manual Grand Organ. Be surprised and delighted as two of Australia's brightest musical talents take to the stage with a varied repertoire of music both tried and true and brand new. Composers represented include Cesar Franke, Dulcie Holland, Philip Nunn and Albe Vidakovic.

Enquiries, Ph: 03 9658 9658 [grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au) [www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan)

### PASSION AND RESURRECTION

*Saturday 23 March, 7.30pm* at St Paul's Cathedral, cnr Flinders and Swanston Streets, Melbourne.

A concert to celebrate Passiontide and Easter with an inspiring collection of ancient and modern choral music – including a specially commissioned work by an exciting, young composer, St Paul's own Megan Nelson – performed Australia's newly founded professional chamber choir, Hallelujah Junction, directed by Jonathan Grieves-Smith. Hear the works of England's Thomas Tallis and Spain's Tomas Luis de Victoria – music that has filled the great cathedrals of Europe for centuries – as well as readings and a reflection from the Dean of Melbourne, the Very Reverend Andreas Loewe. A beautiful, spiritual experience, this evening is not to be missed.

Tickets: \$30, available only through the Trybooking Website [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) or at the door.

Enquiries, contact Jonathan Grieves-Smith, Mob: 0439 343 268, Email: [info@hallelujahjunction.com.au](mailto:info@hallelujahjunction.com.au)

### BACH CANTATA SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S SOUTHGATE

St John's Lutheran Church, Southgate, presents the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Series of services incorporating choral music by JS Bach.

Services include organ music on the 1992 Smenge organ, usually by JS Bach.

*Sunday 24 March, 9.00am* Eucharist (Palm Sunday)

*Herr, gehe nicht ins Gericht mit deinem Knecht* (BWV 105) for 4 soloists, choir, horn, 2 oboes, strings and continuo.

St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra directed by Graham Lieschke.

*Thursday 9 May, 7.30pm* Vespers - Ascension Day

(Cantata to be advised) St John's Bach Choir and Orchestra directed by Rick Erickson (Cantor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York City), visiting Melbourne as the fourth St John's Visiting Music Director.

St Johns Southgate, 20 City Rd, Southbank. Parking available at service times. No admission charge.

Enquiries: telephone 9682 4995. [www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au](http://www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au)

## MUSIC AT ST BART'S

*Sunday 24 March, 2.30pm* at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 290 Burnley Street, Burnley.

An eclectic program of music to welcome our new concert grand piano in the warm acoustics of St Bartholomew's Church. Piano, vocal and instrumental works, including the restored Fincham pipe organ. Admission Free. Enquiries: 0394283284.

## THE CROSS OF CHRIST

*Sunday 24 March, 7.00pm* at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Union Road, Surrey Hills.

Come and participate in the meditation 'The Cross of Christ'. The story of Holy Week will be presented in readings, well known hymns and anthems, including music by Bach, Mozart, Handel, Hilton and Wood. Inquiries 9890 2605 or 9894 2335.

## FREE THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS

*Every Thursday 1.00pm to 1.30pm* at St Michael's Uniting Church, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne.

St Michael's organist, Rhys Boak and a number of local and visiting organists are scheduled to give recitals during the year.

See the website for further information: <http://www.stmichaels.org.au> or Phone: 9654 5120.

## TOORAK UNITING CHURCH – VIRGINIA DAVEY MEMORIAL CONCERTS

A Series of four concerts to celebrate the refurbishment of the 1979 Peter Collins organ at Toorak Uniting Church.

*Sunday 7 April, 5.00pm* Maestro Sergio de Pieri OAM and Pasta Plus!

Works by Bach, Alain, Bonnet, Dubois and Ligeti.

*Sunday 5 May, 2.00pm* World Organ Day

850th anniversary worldwide celebration of Notre-Dame de Paris. Jennifer Chou will perform works by Notre-Dame composers.

*Sunday 26 May, 2.00pm* Official Re-inauguration

Douglas Lawrence (organ) and Jacob Lawrence (tenor). Works by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Purcell, Faure, and old Italian.

*Sunday 14 July, 2.00pm* Rising Stars Showcase

Young performers from NSW to perform at TUC as part of their Melbourne concert tour.

An all-concerts pass and individual ticket bookings are available. To book, please go to <http://trybooking.com/CLGS>

Enquiries: [bachbwv000@gmail.com](mailto:bachbwv000@gmail.com)

## ORGAN-ic LUNCH WITH JEAN-CHRISTOPHE GEISER

*Wednesday 15 May, 1.00pm* at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Enjoy a free lunchtime organ concert with Jean-Christophe Geiser, one of Europe's most respected organists performing music from some of the great masters, notably JS Bach and Vierne as well as Lefébure-Wély, Ropartz and Zbinden. Jean-Christophe Geiser has enjoyed a rapid career since 1991 when, at the age of 26, he was awarded the prestigious position of titular organist of the Cathedral of Lausanne, Switzerland's most important gothic building.

Jean-Christophe is currently dean of the organ and harpsichord department at the University of Music of Lausanne and is also artistic director of the Cathedral's Concert Society. Jean-Christophe has performed in numerous countries throughout Europe, America and the former Soviet Union as a concert organist, regularly sponsored by the Pro Helvetia Foundation. He has been invited to perform in the cathedrals of Hamburg, Cologne, Helsinki, Brussels, Oslo and Washington DC among others. Presented by the City of Melbourne.

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## CORRECTION – Organo Pleno Newsletter Dec 2012

Photo caption: SOV Student Concert participants at Toorak Uniting Church, Sunday 9 Sept, were (from left): Alan Thomas, Tansy Pereira, Sarah Yang, Alan Roberts (SOV President), Aidan McGartland, Tom Neal-Williams, Henry Bulbeck, and Sean Wallis.

# Opportunities and Trading Table

## ORGANIST/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – CHRIST CHURCH (ANGLICAN) GEELONG

Expressions of interest are sought from suitably qualified and experienced organists for the position of Organist and Director of Music at Christ Church (Anglican) Geelong. We are seeking a person with talent, creativity and vision to redevelop our small choir, to assist in developing contemporary music and liturgy, and to re-establish the long standing musical traditions of this heritage listed parish church, which in 2013 celebrates its 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our Church organ, by John Courcelle of London, dates from 1862 and has 1639 pipes, including 732 Great Organ pipes of which 600 are the originals which Courcelle designed. It is an integral part of worship, special celebrations, weddings and other festivities at Christ Church.

Further details about the Parish and its music, and about the organ itself – and an opportunity to hear it being played – are available at the parish website at [www.christchurchgeelong.com.au/Chch\\_church\\_ministries.htm](http://www.christchurchgeelong.com.au/Chch_church_ministries.htm). An annual honorarium is negotiable in line with Society of Organists rates, and appointment will be subject to completion of a Working with Children check. A position description is available and short listed applicants will be invited to both interview and audition. Applications close **31 March** and initial enquiries can be made to Fr Russell Trickey, Vicar Email: [trickeyrussell13@gmail.com](mailto:trickeyrussell13@gmail.com) or Mob: 0433 933 738.

## ORGANIST REQUIRED

The Catholic Parish of St Joseph's Chelsea is looking for an organist to play at the weekly Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 9.30am sung Mass as well as special feasts. Weekly choir practice. St Joseph's has recently installed a Frederick Taylor Organ (1906), 2 manual and pedal. St Joseph's is located close to Chelsea railway station. Please contact Fr Gregory Pritchard for further details.

Tel: 9772 2211. Email: [stjosephchelsea@bigpond.com](mailto:stjosephchelsea@bigpond.com)

## BASS SOLOIST

A Bass soloist position at Toorak Uniting Church choir is available from 1 April 2013. The soloist will lead the bass part in the choir, sing solos regularly as arranged with the Director of Music. The soloist is required to attend the 9am choir rehearsal on Sunday mornings and sing at the 10.15am service between February and Christmas Day, including extra services during Holy Week (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday), Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. No mid-week rehearsals. Boxing Day to end of January off duties, 2 weeks sick leave, and a monthly salary is paid. Please contact Jennifer Chou at 0410 844 552 or [bach000@tpg.com.au](mailto:bach000@tpg.com.au) for more information.

## VALE Marie-Claire Alain

One of the most respected organists of the 20th and 21st century, Marie-Claire Alain, died on 26 February 2013 in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, aged 86. She had a prolific recording career and was well known for her ability to perform substantial works from memory.

### ORGAN FOR FREE

Yamaha Electone Model E3. Two 61 note manuals, 25 pedals, thumb presets, integral revolving speaker, and many features. This organ is free to a new home. Location: SE Suburbs. Enquiries: Rick Parker, Mob: 0408 373 972.

### ORGAN FOR SALE

Eaglehawk Anglican Parish are seeking a 'new home' for the pipe organ at St Peter's, High Street, as described in the following link... <http://www.ohta.org.au/organs/organs/Eaglehawk.html> The organ has not been played in recently years, and the asking price is \$1500, which will cover the cost of restoring the room it currently occupies. Enquiries: Andrew Plant, Minister, Eaglehawk Anglican Parish, 1 Haggard Street, Eaglehawk 3556. [chwkg Anglican@gmail.com](mailto:chwkg Anglican@gmail.com) Ph: (03) 5446 8251 or 0419 433 281.

## 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, Allan Smith, on 0419 347 787.

### SOV WEBSITE

The SOV website is [www.sov.org.au](http://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 **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**. All job advertisements which have a specific due date will be included in each issue until that date, whereas items for sale and job advertisements with no date will be included in the current issue only. All items are subject to renewal, amendment or withdrawal by the advertiser, and minor correction or reformatting by the Editor. Please send all advertisements to the Newsletter Editor, Colin Prohasky (contact details below).

### SOV COUNCILLORS FOR 2012-2013

Daniel Bittner, Jennifer Chou, Simon Colvin, David Cundy, Jim Fletcher,  
Hugh Fullarton, Brendon Lukin, Alan Roberts, Allan Smith.

## Society of Organists (Victoria) Directory

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