

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

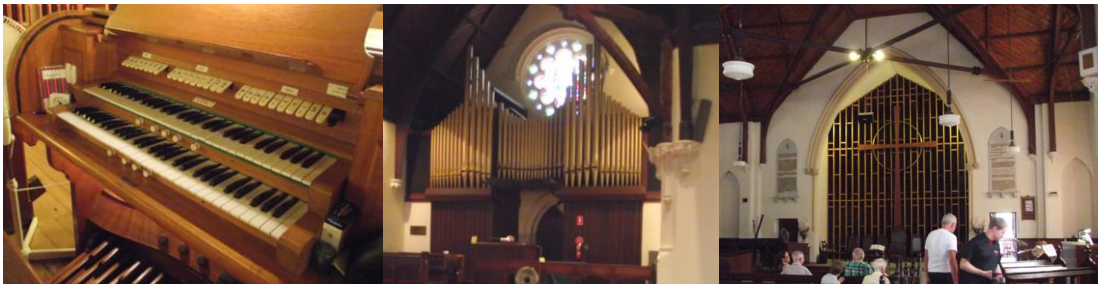
Society Events...

QUEENS BIRTHDAY REGIONAL ORGAN RAMBLE

Monday 10 June Visit to selected organs in the Geelong area.

A bus will be operating on the day. \$20 per person. Bookings essential. Email: members@sov.org.au Venue details next newsletter.

By the way, if anyone has a list of organ visits the Society made prior to 2001, please send to Simon Colvin at the above email address.



**More from Labour
Day Organ Ramble**
(from left)

Sacred Heart, Kew.
Holy Trinity, Kew.
Highbury Grove, Kew.

[Photos by Sean Wallis]

Other Events...

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 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: Balbastre, Daquin, Cochereau, and Vierne. Tickets also at the door.

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 Toorak Uniting Church 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



THOMAS HEYWOOD - ORGAN, BRASS & ORCHESTRA!

Sunday 5 May, 2.30pm at St Andrew's Anglican Church, cnr Church & New Sts, Brighton.

A stunning programme of Grand Organ PLUS! Hear Gigout's *Grand Choeur Dialogue*, Elgar's 'Nimrod' from the *Enigma Variations*, Bach's *Now Thank We All Our God* and more in dazzling arrangements for Grand Organ and Brass Ensemble. There's also a Handel Organ Concerto for Organ and Orchestra in a glorious arrangement by WT Best - including a virtuoso solo cadenza! The concert also includes Schubert's '*Great*' *Mass in E-flat major*, performed by the Camberwell Chorale and Camerata Orchestra conducted by Douglas Heywood OAM. Enquiries: 1300 66 12 44 www.concertorgan.com



FREE ORGAN CONCERTS at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, 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.

Sunday 12 May, 4.00pm

Jennifer Chou

(Director of Music, Toorak Uniting Church)

Sunday 9 June, 4.00pm

Siegfried Franke

(Organist, St Paul's Cathedral and Christ Church South Yarra)

Sunday 14 July, 4.00pm

Gordon Atkinson

(Organist, Malvern Presbyterian Church)

Sunday 11 August, 4.00pm

Brendon Lukin

(Organist, St David's Geelong)

Sunday 8 September, 4.00pm

John Kirkham

(Organist, St Paul's Geelong)

Sunday 13 October, 4.00pm

Christopher Cook

(Director of Music, St George's Malvern)

Sunday 10 November, 4.00pm

Hugh Fullarton

(Freelance organist, performer, composer and teacher)

Sunday 8 December, 4.00pm

Tom Healey

(Director of Music, St Andrew's Brighton)

Further information about all concerts is available from John Rivers: music@allsaints.org.au

BACH CANTATA SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S SOUTHGATE

St John's Lutheran Church, Southgate, presents the 16th Annual Series of services incorporating choral music by JS Bach. Services include organ music on the 1992 Smenge organ, usually by JS Bach.

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

Wer da gläubet und getauft wird (BWV 37) for 4 soloists, chorus, strings, 2 oboes d'amore and continuo.

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.

Sunday 23 June, 9.00am **Eucharist – 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Jesu, nun sei gepreiset (BWV 41) for 4 soloists, chorus, strings, 3 oboes, 3 trumpets, timpani and continuo.

St John's Bach Choir and Orchestra directed by Graham Lieschke. This is the 100th different Bach cantata in the St John's series.

Sunday 11 August, 9.00am **Eucharist – 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut (BWV 199) for soprano solo, violin, oboe and continuo.

Jennifer Cook (soprano) and soloists from the St John's Bach Orchestra.

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

Enquiries: telephone 9682 4995. www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au

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. Enquires, Ph: 03 9658 9658 grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/grandorgan



CONCERT BY DION HENMAN

Sunday 19 May, 3.00pm at St Joseph's Church, 362 Station Street, Chelsea.

Concert of the Gerald Fitzpatrick Pipe Organ, to be given by Dion Henman, Assistant Organist at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. The Fitzpatrick Pipe Organ was originally built by Frederick Taylor for the Presbyterian Church, Kew in 1906. In 2011 it was installed in St Joseph's Church, after 10 years at the Uniting Church, Brunswick. Restored and augmented, many say it sounds its best in the acoustic of St Joseph's. Enquiries: 03 9772 2211.

EARLY MUSIC ON THE MOVE

Sunday 2 June, 2.15pm, starting at St Stephen's Anglican Church, corner North Road and Cochrane Street, Gardenvale, and continuing to St James', corner Murphy Street and North Road, Gardenvale. This spectacular program will begin with the 1929 Hill, Norman and Beard organ at St Stephen's and conclude at the 1902 Anderson/Fuller organ at St James. In between there will be stirring compositions by Telemann, Krebs, Kuhnau and Schiedemann presented by Kieran Crichton (organ) and Matthew Schultz (trumpet and organ). And, during the interval, the bells of St James will ring as everyone takes a short stroll along North Road.

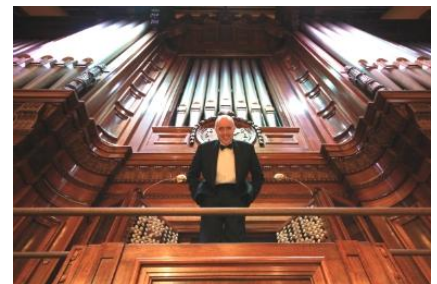
PIPE PERFECT WITH THOMAS HEYWOOD

Sunday 2 June, 2 - 4.00pm at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Can you imagine 'Don Giovanni' on the Grand Organ? How about a Tchaikovsky waltz? Or a Vivaldi double trumpet concerto? All right then... How about a Verdi opera? Melbourne's own international concert organ sensation returns to the Melbourne Town Hall for a Sunday afternoon concert. Thomas Heywood and the Grand Organ combine for an uplifting event that features six world premiere transcriptions from Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Delibes, Vivaldi and the *Aotearoa Overture* by Lilburn.

As it's also 60 years to the day since the last Melbourne City Organist, William McKie, directed the music for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II as the organist of Westminster Abbey, there is some famous royal music too from Sir William Walton.

Admission Price: \$35/\$27/\$18. Under 12 years free. General admission. Doors open at 1pm. Please note advance bookings only available on-line. www.trybooking.com/CNSH Tickets also available at the door from 12:30pm. Contact details: Phone 03 9658 9658, Email: grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au



SOPHIE-VERONIQUE CAUCHEFER-CHOPLIN CONCERTS

Tuesday 10 September at The Scots' Church, cnr Collins and Russell Streets, Melbourne.

Friday 13 September at St Patrick's Catholic Church, cnr Rogers & Childers Streets, Mentone.

Sophie-Veronique Cauchefier-Choplin, co-titular organist at St Sulpice, Paris will return to Melbourne and perform music from JS Bach, C Franck, CM Widor, JJ Grunenwald, A Renaud and improvisations. Concert times will be updated when available.

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.

RSCM MUSIC TOUR

Monday 5 to Tuesday 27 August

Royal School of Church Music is organizing three week a music tour of England, Germany and Austria, with Present Australia.

Email enquiries to: ralphmorton@bigpond.com or info@presentaustralia.com Website: www.presentaustralia.com

Opportunities and Trading Table

CITY OF WARRNAMBOOL EISTEDDFOD 2013

Entries are invited for the Open Pipe Organ Competition (Open Section – all ages).

The Competition is being held on **5th and 6th June** at St Joseph's Church in Warrnambool (cnr Lava & Kepler Sts and Raglan Parade)

Time to be confirmed on receipt of entry form. (Please note: travel time to Warrnambool from Melbourne approx 3 hrs by car or train)

Entry fee: \$5

Prize: \$1,000

Closing date for entries: **Monday 20 May**

Entry Enquiries to Bruce Pritchard: (03) 5562 3784

Music Enquiries to Robert Craven: (03) 5592 1989

Requirements: Performance not to exceed 10 minutes in total. Perform any two pieces of no more than 5 minutes duration for each. Pieces to highlight different ranges of musical styles and moods. Music may be taken from either Classical (17th-18th Century) and/or Romantic (19th Century) and/or Modern/Contemporary (20th Century). Perform from a published edition of the chosen compositions and provide a copy for the adjudicator on the day. Practise times for participants will be available on arrangement (St Joseph's Parish Office 5562 2231) during the fortnight prior to the Competition.

1893 Fincham & Hobday Pipe Organ Specification – St Joseph's Catholic Church, Warrnambool.

GREAT

Double Diapason 16
Open Diapason 8
Claribel 8
Loud Gamba 8
Dulciana 8
Principal 4
Harmonic Flute 4
Octave Quint 2-2/3
Fifteenth 2
Mixture 17.19.22 III
Trumpet 8

SWELL

Bourdon 16
Open Diapason 8
Stopped Diapason 8
Gamba 8
Celeste 8 TC
Octave 4
Rohr Flöte 4
Super Octave 2
Mixture 17.19.22 III
Cornopean 8
Oboe 8
Vox Humana 8
Tremulant

CHOIR

Harmonic Flute 8
Gedact 8
Keraulophon 8
Vox Angelica 8 TC
Flute 4
Harmonic Piccolo 2
Clarinet 8

PEDAL

Open Diapason 16
Bourdon 16
Viola 8
Violoncello 8

Compass: 56/30

7 couplers

4 fixed thumb pistons to Great

4 fixed thumb pistons to Swell

Detached draw knob console

Tubular-pneumatic action

HISTORIC PIPE ORGANS OF MELBOURNE VOL. 2

The second in this series presents six instruments by local and overseas organ builders ranging in date from 1877 to 1930. The performers include local and overseas musicians playing works that are well suited to the resources of the instruments including rarely heard pieces by Alain and Elgar's rousing *Imperial March*. Their sound ranges from the cultivated and refined Victorian quality of the Willis organ at Box Hill, the piquant qualities of the Merklin organ at Glen Iris, the delicate subtlety of the Wolff organ at Caulfield inspired by German practices, the bright and clear qualities of the Anderson organ at Williamstown and the Fincham organ at West Melbourne, through to the stentorian orchestral sound of the Hill, Norman & Beard organ at Hawthorn.

Featuring the following instruments:

- Wesley Uniting Church, Box Hill – Henry Willis, London, 1877
- St Aloysius' Catholic Church, Caulfield – Johann Wilhelm Wolff, Adelaide, 1880
- Sacré-Coeur Chapel, Glen Iris – Merklin et Cie, Paris & Lyons, 1889
- Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Williamstown – William Anderson, Melbourne, 1896
- St Mary's Star-of-the-Sea Catholic Church, West Melbourne – George Fincham, Richmond, 1898-1900
- Scotch College Memorial Hall, Hawthorn – Wm. Hill & Son and Norman & Beard Ltd, London & Melbourne, 1930

Widescreen 625 Pal format. Total running time 1 hour 37 minutes.

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<http://www.assemble-edit.com.au/sales.html>

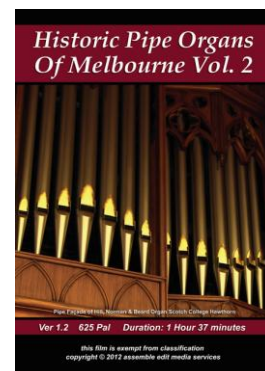
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Michael Wallis, 96A Loughnan Rd. Ringwood 3134.

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COMPOSITION COMPETITION

The ACT Branch of the Royal School of Church Music is pleased to announce the launch of the 2013 Composition Competition. Compose an accompanied anthem for four part (SATB) choir which would be suitable to be used for the Feast Day of St Francis.

Entry fee: \$10 for RSCM Members, \$25 for Non-Members. First Prize \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50.

Conditions of entry available from www.rscm-act.org Closing date: **Friday 17 May**.

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 Ph: (03) 5446 8251 or 0419 433 281.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

A couple visiting from New Zealand are seeking accommodation from *31 May to 3 June* to attend the Melbourne ORGANZ Congress. Interested members can obtain details by contacting the Secretary. Ph: 03 9596 8692, secretary@sov.org.au

BOOKBINDING

I specialize in binding, repairing and restoring music scores. Hard cover cloth binding, staple removal & stitching - title pages restored to original presentation. I can also combine separate scores into albums - all guaranteed to stay open on a music stand. Email: ellsmore018@gmail.com for work samples or phone Greg Ellsmore on 0411 383 551.

ORGAN FOR SALE

Johanus Electronic Organ, Opus 910, Gt 12, Sw 12, Ped 8. Classic style, 61 note manuals, 32 note pedal, adjustable lockable pistons 3 x 8, various accessories including MIDI, in excellent working order; reasonable price will be negotiated, inspect in city. Ph: 0402 447 782.

ORGAN SHOES FOR SALE

1 pair of men's Organmaster shoes for sale, Size 10½ (Wide). Cost \$100. Offers considered. Phone: 0417 556 709.

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 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).

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

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