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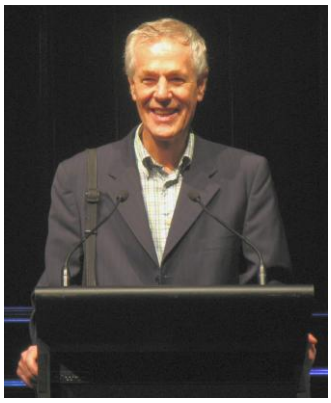
'Get Organ-ised' at Melbourne Town Hall, Sunday 23 February.

Review of **Get Organ-ised**



The day commenced with back and front stage tours of the organ commencing at 11.30 am with groups conducted around by Ariel Valent for the City of Melbourne and Daniel Bittner SOV Council member and Australian Pipe Organs Director. The thirty minute tours had all been fully booked and people who had not booked were able to be accommodated in groups where there were absentees. The fifteen minute open console sessions running from 12 noon to 2.15 pm had also been fully booked and although the nerve of some aspirants resulted in a non show, this enabled those who did come to relish themselves with additional time at the console.

The Young Persons Guide to the Organ was conducted from 2.30 pm presented by Adam Pietzrak (3MBSFM) with Jennifer Chou on the organ, a lively and informative presentation [Photo pg1]. This was followed by the Young Organists Concert featuring Cassandra Min, Hanford Lam, Anthony Hahn, Tom Neal-Williams and Edwin Kwong. Each presentation was carried out with poise and style, the choice of works was varied and enabled each to show performance skills and promising performing potential. From 4.30 youngsters were able to get their "hands on the organ," under guidance, and for the remainder pizza and drinks were served in the foyer.

Our thanks to the City of Melbourne for again inviting the Society to participate in this important event, now in its third year.

With best wishes to you all.

Alan Roberts
President

[Photos: Jonathan Lancaster]

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Society Events

LABOUR DAY ORGAN RAMBLE

Monday 10 March, at the following venues…

9.30am	St Georges Uniting Church, Chapel St, St Kilda. Three manual TC Lewis organ, (next door to All Saints Anglican).
10.30am	All Saints Anglican Church East St Kilda, 2 Chapel St, St Kilda. Three manual W. Leopold Roberts organ, (opposite Astor Theatre).
11.45am	St James the Great Anglican Church, 435 Inkerman St, St Kilda East. Single manual chamber organ by Samuel Joscelyn.
12.30pm	***Lunch at Balaclava Hotel***, 123 Carlisle Street, St Kilda East. Booking has been made in the Bistro for 'Society of Organists'. Please confirm with Daniel Bittner (0415 100 074) early in the day if you are joining us, so final numbers can be confirmed with Balaclava Hotel.
2.00pm	Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Balaclava, 175/177 Chapel Street,St Kilda. Three manual Fincham organ.
3.00pm	Christ Church Anglican Church, 14 Acland Street, St Kilda. Three manual Hill & Son organ.

Other Events

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 (opposite the Astor Theatre).
A series of free Organ concerts are held on the second Sunday of the month, duration approximately 50 minutes. Evensong and Benediction follows at 5.00pm. The organ at All Saints' Church is one of the largest parish-church organs in Melbourne, with 48 speaking stops. All Saints' Church has a fine acoustic and outstandingly-beautiful ambience. Enquiries: 9510 7689.

Sunday 9 March, 4.00pm	E A Nixon	(St Paul's, Canterbury)
Sunday 13 April, 4.00pm	Dr Ryoko Mori	(Japan)
Sunday 11 May, 4.00pm	Chris Trikilis	(St Patrick's, Mentone)
Sunday 8 June, 4.00pm	Colin Andrews	(USA)
Sunday 13 July, 4.00pm	Hugh Fullarton	(Trinity College Melbourne/St John's East Malvern)
Sunday 10 August, 4.00pm	Siegfried Franke	(Christ Church Sth Yarra/St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne)
Sunday 14 September, 4.00pm	Callum Close	(Newcastle Cathedral, NSW)
Sunday 12 October, 4.00pm	Rhys Arvidson	(St Peters Eastern Hill)
Sunday 9 November, 4.00pm	Tony Way	(St Francis Melbourne)

Contact John Rivers for further information: music@allsaints.org.au

COLIN JENKINS: ORGAN RECITAL

Thursday 13 March, 1.00pm at St Michael's Uniting Church, cnr Russell and Collins Streets, Melbourne.

1. *Prelude to Concerto in D* [1749] – Claude Balbastre[1724-1799]
2. Prelude: *The New Commonwealth* – Ralph Vaughan Williams [1872-1958] arr. Christopher Morris
3. *Before the Image of a Saint* Op.142 No.8 – Sigfrid Karg-Elert [1877-1933]
4. *Preludio in A minor* – Filippo Capocci [1840-1911]
5. *Prelude founded on an old Irish Church Melody* Op.101 No.5 – Charles Villiers Stanford [1852-1924]
6. *Processional* from 'Three Pieces for Organ Solo' [1912] – Fritz Hart [1874-1949]
7. *A Trumpet Fanfare* – Gilbert M. Martin [b. 1941]

Free admission

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.
Website has further information: http://www.stmichaels.org.au or Phone: 9654 5120.

CONCERT AT ST ANDREW'S BRIGHTON

Friday 21 March, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton.

Tom Healey plays a farewell concert and celebrates the 50th birthday of the St Andrew's organ. Music programme will include: *Prelude & Fugue in G* - Bruhns; *Grand Piece Symphonique* - Franck; *Fantasia & Fugue on BACH* - Liszt; *Nun Ruhen Alle Walder* (for organ, violin & soprano) - Karg-Elert; *Dieu Parmi Nous* - Messiaen.
Enquiries 03 9592 1240 or dom@standrewsbrighton.org.au

BACH CANTATA SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S SOUTHGATE

St Johns Lutheran Church, Southgate presents an ongoing series of services incorporating the choral music of J.S. Bach in the context for which it was written, liturgical Lutheran church services. 2014 is its 17th liturgical year. The series has presented over 100 different cantatas, the B Minor Mass, the Christmas Oratorio, the Magnificat, and several Latin masses in almost 150 events.

The series features the St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra directed by St Johns' Director of Music, Graham Lieschke. The services include congregational liturgy and chorales, and organ music on the 1992 Knud Smenge pipe organ.

The St Johns Bach Orchestra plays on period instruments. The St Johns collection of baroque instruments includes a 1996 Smenge chamber organ, a pair of oboes da caccia, a set of 3 baroque timpani and a pair of cornetti.

Sunday 30 March, 9.00am **Eucharist (Lent 4)**

Ihr werdet weinen und heulen (BWV 103) for 3 soloists, chorus, strings, 2 oboes d'amore, recorder, trumpet, and continuo with Genevieve Lacey (recorder), Sally Anne Russell (alto), St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra. Directed by Graham Lieschke.

Sunday 27 April, 9.00am **Eucharist (Easter 2)**

Am Abend aber desselbigen Sabbats (BWV 42) for 4 soloists, chorus, strings, 2 oboes, bassoon, and continuo. St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra directed by Graham Lieschke.

Thursday 29 May, 7.30pm **Ascension Day Vespers**

A cantata, to be advised. St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra, dir. Graham Lieschke.

Sunday 27 July, 9.00am **Eucharist (Pentecost 7)**

A cantata, to be advised, following a Bach Forum at the University of Melbourne. Details to follow

St Johns Southgate, 20 City Rd, Southbank. Parking available at service times. No admission charge.
Enquiries: telephone 9682 4995. www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au

EVENTS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Corner Flinders and Swanston Streets, Melbourne.

Saturday 12 April, 6.30pm **Concert: Bach - *St John Passion***

Mark the beginning of Passion-tide with a performance of Johann Sebastian Bach's Passion according to St John, sung by the Choir of Trinity College, the University of Melbourne. The event is preceded by an introductory talk on Bach's Passion, by the Dean of Melbourne, the Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, author of Johann Sebastian Bach's St John Passion: A Theological Commentary (2014).

Friday 18 April, 4.00pm **Concert: Stainer - *Crucifixion***

Join us for an evocative performance of John Stainer's Passion Oratorio, The Crucifixion, sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Friday 25 April, 1.00pm **Concert: ANZAC Day**

The Choir of St James and The Consort of Melbourne combine for an extraordinary presentation of the Brahms Requiem, along with motets by Bach and Schütz. Ticket details will be available soon.

Opportunities and Trading Table

ORGANIST WANTED

The Catholic Parish of Mentone-Parkdale is looking for an organist at St John Vianney's Church in Parkdale. The position involves playing the organ 2-3 times per month at the 9.00am mass. The church has a modern 3-manual Viscount organ, and there is a small but enthusiastic (volunteer) choir. All enquiries to Christopher Trikilis (Director of Music) on 9583 2103 or 0402 678 148.

PEDALBOARDS FOR SALE

Several pedalboards of various quality are available for sale. Further details, Daniel Bittner: 0415 100 074.

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 David Cundy 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. 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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