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PRESIDENT'S MEMO

A presentation on Organists' Health and the Alexander Technique is to be given by Robert Schubert on Wednesday 30 September 2015 at Trinity Uniting Church, Black Street, Brighton, commencing at 8.00 pm.

Council considers this is an important and often overlooked subject and we hope there will be a follow up on other related issues on this topic.

There will be no charge for this event and light supper will be provided.

Anyone who has a yoga mat please bring it along with a couple of paperback books. One or two "students" will be needed for Robert to work with at the organ.

For planning purposes it would assist if members could email me as to their proposed attendance – president@sov.org.au.

September looks like being a busy month with the Scots Church International series of concerts, Martin Setchell's visit & concerts and our own Student Concert on Sunday 13th September at Toorak Uniting Church. Your support on 13th September would enhance this event and be appreciated.

One of the privileges of being SOV President is the opportunity it provides for meeting with members. The other day I spoke by telephone with Will Renshaw, who joined the Society in 1965. Will had been a church organist since the age of fifteen and learnt the pipe organ under Lawrence Warner when he was organist at the Collins Street Baptist Church. Later, Will was organist at the Methodist Church at 312 Barkers Road Hawthorn. He recounted with some humour that the former church building, now an upmarket residential dwelling, was on the market for sale. I gather there is no longer a house organ within! Will, now suffering from increasing low vision, is resigning as a member and he commented that he had greatly valued his membership of the Society. For him one of the highs had been the opportunity to play, through the Society, on the Melbourne Town Hall organ shortly after its most recent restoration.

It is with great sadness that I acknowledge the death of John Scott, Organist and Director of Music at St. Thomas Church, New York since 2004 and prior to that twenty-six years at St Paul's Cathedral, London. He was highly regarded and was such a positive influence in the organ world.

Kind regards,

Alan Roberts

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Society Events...

ANNUAL SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS STUDENTS RECITAL

Sunday 13 September, 2.00pm Toorak Uniting Church, 603 Toorak Road, Toorak.

The Society of Organists (Victoria) will host the annual Student Concert at Toorak Uniting Church on the recently overhauled Peter Collins organ. It's a great opportunity for those who are preparing for VCE exams to have their program performed to an audience. Students under 18, register by parent or teacher; students 18+ can register direct with Jennifer Chou: bach000@tpg.com.au

ORGANISTS' HEALTH AND THE ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE

Wednesday 30 September, 8.00pm Trinity Uniting Church, Black Street, Brighton.

A presentation on Organists' Health and the Alexander Technique is to be given by Robert Schubert.

METROPOLITAN CUP DAY ORGAN RAMBLE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 3 November

Other Events...

MARTIN SETCHELL CONCERTS IN MELBOURNE

Thursday 17 September, 1.00pm

Collins Street Baptist Church, replacing the usual St Michael's Uniting Church concert.

Saturday 19 September, 3.00pm

Scots Church, city – International Organ Series

Tuesday 22 September, 7.30pm

Bernie's Music Land, 381 Canterbury Road, Ringwood. Martin will be launching the newly arrived Johannus Ecclesia D470 AGO digital organ. Ticket cost \$10.00 or Musicclub voucher.

Wednesday 23 September, 10.30am-12.00pm

Bernie's Music Land, 381 Canterbury Road, Ringwood. Martin will be conducting an organ MASTERCLASS. Students are encouraged to bring a piece of music of no more than five minutes if they wish to participate. Interested audience are encouraged to attend. The nominal cost for the Masterclass will be \$20.00 per student. Please contact Craig on 9872 5122 or craig@musicland.com.au to make a Masterclass booking. Spaces are limited.

MARTIN SETCHELL CONCERT AT WARRNAMBOOL

Saturday 26 September, 7.00pm St Joseph's Catholic Church, cnr Lava/Kepler Streets & Raglan Parade, Warrnambool.
Tickets: \$20.00, \$15.00 Concession. 15 years & under free.

2015 BISHOP KELLY MEMORIAL CONCERT - DONG-ILL SHIN

Wednesday, 21 October, 8pm St Patrick's Catholic Church, cnr Rogers & Childers Sts, Mentone

The Catholic Parish of Mentone-Parkdale celebrates one of Australia's most important historic instruments, the heritage-listed 1862 Bishop Kelly Pipe Organ, located in St Patrick's Church with an annual recital in honour of Bishop John Kelly, former Parish Priest of Mentone (1973-86) and Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. An opportunity not to be missed! Tickets \$20 at door (includes champagne supper). Enquiries: 9583 2103 (office hours) or 0402 678 148

TOORAK SPRING – VIRGINIA DAVEY CONCERT SERIES 2015

Toorak Uniting Church, 603 Toorak Road, Toorak

Toorak Spring offers 2 concerts by renowned international performers. Both concerts start at 2pm. Tickets can be bought online at trybooking.com/ITQL

Sunday 18th October, 2pm Lady White Organ Recital by Dong-ill Shin (South Korea)

Winner of the 20th Grand Prix de Chartres International Organ Competition (France), Dong-ill Shin has been hailed as "one of the world's most promising talents of his generation". He also is a prize winner of the Musashino-Tokyo International Organ Competition (Japan), Ciurlionis International Piano and Organ Competition (Lithuania), Prague Spring International Music Festival and Competition (Czech Republic), and the St. Albans International Organ Competition (UK). Dong-ill served as Adjunct Professor of Organ at Texas Wesleyan University. Recently he moved back to his native South Korea to take up the position of Professor of Organ at Yonsei University, Seoul. Program: Works by J.P. Sweelinck, D. Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart.

Sunday 8th November, 2pm Love Birds Flute Duo and Organ with Peter Sheridan, Lisa-Maree Amos, and Jennifer Chou

Peter Sheridan has collaborated with some of the world's leading composers, commissioning more than fifty works for various flutes. He is a frequent performer at the National Flute Association, Australian Flute Festival and British Flute Society conventions, as well as festivals worldwide. Peter is an active faculty member of Monash University, directing the flute ensemble (recent Move Records recording) and a bustling flute studio, and teaches at Mazenod College and Donvale Christian College.

Lisa-Maree Amos is Principal Flute of Orchestra Victoria, on the faculty of Melbourne University and holds her annual Flute Audition Masterclass in Melbourne. She has held positions including Guest Principal Flute with the BBC Symphony and the Boston Symphony, working with legendary conductors Seiji Ozawa, Leonard Bernstein, and Bernard Haitink. Her performances in major international Festivals including the London Proms, LA Bach Festival, and the Colorado Music Festival have received critical acclaim. Jennifer Chou is Director of Music at Toorak Uniting Church and has given recitals extensively overseas and within Australia.

Program: J.S. Bach: Trio in D minor; Bernard Sanders: Drei Stücke; Francaix: Two Parakeets; Caesar Giovanni: Theme for a quiet day for two flutes and other works.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

St Paul's Cathedral, cnr Swanston and Flinders Streets, Melbourne.

Wednesday 2 September, 1.00pm Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir, Byrd Lamentations for the Martyrs of New Guinea
Wednesday 9 September, 1.00pm Barry Fry, bass, and Janet Perkins, piano perform oratorio arias
Wednesday 16 September, 1.00pm Ken Wei and Alice Cotton, guitar and flute recital
Wednesday 23 September, 1.00pm Siegfried Franke, Organist of St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, organ recital
Wednesday 30 September, 1.00pm Thomas Hill, piano, and Ziggy Johnston, classical guitar

GRAND ORGAN MASTER SERIES

St Andrew's Church, cnr New Street and Church Street, Brighton.

Sunday 6 September, 2.30pm Thomas Heywood
Sunday 4 October, 2.30pm Christopher Cook
Sunday 1 November, 2.30pm Tom Healey
Sunday 6 December, 2.30pm Thomas Heywood



Admission at the door includes program: Adult \$30 / Concession \$25 / U18 Free.

Car: Free Parking - enter the St Andrew's Church grounds from New Street.

Train: 450 metres (4 minute walk) from Middle Brighton Station.

Bus: Routes 216, 600 and 923 stop directly outside the Church. Church Street Cafés and Restaurants: a 30-second walk; serving all day.

Enquiries: office@standrewsbrighton.org.au Tel: Parish Office 03 9592 1240 Website: www.concertorgan.com

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. Free admission to all concerts.

Sunday 13 September, 4.00pm Frank de Rosso (St Mary's Basilica, Geelong)
Sunday 11 October, 4.00pm Chris Cook (St John's Toorak)
Sunday 8 November, 4.00pm Elizabeth-Anne Nixon (St George's Malvern)

FREE THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Every Thursday 1.00pm to 1.30pm 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.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL HYMN COMPETITION

As part of the 125th Anniversary Celebrations of St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, an International Hymn Competition is being held to find a new celebratory Pauline hymn. The terms and conditions are published here:

http://www.stpaulscathedral.org.au/music/st_pauls_cathedral_125th_anniversary_hymn_competition

BACH CANTATA SERVICES IN 2015 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. 2015 is its 18th liturgical year. Services include organ music on the 23-stop gallery organ (Smenge, 1992), usually by Bach.

Sunday 6 September, 9.00am Eucharist (Pentecost 15)

Geist und Seele wird verwirret (BWV 35) for alto solo, strings, 3 oboes, obbligato organ and continuo. Hamish Gould (countertenor), Josh van Konkelenberg (organ), St Johns Bach Orchestra, directed by Graham Lieschke.

Sunday 25 October, 9.00am Reformation Festival Eucharist

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (BWV 80) for 4 soloists, chorus, strings, 3 oboes, and continuo, including the parts for 3 trumpets and timpani added by Bach's son, Wilhelm Friedemann Bach. St Johns Bach Orchestra, directed by Graham Lieschke.

St Johns Southgate, 20 City Rd, Southbank. No admission charge (donations/offerings are gratefully received).

Parking available at service times. Enquiries: telephone 9682 4995. www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au



CZECH AND SLAVIC FILM FESTIVAL SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Thursday 24 September, 7pm – Melbourne Town Hall. A live score will be played by Czech organist, Pavel Kohout, to **The Cathedral Builder**, a 1919 Czech film gem from the Czech National Film Archive. [Find out more.](#)

WARRNAMBOOL EISTEDDFOD ORGAN SECTION

Due to lack of entrants the eisteddfod has been cancelled for this year.

WARRNAMBOOL ORGAN FESTIVAL

See <http://visitwarrnambool.com.au/visitor-information/festivals-events/upcoming-events/warrnambool-organ-festival/> for info.

A COUNTRY TOUR: ORGANS NORTH OF THE HUNTER, NSW

The 2015 OHTA Conference will be held in country New South Wales, commencing in Newcastle on Sunday 27 September and finishing there, with travel to Sydney, on the afternoon of **Saturday 3 October**. A coach will leave central Sydney on the afternoon of 27 September – interstate/overseas participants will therefore be able to fly in and out of Sydney.

Enquiries to Kelvin Hastie (khas@bigpond.com) Conference brochure will be issued with the Winter 2015 edition of Organ Australia and also be available on the OHTA website – www.ohta.org.au

Opportunities and Trading Table

ORGAN SCHOLAR - CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH YARRA

The Christ Church Music Foundation Trustees are calling for Expressions of Interest in the CCSY Organ Scholarship. The term of the scholarship would commence in late August this year and last 12 months. The current value of the scholarship is \$5,000. The duties involve attending all parish services, tours and recordings and tuition on liturgical organ playing. Expectations of the Organ Scholar would depend on the individual but the idea is to train the scholar to play parts of the service as they are able and to gradually increase the amount of playing as appropriate. We would be delighted to receive an EOI from any gifted young organists as soon as possible. In it they might say what you would hope to gain from being Organ Scholar and also what they feel they might offer the parish by being Organ Scholar. Please contact: Michael Fulcher (Director of Music), music@ccsy.org.au or m_d_fulcher@yahoo.co.uk

TOORAK UNITING CHURCH ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

Students who are interested in learning to play the organ and getting hands on experience working with choir and church please email Jennifer Chou at bach000@tpg.com.au for more details. To be considered, reasonable keyboard level is required.

ORGANIST REQUIRED

St Mary's Star of the Sea, Sorrento. Organist required for the 10am Sunday mass. Could be shared with another organist. Johannus electronic organ. Honorarium paid. Please contact Sandra Lee 0409 408 463.

HYMN BOOKS AVAILABLE

St Peters Mornington has the following hymn books free to a good home - any takers?

AHB: 9 x melody; Sing Alleluia: 1 x full music, 31 x melody.

Contact Nigel Nettleship 03 5978 8388, 04 0289 3358, or preferably nigel47@bigpond.com

PIPE ORGAN FOR SALE

Purpose-built organ to suit narrow church situation. The instrument has been well maintained. Dimensions: Height 3025 mm, Width 1625 mm, Depth 725 mm. Builder: Laurie Pipe Organs. Year of manufacture: 1987. Asking Price: (\$12500 negotiable). Contact Nigel, Ph 03 9755 1461, or Mob 0407 336 152.



ORGANMASTER SHOES FOR SALE

Used (male/unisex). Condition: excellent- only limited use. Colour: Black. Size: 12 US, 11 Australia. A must for church organist or committed student. Price: \$30 excellent buy since postage from US is extra \$50. Suggest try on before purchase.

Contact: Bryan: Mobile 0437 172 299

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 (contact details below).

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 LOCUMS

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

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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