



Newsletter

Organ Society of Queensland

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President's Page

Highlights of the year

As I said last Newsletter in April, we have some highlights coming up. As our feature article shows we will hear visiting Icelandic organist Eythor Wechner in August, and I would love to see you all at this exciting event, to welcome this young man to our City.

Later we will visit Warwick organs under the organisation of longtime member David Cahill

And at the AGM we will listen to James Goldrick at St Stephens.

Another event in October will be a concert at Beenleigh, featuring our superb baroque organist, Ross Windsor.

And other activities...

....a packed year

I look forward to your support

Peter Robinson
President OSQ

The Iceland Express Organ Concert

As the title tells us, we have a fantastic young organist coming to us "direct and non-stop" from Iceland. As well as Iceland being in soccer headlines recently, (having beaten England in a recent European Cup match, much to the chagrin of our English cousins), the country is the home to an organ tradition, and well represented by Eythor Wechner. He is a young organist on the move.

Trained in the Iceland Academy of the Arts and the Leipzig "Mendelssohn" University, he graduated with Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Music and Organ Performance.

He comes to Australia to visit family, and to delight us with an "Iceland Express" organ concert, featuring the music of Bach, Sweelinck, Vierne, Liszt, Mozart, Franck, and Rossini - a veritable smorgasbord of music !

This event will be at 3.00pm Sunday 14 August 2016, at St Andrews Uniting Church cnr Ann and Creek Streets, Brisbane. Admission \$20 or \$15 concession. Bookings are available from 4MBS bookings Office 3847 1717. Other information from our secretary, 3263 9452.

The event is the Society's major Concert performance for the year, so we would like all members to consider attending. In this event we are greatly assisted by St Andrews Uniting Church, using their magnificent organ and venue.

Enclosed are some Flyers for you to hand to friends for this concert.



The Organ Society has a Facebook Page.
<https://www.facebook.com/organsocietyqld>

Society News

Our **Annual General Meeting** gives us the chance to get to know each other, and discuss the needs of all members, so we encourage you to come. It will be held on **24 Sept at St Stephens Cathedral**, where cathedral organist James Goldrick will showcase the spectacular Knud Smenge instrument in a recital.



Society member, the late **Alistair Rushworth** was associated with the famous Rushworth and Draper organ builders of England. The Society is assisting in a Memorial Fund in his name for charity, by organising a concert on the superb baroque organ of **Beenleigh Lutheran church** **Saturday 15 October**.

We are again organising the long awaited **Ramble to Warwick** for **Sat 3 September**, just for the one day, finishing with a concert on the 3 manual Uniting Church organ. Please nominate Expressions of Interest for this Ramble to the Secretary soon (contact below). Please come along and enjoy the fellowship of other members, as well as the folk of the Uniting Church in Warwick.

A couple of articles from our members will be published in the next issue of Organ Australia. Tell the Secretary if you wish to write for OA.

Note the exciting events of our fellow organ society **TOSA**, in **August and September**.

OSQ offers an **Organ Scholarship** scheme for young organists.

See the website for details, or phone the Secretary for a paper copy.

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Exciting Organ Concerts:

Tuesday 10 July, 1.15pm

Free Lunchtime CONCERT

Brisbane City Hall

KURT ISON (Sydney)

Sunday 7 August, 2 pm

"Unexpected Delights" on Organ and Piano

TOSA at Kelvin Grove State College

DAVID GRAY (Scotland)

Tue 16 Aug, 12.00

Clem Jones Series - free lunchtime concert - Brisbane City Hall

TRUMPET & ORGAN Christopher Wrench

Sunday 21 August, 2 pm

Silent Film Afternoon

TOSA at Kelvin Grove State College

DAVID BAILEY Theatre organist

Thursday 22 September, 7.30 pm

"Spaced Out"

TOSA at Kelvin Grove State College

The one and only BARRY MORGAN

Society Events:

Sunday 14 August 3 pm

The Icelandic Express

St Andrews Ann St Brisbane

EYTHOR WECHNER (Iceland)

Saturday 3 September 9 am to 5 pm

Organ Ramble to Warwick

Visit 3 historic churches and organs.

Concert at 3.00pm

Saturday 24 September 9.00am

Annual General Meeting

St Stephens Cathedral

James Goldrick Organist

Saturday 15 October 2.30pm

The Alistair Rushworth Memorial Concert

Beenleigh Lutheran Church

Ross Windsor Baroque Organist

Saturday 26 November (to be confirmed)

Organ Ramble & Christmas Breakup

Cleveland Uniting Church

Encourage another organ music lover to join the Society

Benefits of membership:

- *Organ Australia* journal 3 times per year
- Organ Rambles to magnificent instruments
- Advance notice of organ concerts

Ask for an enrolment form from the Treasurer, PO Box 6132, FAIRFIELD GARDENS 4103 or print out from www.organsociety.com.au