



Newsletter

Organ Society of Queensland

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The Genius of
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Cavaillé-Coll



Showing at a Society Evening this month

It is usual for lovers of music to cheer enthusiastically for their favorite composers and compositions. How many organ builders ever get this treatment? One who does is Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, organ builder of some of the most loved organs of France.

We are exclusively screening some of this magnificent DVD set on **Wednesday 26 March**, at Jenny Summerson's residence, 21 The Esplanade, Yeronga.

We invite members and friends to this informal social evening, where we will watch parts of this rare documentary, including performances on several of his famous organs.

In the words of an organ critic:

"This is not just a documentary about another captain of industry: it is a love letter to Aristide from his admirers in another world, full of warmth, sentiment, and gratitude to a true genius"

Please RSVP to Denis Wayper 3263 9452 or wayperd@bigpond.net.au if you would like to attend

Vice President's Message

I have to report our President Steven Nisbet is recovering well and is currently back at the organ console for church at St Andrews most Sundays. Nevertheless I am still taking his role at the OSQ for the time being.

Most exciting is the prospect that the City Hall Organ will awaken to new life in August this year at an exciting series of concerts to suit all tastes. We are working with City Council to bring this to Brisbane's organ loving audience. Meanwhile, please join us for other organ events this year

Peter Robinson
Vice President
OSQ

Organ Ramble to Blue Mountains!

Our friends in the Sydney Organ Music Society have invited us to attend this Ramble in the Blue Mountains and beyond, in the June **Queens Birthday weekend 7-9 June 2014**.

If you are interested please register with Secretary Denis Wayper 3262 9452 so that we may give you more details, in particular arranging possible transport options on the tour.

Sponsor an Organ



No not at Uluru (Ayers Rock) but at Alice Springs

An organist we know at the Alice, has asked whether Brisbane churches would help raise funds for an organ at his Alice Springs church. If your church would be interested in getting behind this good cause, please phone our Vice President Peter Robinson on 0421741485

OSQ Member Profile

Our first profile for 2014 is the Society's Vice President Peter Robinson, who is standing in for our President Steven Nisbet at the moment.

Peter Robinson was captivated by the organ at his first school chapel service at Wesley College Melbourne at the age of 10. He studied organ throughout his time at Wesley and has maintained an active interest since, while pursuing a career as a Military and Airline pilot. Upon retirement from airline flying he has been able to devote more time to the organ and regularly plays at various churches throughout Brisbane, and performs in concerts whenever and wherever invited.

Special Topics

As announced on the back page in Organ Events, The Roland Corporation Australia is generously sponsoring a Classic Organ

Academy program in 2014. This program is for any organist or piano student with an interest in learning the fundamentals of classic organ playing, to participate in a series of 9 free workshops. The workshops will include a) a history of the organ, b) a masterclass learning simple organ works, and c) hymn playing techniques.

The Academy will be lead by Ross Windsor. The course is free but you will need to register with Garry Smith 0411 183 871, or email garrysmithvivace@gmail.com The course will be conducted each 4th Sunday of the month from March to November, commencing Sunday 23 March, 2.00pm – 4.30pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hawthorne St, Woolloongabba Brisbane. A Flyer is attached.

We are working with Brisbane City Hall to develop memorable opening concert events for the City Hall Organ, which is being rejuvenated by Brisbane's foremost organ builder, Simon Pierce. Some members had an early preview of the organ installation last November, and it is evident that Simon will introduce a fresh overall tone to the organ, while still maintaining its original Father Willis character. So look out for the publicity surrounding these events, which will commence on **Sunday 10 August 2014**. Organists will be drawn from Brisbane's experienced concert artists, as well as special guests of two international concert organists. The program is set to include a major recital, a special silent movie theatre organ event and a lunchtime concert. Watch this space!

The OSQ Website www.organsociety.com.au is being capably handled by member Tony Winter. However the Committee is desirous of planning an upgrade of the site to present a fresh look and to include photos sound and videos where possible. So if you have access to some skills in website design, we would love to hear from you, to discuss what we have in mind, and whether you can help. Please ring the secretary Denis Wayper on 3263 9452 or email wayperd@bigpond.net.au

Advance notice: The Organ Historical Trust of Australia (OHTA) is organising its Annual Conference in Brisbane this year – 22 to 27 of September. This is always a stellar event, and will tour a good number of Brisbane and Regional organs, as well as socialising with a wide range of Australia's most interesting organ personalities.

Society Events:

Sunday 23 March 2014 – 2.00pm – 4.30pm
*Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Hawthorne St
Woolloongabba*

ROLAND CLASSIC ORGAN ACADEMY

Presented by Roland Corporation Australia.

This series of 9 monthly workshops is created to encourage people to take up playing the “King of Instruments”. All Sessions will be led by Ross Windsor, a Brisbane concert organist. More details phone Garry Smith 0411 183 871 Or email: garrysmithvivace@gmail.com.
Please enrol as places are limited

Wednesday 26 March 2014 – 7.30pm

Home of Jenny Summerson

21 The Esplanade, Yeronga

The Development of Cavallé-Coll Pipe Organs

This will be a video presentation of a new DVD documentary on the famous French organ genre.

7-9 June, Queens Birthday long weekend

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ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

Contact us www.organsociety.com.au

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Exciting Organ Concerts:

4th Friday monthly in 2014

1.00-2.00pm (except 25 April)

***The Johnian Duo at Uni of Queensland
Art Museum (The Mayne Centre)***

Music for recorder and organ will be played in the Mayne Centre by Howard Munro (organ) and Ana Stevenson (recorder)
Admission Free

Sunday 30 March 1.00pm

GOMA Silent Movie Theatre organ

Presents Peter Pan the movie at the GOMA Cinema, using the ex-Regent Theatre Wurlitzer organ played by David Bailey.

Saturday 5 April 1.30pm

***ALL SAINTS' CHERMSIDE CENTENARY
ORGAN CONCERT***

As part of the Parish's Centenary Celebrations, internationally acclaimed organist *Christopher Wrench* will give an organ recital at All Saints' Anglican Church Chermiside, 501 Hamilton Road. Tickets \$15 (Adults) or \$10 (Conc) includes afternoon tea. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/ELHB
Email: allsaintscherm@bigpond.com
Tickets also available at the door prior to the concert. Ph: 3359 2062

Various dates in 2014

Theatre Organ Society Concerts

Sunday May 4 - Performer to be advised

Sunday July 6 - Donna Parker USA

50th Birthday Celebrations for TOSA

Fri 29 August - Walt Stroney USA

Sat 30 August - Jazz night with Big Bands

Sun 31 August - Silent Movie - David Bailey

Sun 31 August - Concert by Tony Fenelon

Sunday 5 October - Dwight Beacham USA

More information on the TOSA 2014 program will be available from their website <http://www.tosa-qld.org>

August 10 to 12, 2014

***Grand Opening of the
Brisbane City Hall Organ***

Program includes a Gala Recital Concert, a Silent Movie Night, and a Lunchtime Concert. Guest artists to be advised.

*Encourage another organ music
lover to join the Society*

Benefits of membership:

- *Organ Australia* journal quarterly
- 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