



# Newsletter

Organ Society of Queensland

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May 2013

## The City Hall Organ is back!



With its gold pipe decoration it looks magnificent, but don't let that fool you. There is much more to the organ than gold show pipes.

"There are many more weeks of painstaking installation" says Simon Pierce, "but it will be ready later this year, in good time for 2014 events".

The Organ Society hopes that a Gala Opening Organ Concert will be organised for 2014, to relive the wonderful last concert we had in 2009 before the City Hall closed for refurbishment.

### HOLIDAY IN THE BAROSSA VALLEY

The Organ Historical Society of Australia OHTA will host their annual conference in Adelaide and the Barossa Valley.

A highlight of the program will be the 1875 Hill & Son organ at the Barossa Regional Gallery in Tanunda, originally built for Adelaide Town Hall. Details on the OHTA website [www.ohta.org.au](http://www.ohta.org.au)

## President's Message

Welcome to the first full Newsletter of 2013.

Now that we have most events for 2013 planned, please put them in your diary.

We were very pleased to hear and see Olivier Latty in concert at St Johns in April. His performance was magical and his improvisation skills were beautiful to hear.

We have planned a Masterclass with Hungarian organist Janus Palur in June and this will suit any organist wanting to "get a few pointers from an expert".

See you all at the AGM soon.

Cheers,  
Steven Nisbet

## STOP PRESS

OSQ has just announced details of its **Organ Scholarship** scheme for young organists.

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



Don't miss this !  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –**  
**Thursday 1 August 7.30pm**  
Chermside-Kedron Uniting Church  
Gympie Rd Chermside  
Denis Wayper will show videos and talk about his tour of *The Cathedral Organs of Southern England*, including **Westminster Abbey** (see picture at left).

## Society Events:

**Sunday 26 May 2.00pm**  
**St Andrews Uniting, Ann St Brisbane**  
**Golden Jubilee Organist**

A concert by Steven and Friends will help him celebrate 50 years as a church organist.  
Donations at the door to St Andrews Choral Scholarship Fund and OSQ Scholarship Fund.

**Sunday 16 June – 2.00pm**  
**Albert Street Uniting, Brisbane**  
**Masterclass by Janos Palur**

Janos is a gifted Hungarian Organist, and is willing to provide a Masterclass for organists who are looking for “an expert to give them some pointers on organ technique”. Admission Free. Organists please register if you wish to take the class. Greg Hartay Szabo 0414699899

**Sunday 28 July 2.30pm**  
**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organ Concert for**  
**St Pauls Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill**  
**Featuring Organ Society of Qld members**  
including our young OSQ scholarship winners of 2011. A very varied program. More details Steven Nisbet 3411 2811

**Thursday 1 August – 7.30pm**  
**Chermside Kedron Uniting Church**  
**The Cathedral Organs of Southern England**  
Talk and Videos by Denis Wayper -\$6 donation.  
INCLUDING  
OSQ Annual General Meeting.

**Saturday 7 September – 2.30pm**  
**Bethesda Lutheran Church, Beenleigh**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organ Recital**  
Christopher Wrench plays the wonderful Smenge Organ at Bethesda Lutheran on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organ. \$25 / \$20

**Wednesday 30 October – 7.30pm**  
**St Andrews Uniting, Ann Street**  
**John Keys (St Marys Nottingham)**  
Recital by this exciting organist from Robin Hood country. \$20 / \$15 at door.

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## Exciting Organ Concerts:

**Sat 15 June, 6.00pm**  
**János Pálúr** (*Liszt Akademy of Music, Budapest*) **at St Johns**  
**"French-Hungarian Connection"**

This concert is part of St Johns Twilight International Organ Series. RSVP Michael Fulcher 0488 772 441

**Sat 13 July 6.00pm**  
**Michael Fulcher at St Johns**  
With the Choir of Trinity College Melbourne directed by Michael Leighton Jones. Phone Michael Fulcher to RSVP 0488 772 441

**Sun 4 August 2.00pm**  
**David Gray at TOSA Kelvin Grove**  
This Theatre Organ Maestro will entertain you. Enquiries phone 0412-879 678

**Sat 10 August, 6.00pm**  
**Jennifer Chou at St Johns**  
Jennifer Chou (Paris, Hong Kong, Melbourne) with Brisbane Chamber Choir, Director Graeme Morton: Symphonie nr 3 - Vierne, Messe solennelle - Langlais.

**Sat 28 September, 6.00pm**  
**Johnathon Dimmock at St Johns**  
Jonathon Dimmock (USA) San Francisco Symphony organist: *Music from between the Wars (1918-1939)*.

**Sat 19 October, 6.00pm**  
**Thomas Wilson at St Johns**  
Thomas Wilson (NZ, UK) Director of Music, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney: Reubke - Sonata, Mendelssohn - Overture to St Paul

**Sat 9 November, 6.00pm**  
**Christopher Wrench at St Johns**  
Returning by popular demand Christopher will present *Sunday Music* by Czech composer Petr Eben.

### Organist Development Course

If you wish to have this happen in your church.....

Please phone for details of the program

Jim Clinch 0412 758 651 or  
Steven Nisbet 3411 2811

### 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](http://www.organsociety.com.au)