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SERIES

# THE VOICE OF AYRSHIRE

In 1902, the Organ Sub-Committee of Ayr's Town Council were unanimous in their resolve to once again engage Lewis & Co. of Brixton to provide a worthy replacement to the celebrated instrument they had completed in 1881, only to perish in the devastating Town Hall fire of 1897.

Complete by the Autumn of 1904, the Lewis firm created an instrument of considerable musical resources from a modest twenty-seven speaking stops, and as an unaltered example of Edwardian organ building these qualities continue to be appreciated by players and listeners alike. The organ's significance was further recognised

in 2013 with the awarding of a Grade I Historic Organ Certificate by the British Institute of Organ Studies.

After well over a century at the heart of music making in Ayrshire, the time is now approaching when this outstanding instrument will require thorough and painstaking restoration. In this, the thirteenth series of The Organist Entertains, we take the opportunity of introducing audiences to instruments from our diverse local pipe organ heritage, through a kaleidoscopic breadth of repertoire, and once again featuring performers from the United Kingdom and continents beyond.

# THE ORGANIST ENTERTAINS

## 2023

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Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist



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## APRIL & MAY

**Mondays at 12 noon  
in three venues:**

- St Nicholas Parish Church, Prestwick, KA9 1LH;
- Holy Trinity Church, Ayr, KA7 1UB;
- St Columba Parish Church, Ayr, KA7 2SE

## APRIL

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|---|---------------------------|
| <b>17 Apr</b> <b>Iain McGlinchey</b> , Helensburgh                    | St Nicholas PC, Prestwick |
| <b>24 Apr</b> <b>David Hamilton</b> , Strathclyde University Organist | St Nicholas PC, Prestwick |

## MAY

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| <b>1 May</b> <b>Archie Thom</b> , Holy Trinity Episcopal Church                      | Holy Trinity Church, Ayr |
| <b>8 May NO CONCERT - CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY</b>                                    |                          |
| <b>15 May</b> <b>John R. Turner</b> , Glasgow  | St Columba PC, Ayr       |
| <b>22 May</b> <b>Hans U. Hielscher</b> ,<br>Wiesbaden Marktkirche Lutheran Cathedral | St Columba PC, Ayr       |
| <b>29 May</b> <b>Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Organ Students</b>                  | St Columba PC, Ayr       |

## JUNE to NOVEMBER

**Mondays at 12 noon featuring the Lewis Organ in Ayr Town Hall, KA7 1JX**

## JUNE

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| <b>5 Jun</b> <b>Bill Hutcheson</b> , Clark Memorial Parish Church, Largs       |
| <b>12 Jun</b> <b>Henry Wallace</b> , Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh                |
| <b>19 Jun</b> <b>Tiffany Vong</b> , Jordanhill Parish Church, Glasgow          |
| <b>26 Jun</b> <b>Dr John Willmet</b> , St. Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow |

## JULY

**Sun 2 July** **Alessandro Bianchi**, St. Columba's Church, 7pm (*Retiring collection*)

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| <b>3 Jul</b> <b>Alessandro Bianchi</b> , St. Edward's Anglican Church, Lugano, Italy   |
| <b>10 Jul</b> <b>Robin Bell</b> , St. Leonard's School, St. Andrews                    |
| <b>17 Jul</b> <b>Morley Whitehead</b> , Morningside Parish Church, Edinburgh           |
| <b>24 Jul</b> <b>Dr William McVicker</b> , Royal Festival Hall, London (Organ Curator) |
| <b>31 Jul</b> <b>Dr John Kitchen</b> MBE, Edinburgh City Organist                      |

## AUGUST

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| <b>7 Aug</b> <b>Aaron Hawthorne</b> , Motherwell                               |
| <b>14 Aug</b> <b>Dr Raymond McCluskey</b> , St. Joseph's RC Church, Kilmarnock |
| <b>21 Aug</b> <b>Peter Shepherd</b> , Chesterfield Parish Church               |
| <b>28 Aug</b> <b>Sam Austin</b> , York Oratory                                 |

## SEPTEMBER

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| <b>4 Sep</b> <b>Andrew Scott</b> , St. Michael & All Angels Church, Croydon |
| <b>11 Sep</b> <b>David Hamilton</b> , Strathclyde University Organist       |
| <b>18 Sep</b> <b>Kevin Duggan</b> , Dunblane Cathedral                      |
| <b>25 Sep</b> <b>Dr Malcolm Sim</b> , Glasgow Cathedral (Organist)          |

## OCTOBER

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| <b>2 Oct</b> <b>John Turner</b> , Glasgow                                  |
| <b>9 Oct</b> <b>Gordon Cree</b> , Darvel                                   |
| <b>16 Oct</b> <b>Chris Nickol</b> , New Kilpatrick Parish Church, Bearsden |

## THURSDAY 19 October

## SILENT MOVIE

**Aaron Hawthorne** presents the Silent Movie: Centenary of The Hunchback of Notre Dame in association with Ayr Film Society.

**Doors open 6.45pm, Film 7.15pm, admission £8.00.**

**Two-course pre-movie special at The Sugar Cube £16.00.**

To book phone 01292 618824 or 07960 882874, E: [thesugarcube@btinternet.com](mailto:thesugarcube@btinternet.com)

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| <b>23 Oct</b> <b>Andrew Macintosh</b> , St. Andrews University (Assistant Organist) |
| <b>30 Oct</b> <b>Alan Tavener</b> BEM, St. Bride's Episcopal Church, Kelvinside     |

## NOVEMBER

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| <b>6 Nov</b> <b>Alan Kitchen</b> , Wellington Church, Glasgow              |
| <b>13 Nov</b> <b>Ciaran Walker</b> , St. Michael's Parish Church, Inveresk |
| <b>20 Nov</b> <b>Bill Hutcheson</b> , Clark Memorial Parish Church, Largs  |
| <b>27 Nov</b> <b>Matthew Hynes</b> , Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist           |

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