

FIFTEENTH  
SERIES

AYR ARTS GUILD  
PRESENTS

# THE ORGANIST ENTERTAINS 2025

## 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 over one hundred and twenty years at the heart of music making in Ayrshire, the time is now approaching when this outstanding instrument will require thorough and painstaking restoration, however emergency repairs to mechanisms and pipework have been undertaken in early 2024, thanks to financial assistance from Ayr Arts Guild, Ayr Common Good Fund, and a Private Donor. In this, the fifteenth 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 beyond.

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Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist



Mondays at 12 noon  
featuring the Lewis Organ in  
**AYR TOWN HALL**

ADMISSION  
**£6.00**

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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

**7 Apr** Dr John Kitchen MBE, Edinburgh City Organist St Nicholas PC, Prestwick

**14 Apr** Ciaran Walker, Inveresk Parish Church, Musselburgh St Nicholas PC, Prestwick

**21 Apr** NO RECITAL

**28 Apr** Professor Malcolm Sim, Glasgow Cathedral St Nicholas PC, Prestwick

### MAY

**5 May** Andrew Thom, Holy Trinity, Ayr Holy Trinity Church, Ayr

**12 May** Alan Kitchen, Wellington Church, Glasgow St Columba PC, Ayr

**19 May** John R. Turner, Glasgow St Columba PC, Ayr

**26 May** Hans Uwe Hielscher, Wiesbaden Marktkirche Lutheran Cathedral St Columba PC, Ayr

## JUNE to NOVEMBER

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

### JUNE

**2 Jun** Bill Hutcheson, Paisley

**9 Jun** Tiffany Vong, Jordanhill Parish Church, Glasgow

**16 Jun** Morley Whitehead, Morningside Parish Church

**23 Jun** Alan Ireland, All Saints Parish Church, Hove

**30 Jun** Iain McGlinchey, Helensburgh

### JULY

**7 Jul** Kamil Mika, Aberdeen

**14 Jul** Philip Norris, Dunoon

**21 Jul** Chris Nickol, New Kilpatrick Church, Glasgow

**Sun 27 June** Alessandro Bianchi, St. Columba's Church, 7pm *(Retiring collection)*

**28 Jul** Alessandro Bianchi, St. Edward's Anglican Church, Lugano, Switzerland

### AUGUST

**4 Aug** Damin Spritzer, University of Oklahoma

**11 Aug** Gordon Cree, Darvel

**18 Aug** Jeremy Wan, Organ Scholar, Truro Cathedral

**25 Aug** Harvey Stansfield, St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh

### SEPTEMBER

**1 Sep** Ian Hare, Grasmere Parish Church, Cumbria

**8 Sep** Robin Bell, Stenhouse & Carron Parish Church

**15 Sep** Dr Peter Wakeford, Glasgow

**22 Sep** Dr Raymond McCluskey, St. Joseph's RC Church, Kilmarnock

**29 Sep** Frikki Walker, St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow St Columba PC, Ayr

### OCTOBER

**6 Oct** Timara Easter, Harpenden

**13 Oct** Ronan McQuade, St. Aloysius College, Glasgow

**20 Oct** Simon Leach, Marchmont House, Berwickshire St Columba PC, Ayr

**27 Oct** Richard Powell, Hamilton

### THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

### SILENT FILM CLASSIC

Aaron Hawthorne presents the 1920 Silent Film Classic:  
**Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde** in association with Ayr Film Society.

**Doors open 6.45pm, Film 7.15pm, admission £9.00.**

*Two-course pre-movie special at The Sugar Cube £17.00.*

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

### NOVEMBER

**3 Nov** Nicky Fraser, Sacred Heart RC Church, Edinburgh

**10 Nov** David Pipe, Huddersfield Town Hall

**17 Nov** David Hamilton, University of Strathclyde Organist

**24 Nov** Matthew Hynes, Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist

For further information

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