

## FRIENDS OF NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL MUSIC

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### CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL NEWCASTLE



Newcastle's Christ Church Cathedral boasts an enviable reputation locally and nationally for the standard of its organists, musicians and choirs. For over 150 years, music has played an integral role in the regular worship of the Cathedral community, as well as for special liturgies, concerts and civic occasions. Christ Church Cathedral's music programme plays an essential role in the cultural and religious life of our great city, and beyond.

The Cathedral Choir is at the forefront of this musical tradition, supplemented by the Choral Scholars (secondary and tertiary students) and the St Nicholas Choir (for children aged 8-14 years). In addition to regular performances of a high standard of music, these choirs give the opportunity for musicians of all ages to enhance their abilities, while developing an understanding and love of our great cathedral choral tradition. The repertoire of the choirs is varied, incorporating music from Gregorian chant, orchestral masses of the Viennese school, French masses, and the best of the English choral tradition, among others. We are also proud to sing compositions by this region's most talented composers.

The Cathedral houses a magnificent and historic pipe organ, renowned as one of the finest cathedral organs in Australia. Incorporating 60 ranks over three manuals and pedals, the instrument was originally built in 1906 by the English firm Norman and Beard and enlarged in 1923 by T.C. Edwards. It was rebuilt in 1963 by J.W. Walker, before most recently being refurbished and enlarged by Peter D.G. Jewkes in 1998.

The Cathedral is also home to Christ Church Camerata, Newcastle's leading string orchestra, which has seen performances with internationally-acclaimed soloists such as Roger Woodward, as well as supporting local orchestral musicians and soloists. The Cathedral also regularly hosts local, national and international guest musicians, all of whom love to perform in Newcastle's grandest building, and finest acoustic.

The musical activity of the Cathedral is possible only through the constant effort of our choirs, musicians and organists, all of whom give generously of their time and talents.

## BECOMING A FRIEND...

The Friends of Newcastle Cathedral Music is a group of people interested in giving practical assistance to the musical activities of the Cathedral. This group is of great importance in providing financial support as well as encouragement to the choirs, organists and musicians. Membership of the Friends is open to anyone wishing to support our great musical tradition in this way.

In recent years, the Friends have successfully raised funds to ensure the future of the Cathedral Choral Scholarship programme, the addition of digital 32' pedal ranks to the Cathedral organ, the purchase of a new portable digital organ for rehearsals, purchase of new music and robes for the choir, and in supporting our younger musicians to attend church music summer schools, and to further their study in church music. The Friends' most successful venture has been to support the Cathedral Choir in its inaugural international tour to the UK in July, 2016. The Friends play a crucial role in continuing the musical life of the Cathedral, and supporting the development of young musicians.

By becoming a Friend of Newcastle Cathedral Music, you are supporting one of the longest serving musical traditions in the city of Newcastle and the Hunter region. You are also helping to maintain a tradition firmly entrenched in the finest of Cathedral choral heritage, but one that also seeks to expand and embrace what traditional Cathedral worship might look like from our twenty-first century, Australian perspective.

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