

PIPE ORGAN EXTRAVAGANZA

WESLEY AT ONE FINAL RECITAL FOR 2024

FRIDAY 20TH DEC, 1PM

Featuring the organists of
the Uniting Church in the City:

Angela Currie

Boyd Peters

Alessandro Pittorino



Uniting Church in the City

'Wesley at One'

Recital Series

Friday 20 December 2024
1pm

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present

Pipe Organ Extravaganza



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Feel free to eat your lunch whilst you enjoy the beautiful music.

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on our music events.*

Program

Fantasy on 'Adeste Fidelis'	Naji Hakim (b. 1955)
Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen	Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)
Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern BuxWV 233 (How brightly shines the morning star)	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)
Postlude on Adeste Fideles	Eric Thiman (1900 – 1975)
"Die Fledermaus" Overture	Johann Strauss II, arr. Alessandro Pittorino
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson, arr. Thomas Trotter

Biography

Angela Currie (organ)

Angela Currie studied Pipe Organ and piano at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Her studies in organ then continued with Naji Hakim of La Trinité Paris and Thomas Trotter of Birmingham Town Hall, England as well as choral directing with David Lawrence.

Prior to her move from Scotland to Western Australia Angela's music career was rich and varied. As a recitalist, music tutor, choral director and accompanist she had a natural flair for engaging with audiences as well as encouraging young people develop their musical talent.

She was in demand as Director of Music/Organist throughout Scotland. Angela finally settled in Edinburgh where, as Director of Music/Organist to Colinton Parish Church, she would consider her 'golden years' in her Ministry of Music occurred.

This Ministry was vibrant with a passion for sharing the love of Jesus through music from the youngest to the oldest members of the church: from 'Mini Choristers (A new project set up in collaboration with the Royal School of Church Music) to choristers all following RSCM 'Voice for Life' Scheme training the musicians both vocally and spiritually. She also worked extensively with the band, directing contemporary worship, the choir through traditional worship and with the youth group, musicals such as Godspell and Jesus Christ Superstar, all raising the standard of different styles of music in worship. This Ministry played a huge part in the local community and drew folk of all ages into the church through simply engaging through this gift of music.

As an Organ Recitalist Angela has performed in various venues throughout Scotland most notably in Edinburgh, St Giles Cathedral, St Andrews and St Georges, Greyfriars, Palmerston Place and Colinton Parish Churches and in Paisley Abbey, RSAMD, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Glasgow Cathedral as well as Dunblane Cathedral, The Church of the Holy Rude, Stirling.

As an accompanist (organ and piano) she freelanced with Choral Societies including performances of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, Mendelssohn's Elijah and Handel's Messiah to name but a few.

As a Choral Conductor she directed Palmerston Place Choristers including a premier performance in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh with composer David Fanshawe and his African Sanctus, The Pentland Singers, Colinton Choristers and The Sirius Choir with its debut in Edinburgh's Queens Hall.

Angela was not only much in demand as a piano tutor teaching both privately and at Fettes College, Edinburgh, but was also the Musical Director for Scottish Youth Theatre Summer Festivals including performances in the Citizens Theatre in Glasgow and the Kings Theatre in Edinburgh. She was also an organ tutor with Scotland's Royal School of Church Music Branch as part of their training scheme for organists entering the profession.

Since arriving in Australia Angela has performed as an organist, pianist, accompanist and Choral Director throughout WA. She was piano tutor, accompanist and Choral Director All Saints' College in Perth and as Choral Director to Mandurah City Choral Society, the choir was dramatically transformed under her direction.

As Choral Director and accompanist for the Royal School of Church Music Chorister Courses in various locations throughout the State, she again had the opportunity to inspire the next generation of church musicians.

She is currently in demand as an organ tutor at various schools in Perth bring prominence to the Pipe Organ in WA.

As Director of Music/Organist at Wesley Uniting Church in the City of Perth, Angela has brought a vibrancy to the Ministry of Music, through its Music Scholars and 'Wesley at One' Recital Series bringing beautiful music and outreach to the heart of the city.

Angela is an AMEB examiner and is also Vice President to ANCA (Australian National Choral Association).

Boyd Peters

Boyd Peters is a graduate of the University of Western Australia, having completed the Juris Doctor postgraduate degree, a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Music Specialist Studies, and a Bachelor of Music (Honours). For his Honours thesis, he researched and documented the history of the first pipe organ in Western Australia.

Commencing music studies at age five, Boyd initially started on piano, later taking up the classical piano accordion and studying with Nunzio Mondia. Upon receiving the inaugural Lamont Pipe Organ Scholarship at Wesley College in 2015, he moved to the organ and has since studied with Angela Currie and Alessandro Pittorino.

Boyd is increasingly becoming one of Western Australia's most in-demand young organists and has performed with the UWA Symphonic Orchestra and Chorus, and the Perth Orchestra Project. He regularly accompanies the Chapel Choir and the Georgian Singers. Some notable performances include Mozart's Requiem with the Wesley Church Chamber Orchestra and Choir, the Australian premiere of Lili Boulanger's Psalm 130: 'Du fond de l'abime' and the West Australian premiere of Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living.

Currently, Boyd is organist at Trinity Uniting Church, Perth. He is also President of the Organ Society of Western Australia, and sits on the WA branch committee of the Royal School of Church Music. Previously, he has held positions of organ scholar and sub-organist at Wesley Uniting Church, Perth, organ scholar at Saint Michael's Anglican Church, Mount Pleasant, and organist at the First Church of Christ Scientist, Perth.

Alessandro Pittorino (organ)

Alessandro is heralded as "a virtuoso organist and a top-flight musician whose enthusiasm for the organ and for its artistic future is refreshing and addictive" in a 5-star review by Australia's Limelight Magazine. Alessandro is the first Australian organist to graduate from The Juilliard School in New York City with a Masters Degree in Organ Performance. There he studied with GRAMMY Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs.

Alessandro has performed for the likes of Lady Gaga and Nicole Kidman, has toured extensively throughout the USA and Australia, and has been hailed by Germany's BR-Klassik as an "Extraordinary young organist". Currently based in Western Australia, he is Artist in Residence at the Uniting Church in the City, Teacher of Organ at the University of Western Australia and School Organist of John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School.

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'Wesley at One' Recitals

1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 1pm

March 2025

Friday 7th Jet Kye Chong (marimba)

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Celebrate Christmas

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Friday 20 December

6pm, Friday Night Fellowship Christmas Carols Service at Wesley
*Enjoy singing all the best Christmas carols
in a lovely, inclusive atmosphere*

Christmas Eve

7pm, Service of Lessons and Carols at Trinity

11pm, Christmas Eve Service at Wesley
*With Angela Currie (Director of Music/Organist),
Wesley Choral Scholars & Wesley Brass*

Christmas Day

9am, Christmas Celebration at Trinity

10am, Christmas Celebration at Wesley
*With music from the Wesley Brass & Wesley Singers
Directed by Angela Currie (Director of Music/Organist)*

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