

New Zealand Association of Organists

Congress 2008

Auckland, New Zealand

Queen's Birthday Weekend

Friday 30th May – Monday 2nd June 2008



The President and Vice-President of the Auckland Organists' Association warmly invite you to join with us at the 45th National Congress of the New Zealand Association of Organists, to be held in Auckland at Queen's Birthday Weekend 2008.

We have a dynamic and varied programme planned to take the organ and its music firmly into the hearts and minds of New Zealanders.

For more information you are welcome to contact the organisers at: congress2008@ihug.co.nz



Congress Venue

St Mark's Parish Remuera

With its outstanding wooden gothic church dating from 1860, and a recently renovated parish hall, St Mark's will be the centre of Congress operations. Known as an oasis in the heart of Newmarket, St Mark's is handy to transport, accomodation, and a premier shopping centre.



Auckland City

A diversity of organ styles
Fantastic churches
Views from the Sky Tower
Unique landscape – volcanoes and harbours
Fine dining
Shopping to your heart's content

Organ Playing Competition

Included in Congress is a ground-breaking international-style organ playing competition. There are two classes, one being for students studying organ performance, and one open to all non-professional organists.

The student competition will consist of three rounds covering different stylistic periods, the final round being a public concert.

The open competition will be held at the Chapel of Dilworth School, Remuera on the versatile George Croft & Son / South Island Organ Company three manual, five division organ with modern playing aids.

All enquiries should be directed to:

James Tibbles
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Congress Organ-Playing Competition
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Hayko Siemens – Congress Recitalist

As Organist, Choral and Orchestral Director, German-based musician Hayko Siemens enjoys a coveted reputation throughout Europe.



His Congress Organ Concert will present major works of German organ literature by J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Reger, Mendelssohn, and the Australasian première of a commissioned work by Bengt Hambraeus FM 643765

Hayko Siemens will direct the congress choir for a festive Choral Eucharist at St Mark's Church Remuera on the Sunday morning. He will also present a seminar of the organ music of Max Reger on the fine 1911/1965 Croft organ of Pitt St Methodist Church.

Other Congress attractions

Early music presented by members of the **Age of Discovery**.

- Candlelight concert of music for harpsichord and viola di gamba.
- 18th Century organ concerti with the 1779 Johannes Avery organ, Ponsonby Baptist Church.

Be part of the **Congress Choir** singing European sacred music

Professional development **workshops**

Guided **Organ tours**, and playing opportunities at many interesting venues.



Illustrated lectures on the Town Hall and Avery organs

Congress Dinner

Worship opportunities including Festive Eucharist and Choral Evensong

CD, book, organ music stalls

... and more!

