

## PRESS RELEASE

# Pipes and bells ring together as international Organ Festival opens with free screening of *Hunchback of Notre Dame*

Pipeworks Organ Festival | June 20 – 29 2008 | [www.pipeworks.com](http://www.pipeworks.com)

The atmospheric surroundings of Christ Church Cathedral will provide the suitably gothic backdrop to a free screening of the 1923 silent classic 'the Hunchback of Notre Dame' – the opening event of the 13<sup>th</sup> **Pipeworks Organ Festival** on June 20th.

World-renowned organist **David Briggs** will perform a live soundtrack to the film on the cathedral's organ, allowing the splendid acoustics to reverberate throughout Dublin's finest structure. This opening night promises a unique musical and cinematic feast in an exceptional setting.

From its beginnings in 1980 as the Dublin International Organ & Choral Festival, Pipeworks has brought to Irish audiences a diverse musical programme with the organ as a central inspiration.

Continuously presenting an eclectic blend of the traditional and modern, the festival has now developed into a 10-day musical experience in the heart of Dublin city. Occurring once every 3 years, this year's Pipeworks hosts a full programme of events and master classes running from the 20<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> of June, making use of the inspirational settings of Dublin's finest cathedrals and churches.

### **Highlights of this year's Festival include:**

The return of flamboyant American organist **Carlo Curley** playing on Ireland's largest cathedral organ in St Patrick's Cathedral. Dubbed the 'Pavarotti of the Organ' due to his popularity and charismatic personality, Carlo brings both a mesmerising and pulsating excitement to the organ in his performance.

Organ Concerts across Ireland - St Canice's Cathedral (**Kilkenny**), St. Michael's Church (**Dun Laoghaire**) and St. Patrick's Cathedral (**Dundalk**)

**International Organ Competition** – 16 carefully selected players from Canada, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Russia, South Korea, UK, USA and Ireland, will compete for €5000 and prestigious recital engagements in Ireland, the UK and continental Europe. The second and third prizes are €3000 and €1500 respectively.

**Gala Concert** – the RTÉ Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Jean Thorel performs the original orchestral version of Messiaen's *L'Ascension*.

**Festival Finale** - a festival within a festival. To close the festival, four of Ireland's finest chamber choirs join forces to perform mid-German Vespers from the 1600s.

**Full details of Pipeworks Festival on [www.pipeworksfestival.com](http://www.pipeworksfestival.com)**

## **LISTINGS RELEASE**

Pipeworks Organ Festival | June 20 – 29 2008 | [www.pipeworksfestival.com](http://www.pipeworksfestival.com)

### **Fri 20 June**

#### **Festival Fanfare**

#### **Christ Church Cathedral, 18.30**

National Chamber Choir

Catherine Simonpietri, conductor

David Briggs, organ

*in association with the National Chamber Choir*

*Cinq Rechants* Olivier Messiaen

with organ improvisations

€15/10 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

#### **Christ Church Cathedral, 21.00**

Silent film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1939)

David Briggs, organ

*in association with Temple Bar Cultural Trust*

**FREE ENTRY**

### **Sat 21 June**

#### **Pipeworks In Kilkenny**

#### **St Canice's Cathedral Kilkenny, 20.00**

David Higgs, organ

*in association with Music in Kilkenny*

€20/15 MUSIC IN KILKENNY 056 776 1497

### **Sun 22 June**

#### **The Three Choirs Evensong**

#### **St Patrick's Cathedral, 15.15**

Dublin Baroque Players

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

Peter Barley, organist and master of the choristers

Christ Church Cathedral Choir

Judy Martin, director

Palestrina Choir, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Blanaid Murphy, director

**FREE ENTRY**

**Pipeworks in Dun Laoghaire**  
**St Michael's Church Dun Laoghaire, Sun 22 June 20.00**  
Margareta Hürholz, organ  
*in association with Dun Laoghaire Summer Organ Concerts*

€12/8 085 786 8860

**Mon 23 June**

**Dublin International Organ Competition**  
**Christ Church Cathedral, 9.25 & 14.00**  
Quarter finals  
**FREE ENTRY**

**Messiaen Centenary Celebration**  
**St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Mon 23 June 13.15**  
Tristan Russcher: *La Nativité*  
€10/8 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**Carlo Curley**  
**St Patrick's Cathedral, Mon 23 June 20.00**  
€22/15 01 453 9472 [www.stpatrickscathedral.ie](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie)

**Tue 24 June**

**Dublin International Organ Competition**  
**Christ Church Cathedral, 9.25 & 14.00**  
Quarter finals  
**FREE ENTRY**

**Pulling Out All The Stops**  
**St Bartholomew's Church Clyde Rd, Tue 24 June 10.30**  
Carlo Curley introduces primary schoolchildren to the magical mystery of the organ.  
*in association with National Concert Hall Learn and Explore programme*  
**FREE ENTRY, booking 01 417 0000**

**Messiaen Centenary Celebration**

**St Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Tue 24 June 13.15**

David Leigh: *Messe de la Pentecôte*

€10/8 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**Pipeworks & Poland**

**St Audoen's Church, High Street, Tue 24 June 18.00**

Academic Choir of the Silesian University of Technology, Gliwice

Tomasz Giedwiłło, conductor

€15/10 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**Messiaen Centenary Celebration**

**St Patrick's Cathedral, Tue 24 June 21.00**

Tristan Russcher : *Meditations sur le Mystère de la Sainte Trinité*

€15/10 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**Wed 25 June**

**Messiaen Centenary Celebration**

**St Patrick's Cathedral, Dundalk, 13.15**

David Leigh & Tristan Russcher: *L'Ascension*

€10/8 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**Pipeworks in Dundalk**

**St Patrick's Cathedral Dundalk, Wed 25 June 19.00**

Daniel Roth, organ

€15/10 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**Thur 26 June**

**Dublin International Organ Competition**

**Christ Church Cathedral, 9.25 & 14.00**

Semi finals

**FREE ENTRY**

**Messiaen Centenary Celebration**

**St Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Thur 26 June 13.15**

Tristan Russcher: *Livre d'Orgue*

€10/8 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**St John's Night**

**National Gallery Of Ireland, Thur 26 June 18.30**

National Chamber Choir  
Kaspars Putninš, conductor  
*in association with the National Chamber Choir*  
€12/14 01 700 5665

**Messiaen Centenary Celebration**  
**St Patrick's Cathedral, Thur 26 June 21.00**  
David Leigh: *Livre du Saint-Sacrement*  
€15/10 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

<b>Fri 27 June</b>
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**Messiaen Centenary Celebration**  
**St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Dublin 13.15**  
David Leigh: *Les Corps Glorieux*  
€10/8 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**Pipeworks Festival Gala Concert**  
**National Concert Hall, 20.00**  
Amy Moore, soprano  
Philip O'Reilly, baritone  
St Patrick's Cathedral Choir  
Peter Barley, organist and master of the choristers  
Palestrina Choir, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral  
Blanaid Murphy, director  
Thomas Trotter, organ  
RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra  
Jean Thorel, conductor  
*in association with RTÉ*

Messiaen: *L'Ascension*  
Poulenc: *Organ Concerto*  
Fauré: *Requiem* (chamber version)  
€10-€33 01 417 0000 [www.nch.ie](http://www.nch.ie)

**Sat 28 June**

**Coffee Concert**

**St Audoen's Church, High Street, 11.00**

Hans Fagius, organ

€15/10 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**Choral Cornucopia**

**City Hall, Dame Street, 15.00**

New Dublin Voices

Mornington Singers

Cois Cladaigh

Resurgam

**FREE ENTRY**

**Dublin International Organ Competition**

**Christ Church Cathedral, 19.30**

Finals

€15/10 CENTRAL TICKET BUREAU 0818 205 205 [www.ctb.ie](http://www.ctb.ie)

**Sun 29 June**

**Festival Finale**

**St Patrick's Cathedral, 17.00**

Lutheran Vespers in honour of St. John the Baptist

New Dublin Voices

Mornington Singers

Cois Cladaigh

Resurgam

Mark Duley, conductor

€15/10 01 453 9472 [www.stpatrickscathedral.ie](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie)

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