



AUCKLAND LIVE PRESENTS

# ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

**EUGENE LAVERY**

SUNDAY 7 JULY 2024, 2PM

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# Programme

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GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685-1759) TR. JEAN GUILLOU (1930-2019)

***Alla Hornpipe (Water Music)***

JUAN CABANILLES (1644-1712)

***Corrente italiana***

LOUIS VIERNE (1870-1937)

***Symphonie III (Op. 28) IV. Adagio***

JOSEPH JONGEN (1873-1953)

***Sonata Eroïca, Op. 94***

## Interval

GEOFFREY BUSH (1920-1988)

***Trumpet March***

JULEA MASSENET (1842-1912) TR. JONATHAN SCOTT

***Méditation (Thaïs)***

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

***Prelude and Fugue in A minor (BWV 543)***

JESSICA FRENCH (B.1984)

***Variations on Jesu, Dulcis Memoria***

IAIN FARRINGTON (B.1977)

***Lay my burden down 4. Steal Away***

HENRI MULET (1878-1967)

***Carillon-Sortie***

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## Friends Special Day

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 2PM

Friends of the Town Hall Organ are invited to bring a friend to an afternoon created especially for them. Entry is free and via the Grey's Avenue stage door.

Included will be a back stage tour and demonstration of the organ, a slide show about the organ, and a musical 'surprise'. You might even get a chance to have a go yourself! Top audio engineer Adrian Hollay is responsible for the recordings and the sound on our live broadcasts. He'll be there to show and tell how it's done. And of course there'll be an afternoon tea.

Because this is catered, we need to know how many are coming. Please RSVP to [treasurer@aucklandtownhallorgan.nz](mailto:treasurer@aucklandtownhallorgan.nz) by Friday 23 August. To become a Friend of the Town Hall Organ go to the website [aucklandtownhallorgan.nz](http://aucklandtownhallorgan.nz)

# Organist

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## Eugene Lavery



Born in Nelson, Eugene received his Bachelor of Music with First Class Honours from the University of Auckland, while also serving as Organ Scholar and then Assistant Organist at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Auckland. In 2007 Eugene moved to New York to study at The Julliard School with Paul Jacobs in the prestigious Master of Music programme.

He has performed at St. Paul's Cathedral, London; St. Ignatius Loyola, New York; and St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney; he's worked with the American Symphony Orchestra and Auckland

Philharmonia; and has worked for the Royal School of Church Music.

Eugene is Organist and Director of Music at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, TX where he directs the semi-professional adult choir, the St. Alban's Chorister Program, and a vibrant concert series. Eugene has also recently established the professional baroque choir and orchestra, Vox Seraphim.

Eugene is married to fellow Juilliard-graduate Dr Sharon Lavery, and together they raise two boys, Ryan and Adam.

## The Organ

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The Auckland Town Hall Organ has been rebuilt twice since the Town Hall's 1911 opening.

The first Norman and Beard instrument was a gift to the citizens of Auckland by the city's former mayor, Sir Henry Brett, who held a great love of choral music. In 1969, organ builders George Croft and Son were given the responsibility for the organ's makeover from the romantic, orchestral style of the Edwardian era to the baroque, neo-classical fashion of the Organ Reform Movement. Over time, limitations of the second organ emerged - chiefly that it wasn't loud enough to fill the Hall. City Organist Dr John Wells launched a campaign to "Restore the Splendour" of the organ following the 1997 restoration of the Town Hall. The subsequent 2009 rebuild by Orgelbau Klais would create an organ with the spirit and boldness of the original instrument a century ago with a twenty-first-century vision: an organ for all New Zealand music lovers, Aucklanders and visitors alike.





### **AUCKLAND TOWN HALL ORGAN TRUST**

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### **FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

Stephen Hamilton OSM, Donald Trott ONZM

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FRIENDS SPECIAL DAY** 1 September

**ORGAN AND TRUMPET WITH MARTIN SETCHELL AND TOM EVES** 17 November

### **SUPPORTING THE TOWN HALL ORGAN TRUST**

Admission to this concert, and this printed programme, are free of charge.

There will be an opportunity to make a donation at the conclusion of the concert.

Or you can donate directly to the Trust's bank account: 02 0256 0071785 000.

Be sure to write 'donation' as the reference and your name and contact details if you would like a receipt. Donations over \$5 are tax deductible. Your help to bring great organists to the Auckland Town Hall is appreciated.

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