

Celebrating 100 years
EST. 1918



The Ulster Society of Organists & Choirmasters

President: Professor Desmond Hunter MA PhD ARAM FRCO LRAM FHEA NTF Special Diploma (Antwerp)

MARCH MEMO 2018

EVENT REMINDER

'USOC & RSCM Ireland CHORAL WORKSHOP'

Come and Sing Fauré's *Requiem*

24TH March @ 2.00pm

St Mark's Heyn Hall, Dundela

2 Sydenham Avenue, Belfast, BT4 2DR



[Photo courtesy of Alistair McCartney POPCo.]

A workshop with the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters (USOC) in association with RSCM Ireland. The workshop will be led by Ian Keatley (Director of Music, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin). Accompaniment on the Compton organ 1932/1959 (see photo above) for the event is by USOC member Jack Wilson.

If you wish to join with the assembled choir please confirm your attendance with either Michael Tregenna, USOC Hon. Secretary, michaeltregenna@icloud.com or Jacqui Dickinson, RSCM Ireland, jacqui.dickinson@ntlworld.com by **9th March, indicating your voice part** (soprano, alto, tenor, bass). This invitation is open to members of the USOC, RSCM Ireland and friends. **Please bring a copy of the score.**

If you would like to attend as a listener/observer to the rehearsal and performance, prior notification is not required.

VISIT TO ORGANS IN DUBLIN, 14th April

We will be travelling to Dublin by coach from Belfast (departure at 8:30am - assembly point will be confirmed at the end of March), with collection points at Sprucefield (c.9:00am), Banbridge (c.9:15am) and Newry (c.9:45am). **Please note that the collection point at Newry will be at the new train station.**

At 11:00am we will be greeted by Dr Andrew Johnstone at Trinity College Dublin, who will introduce and give a short recital on the new organ by Goetze and Gwynn in the Public Theatre. When we leave the College, members and guests will be free to make their own arrangements for lunch. We will reassemble at 2:00pm at the Unitarian Church in St Stephen's Green (directions will be provided). The Walker organ (1909) in the Unitarian Church has been rebuilt by Trevor Crowe and Trevor will outline the work undertaken. At c.3:15pm the coach will convey us to our final stop, at St Patrick's Cathedral, where we will be welcomed by the Dean, the Very Rev William Morton. The present organ in St Patrick's dates from 1902 (Willis, rebuilt by Walker in 1963).

There will be opportunities for some members to play the organs in TCD and the Unitarian Church and, hopefully, also in St Patrick's Cathedral.

The coach will leave Dublin at 5:00pm.

A programme, including specifications of the organs and other relevant information, will be provided to members of the group.



Organ in the Examination Hall/Public Theatre, TCD before rebuilding [Photo courtesy of M R Tregenna].



The organ as it is now by Goetze & Gwynn [Photo obtained from www.goetzegwynn.co.uk]

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR BOOKING SLIP

REPLY SLIP

I wish to reserve/confirm 1 place / 2 places (delete as appropriate) on the coach from:

Belfast Sprucefield Banbridge Newry (new train station)

The cost per person is £20. Please EITHER:

- i) send this slip with a cheque for the appropriate amount to Philip Walden, Hon Treasurer, at 20 Hazeldene Avenue, Bangor, Co Down, BT20 4RA
OR:
- ii) make an electronic payment to the USOC bank account, details of which you will find at the end of the latest Newsletter. In this case, please email your reservation to philip.walden@btinternet.com .

Either way, if you have still to pay your subscription for 2018, please add that (£25) to your payment and include the corresponding reply with your communication.

Name(s) _____

Email address _____

Telephone _____

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR REPLIES AND RECEIPT OF PAYMENT IS 24th March.