

### Martin Setchell short bio 2018

Martin Setchell, organist of Christchurch city New Zealand, is an international concert performer who believes in promoting entertaining organ music to a wide audience.

Born and educated in England where he was awarded his Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists, he studied at various times with Pierre Cochereau, Marie-Claire Alain, Piet Kee, and Peter Hurford. He is curator of the Rieger pipe organ in the Christchurch Town Hall for the Performing Arts (city organist), and University of Canterbury organist.

He regularly performs in Europe, the USA, Canada, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, China and Japan. This year, 2018, he will perform concerts in Australia, Germany, France, the UK and Switzerland, as well as throughout New Zealand.

His CDs include *A Taste of Shropshire*, (Quantum) recorded at Ludlow Parish church in England, the highly successful *Bonbons for Organ* series and *Pink and White*, an anthology of New Zealand organ music (Atoll) and *Great Australasian Organs VII* featuring the Rieger organ of Christchurch Town Hall (Priory 1031, UK). His most recent recording is *Cardboard Cathedral Organ Capers* recorded on the Rodgers Infinity organ of the Transitional Anglican Cathedral.

Martin is heard on BBC radio's *The Organist Entertains*, the USA's *Pipe Dreams*, and Radio New Zealand's concert programme.

He has arranged Fauré, Bizet, and Sousa (published by Kevin Mayhew Music), and edited organ albums of music by Saint-Saëns, Purcell and Bach for Oxford University Press. In 2008 he was honoured by the City of Christchurch, receiving a Civic Award for services to music in the community and the Town Hall organ in particular.

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