

Glenstal Abbey Summer Organ Improvisation School Moves to Dublin!



Organ Improvisation
with
Ansgar Wallenhorst:

Models of Creativity in Liturgy and Concert

Clonliffe College, Dublin
&
St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Wednesday 8th July to Friday 10th July 2015

This workshop is open to organists at every level of ability who wish to develop their own creativity in improvisation either in the context of liturgical services or in concert performance. With a combination of group work in the mornings (9.30-12.30) and individual lessons in the afternoon (lesson times to be finalized with each participant), the workshop will be adapted to the abilities, tastes and preferences of the individual participants. Participants are invited to bring music which they already play or are learning as an indication and basis for developing according to their own level and stylistic preferences.

Organists of all standards are welcome to apply, either as active participants or as auditors. Auditors who are beginners at improvisation may request individual tuition from Columba McCann (time and cost to be agreed).

Ansgar Wallenhorst

Following his highly successful workshops on organ improvisation here in recent years, we are delighted to welcome Ansgar Wallenhorst to Ireland for our seventh summer workshop. He has studied improvisation with Professor Günther Kaunzinger, Thierry Escaich, Olivier Latry and Jean Guillou. A winner in the 3^{ème} *Concours d'orgue de la ville de Paris* and laureate of the *Grand Prix* of the 43rd international improvisation competition in Haarlem, the Netherlands in 2000, he has toured extensively in Europe, the United States and Australia. For more details, see www.ansgar-wallenhorst.de



More Details about Venues and Times

Dublin on Wednesday and Thursday

Classes on Wednesday and Thursday will take place in Clonliffe College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3, which is near the city centre. The chapel organ, with 25 speaking stops, was built by the 19th century Dublin builder John White, and rebuilt in the 1970's by the Liverpool firm of Rushworth & Dreaper.

A Visit to Maynooth on Friday

A visit to the splendid new 3-manual Ruffati organ at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will be worked into the Friday programme, with the co-ordination and timing of individual and group sessions between Dublin and Maynooth to be finalized with the participants during the workshop.

Course Co-Ordinator:

Columba McCann O.S.B holds a B.Mus Degree, University College Dublin, and a Licentiate in Organ Performance (LRSM). He has a particular interest in organ improvisation, which he has studied with both Ansgar Wallenhorst (Ratingen) and Frederic Blanc (Paris), and is a composer of liturgical music.

Cost & Enrolment

Participation in the workshop costs €200.

A deposit may be required to secure a place.

Non-participant observer €40 per half-day.

For more information please contact Columba McCann at columba@glenstal.org or ring 061 621098.