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ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, PORTSMOUTH

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Thomas Heywood, the internationally acclaimed organist from Oz, presents a programme including selections from Swan Lake, Pirates of Penzance, Bartered Bride and many other concert favourites at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th July, 2006 at St. John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth.

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Music, Maestro, Please!

The internationally acclaimed organ virtuoso Thomas Heywood enjoys an outstanding reputation as one of the world's finest concert organists. As the first and only Australian musician in history to live as a professional concert organist, 32 year-old Heywood is renowned for his truly unique ability to make the greatest music of all time come alive on the 'King of Instruments'.

Touring extensively around the world, Heywood has an amazingly comprehensive repertoire of over 5,000 works. He is celebrated as 'an acknowledged master' for his solo performances and spoken introductions.

Heywood's international solo concert tours meet with record crowds and standing ovations stunning audiences and critics alike. After last year's unprecedented successes, the latest international solo tour of 'Australia's Premier Organist' was a complete triumph dazzling audiences from St Paul's Cathedral in London to San Diego in California where he received standing ovations both before interval and at the end of the concert, only the third organist to receive such acclaim in the nearly 90 years of concerts on the world's largest outdoor pipe organ:

'The most compelling music making of any kind I've heard in ages', commented *The Dallas Morning News* (USA).

The Editor's Choice, *Organists' Review* (UK) carried the plaudit: 'What a stunning player Thomas Heywood is. His flawless technique is just the platform from which truly artistic and memorable performances flow.'

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Tickets £8 (£6 concessions). Further information from the Cathedral on 023 9282 6170, or from David Cain on 023 9275 0442 or 0788 141 6979

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