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Brentwood Organ & Keyboard Club

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Club Diary 2023

Concert - Tues 26th Sept 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
24 th Oct	Nicholas Martin B.E.M	1-45pm
21 st Nov (3 rd week)	Mark Spafford	1-45pm
12 th Dec	Chris Stanbury	1-45pm
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Mark Thompson



Mark's playing of the Electronic organ began at age seven. He joined the Technics Academy at nine; He worked his way through his grades whilst along the way entering local competitions and reached the area finals in 1999.

Mark was a pupil of Chiho Sunamoto at the Yamaha School of Music; and was performing in

concerts by the age of fifteen. Mark then travelled the UK and abroad playing the Yamaha EL90 for organ societies, festivals and private functions.

In 2002 Mark won the 'Young Theatre Organist of the Year' competition and has subsequently performed on many of the UK's most prodigious theatre organs.

Mark also plays in a 60s and 70s band, 'Wallstreet', on keyboards and providing backing vocals, he is also the musical director or rehearsal pianist for many North East musical theatre societies. Mark's other works include that of, vocal coach, accompanist or Music Director for many North East stage schools, and musical theatre colleges in both Blackpool and Leeds.

Mark plays 'cocktail piano' at hotels and restaurants across the North East, also for weddings throughout the year. He plays with 'The Fab Dakers Boys' jazz band at Newcastle United's football ground, 'St. James' Park', and features in the 'The Ratpack Vegas Spectacular' band, for shows at theatres around the country.

Other Clubs

<u>Club</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Artiste</u>	<u>Doors</u>
WA	11 th Oct	Matthew Bason	7-50 pm
MO	9 th Oct	Matthew Bason	7-00 pm
CL	11 th Oct	Nicholas Martin	7-00 pm
CO Sunday	8 th Oct	David Ingle	Start 2-30 pm

Clubs fold? - Please confirm performance by contacting the club by phone prior to attending.

www.organfax.co.uk/events/

Club contact number

WA - Est London Tel 02085 303717
 MO - Medway Tel 01322 274541
 CL - Clacton Tel 01255 428628
 CO - Colchester Tel 07903 804603

Club Email - members and visitors

Please let the club have your email address - We will send you club news and club related notices. Email is 'Blind Copied' your address is not revealed.

Refreshments

Jean could do with you on her team !

Tues -Sept 26th Jean, Yvonne Maguire
Tues -Oct 24th Jean, Barbbara Cornish

A few times a year, would you help serve tea and coffee?

Birthdays

Club members celebrations



Sep

Peter Eaton & David Nye

Oct

Simon Botwright, Peter Bouchard, Christine Brown, Janet Cox, James Eringa, Stephen Morl, Gwendoline Stockwell

**Its Your Club -We need more 'helpers' at concerts.
Maybe you would help with refreshments or setting out the hall?**

Notices

Raffle

Please support your club
By buying raffle tickets.

Interim Finance Position

On our last concert

(to keep you informed)

The Powells

22nd Aug 2023

Audience that afternoon

41 members 23 visitors.

Club - Raffle Raising **£69.00 p**

Donations **£44.70 p**

Concert position.

Income on evening of:-

£77.28

Voluntary - refreshments box.

There is no charge for 'Tea/Coffee & Biscuits' but club funds would gratefully appreciate a donation.

NEXT MONTH

Nicholas Martin 24th Oct 23



Additions to newsletter?

Speak to Steve Morl - Secretary.

Website

WWW.BOKC-NEWS.co.uk

Next Concert - **Nicholas Martin B.E.M** - 24th Oct 2023

Nick began his music career studying the piano at nine years of age. A family visit to Blackpool in 1969 (at age five), gave him the chance to hear the Wurlitzer organ being played in the famous Tower Ballroom by "Mr Blackpool" - Reginald Dixon. At the age of eleven it became his ambition to perform at this most famous of venues. Nick's ambition was achieved in 1981. He accepted a post as resident organist – and was then just 17. Nick became the resident Wurlitzer organist at "Turner's", in April 1983, and remained there until its closure in June 2004.

For his relentless and tireless support of the "Miracles to Believe in" charity, helping those with autism, Nick was awarded the B.E.M.

Last concert - The Powells 22nd Aug 2023

Quite a concert, two musicians in a simultaneous and seamless performance on stage, playing duets throughout, a first for us in a long time or perhaps ever at Brentwood. We were entertained by Chris playing the Roland Atelier AT-900C, Joanne playing the Key B Duo organ with Ketron SD3 expander and Jess the dog playing with the camera stand.

A well attended concert with the largest audience number post the pandemic. In all An excellent concert featuring a broad repertoire, well received and applauded.

From the 1st half

'The Wedding', Can't help falling in love, The wonder of you, Csárdás by Vittorio Monti, Cheek to cheek, Let's Face The Music and Dance, How great thou art, welcome to my world, The Tennessee Waltz, Blanket On The Ground, Ring of Fire, a 'fast' Latin medley, Brazil, Tico Tico.

From the 2nd half

Little Swiss piece (walker),

What a wonderful world, Rock around the clock, This old house, A 50's medley, Chitty chitty bang bang, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Tomorrow, Umpapa, If I loved you, Any dream will do, Love Changes Everything, Royal Air Force March, 633 Squadron, Dambusters march. A life on the ocean waves, It's a long way to Tipperary, Lilly la Marlane, Oh God our help in ages past, Last post, There'll always be an England, Land of hope and Glory.

Encore Duelling Banjos, Deep in the heart of Texas.

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