St Peter's Cathedral Organ - 'Pay to Play' Experience

The St Peter's Cathedral Organ (William Hill & Son, Norman & Beard, 1929; rebuilt by Harrison & Harrison, 2017-18) is regarded as one of the great organs of Australia. Described as having unrivalled tonal opulence and speaking into one of the finest acoustics in the country, the organ is an outstanding example of English romantic organ building.

Visiting organists are able to have an opportunity to explore the tonal palette of this grand instrument, ably assisted by the Director of Music, the Cathedral Organist, or another organist nominated by them. The experience will last for one hour at a fee of $200, which goes towards the ongoing tuning and maintenance costs of this notable instrument. The experiences are available by appointment outside of regular Cathedral opening hours.

If you would like to arrange such a unique, curated session on the Cathedral Organ, please contact the Director of Music, Anthony Hunt, via ahunt@stpeters-cathedral.org.au to set a mutually convenient time.

Please note:

- Special services, rehearsals, concerts or other events in the busy Cathedral diary may mean your preferred time slot is not available.

- Access to the organ console is via a steep, narrow staircase. If you have any concerns regarding your mobility or access arrangements, please make this clear in discussions with the Director of Music.

- In line with the Diocesan Safe Ministry regulations, any Pay to Play participant aged under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- No access will be granted to the organ chamber in any circumstances;

- Players should bring organ shoes or play in socks - street shoes are not to be worn as they cause wear to the pedal caps;

- Generally we allow a maximum of 3 to 4 people in the loft - we know from the structural loading calculations the loft was somewhat of an afterthought at the time of installation, and is not designed to have a large number of people; and also given the egress considerations of the narrow and steep staircase.