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'Say It With Music at Baycourt'

On Wednesday the 1st March Baycourt will host one of the world's most well-known organists Hans Uwe Hielscher. Hans is a German organist and composer, the organist and carilloneur at the Marktkirche in Wiesbaden since 1979, internationally known as a concert organist. Hielscher will be playing the music by famous composers Irving Berlin, Albert Ketèlbey and Scott Joplin, whose works have become staple compositions and much loved throughout the world.

Louise Creighton, from the Tauranga Theatre Organ Society Chairman says "Although he is a classical organist who regularly plays at a Wiesbaden Cathedral, Germany, since 1986 he has taught at the University of Redlands, California so he is also very proficient with American Theatre Organ music styles."

Hielscher has played more than 2500 organ concerts worldwide having studied church music at the Hochschule für Musik Detmold and carillon in Utrecht. From 1969 - 1973 he was church musician in Juist and from 1973 - 1979 in Bielefeld. He has been the organist and carilloneur at the Marktkirche in Wiesbaden since 1979. He created a series of weekly free recitals called Orgelmusik zur Marktzeit (organ music at market time) in which he and guest organists perform seasonal music, more than 1500 events as of 2010. In 1985 he worked at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles in exchange with Samuel Swartz, and he has been teaching at the University of Redlands in California since 1986.

Scott Joplin was dubbed the "King of Ragtime Writers". During his brief career, he wrote 44 original ragtime pieces. One of his first pieces, the "Maple Leaf Rag", became ragtime's first and most influential hit, and has been recognized as the archetypal rag. Albert William Ketèlbey was an English composer, conductor and pianist, best known for his short pieces of light orchestral music. Irving Berlin was an American composer and lyricist, widely considered one of the greatest songwriters in American history. His music forms a great part of the Great American Songbook.

Say It With Music will play at Baycourt on Wednesday 1 March at 7pm in the Baycourt Addison Theatre. Tickets are on sale and available at the box office on Durham St or online at ticketek.co.nz Prices:

Adult: \$29.00

Child (under 14 yrs.): \$10.00

Concession, Senior and Unwaged: \$27.00

Student, Tertiary and Secondary: \$10.00

Tauranga Theatre Organ Society & Friends of Baycourt: \$25.00 (present membership cards) For

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