



## Byron Jones, *the Welsh Wizard*

Byron was born in 1949 in Risca, Gwent, South Wales – hence the name of The Welsh Wizard. As a child, he showed great promise on the piano, and then later on the organ. He played in a local church, and developed his style over the years. Whilst still at school, Byron played at the local chapel and then progressed to the working mens clubs of Wales when he was a teenager, accompanying many of the big stars who came to Wales in cabaret – Donald Peers, Ruby Murray and many more. He later progressed to the larger clubs, where he would be engaged to play for artistes straight from the London Palladium. Since then, over the last thirty years, Byron has played for many Summer Season Spectacular shows, made countless radio broadcasts and made many television appearances in Great Britain and America, as well as producing his own recordings on CD and DVD. Byron has his own Music Society of loyal fans and friends from all over the world.

Byron plays regularly for organ societies the length and breadth of Britain as well as at dance venues for ballroom and sequence dancing. For many years Byron has produced his own music festivals and holiday breaks, much to the delight of his devoted supporters and earning new friendships all the time.

An accomplished organist, Byron has also played most of the major theatre pipe organs in Great Britain, namely, Comptons, Christies and Wurlitzers including the famous Blackpool Tower Wurlitzer. He is a much-sought-after concert performer, and travels all over the country, giving concerts on many of the loved and cherished Theatre Cinema Organs that have been preserved and held in affection. He also cannot resist the temptation to sample all kinds of Church Organs when he has the opportunity. There are hundreds of Organ Societies around the country today having guest organists in concert, and Byron is among the tops, being sought after for these events, even as far as Spain and Jersey.

In recent years Byron has achieved an increasing international success, with many new friends in Canada and the USA who look forward to seeing him during his visits there. Never happier than when seated at the console of some of the world's finest organs, Byron's magic touch is appreciated all around the world.