

The Selah Concert – Info Sheet

INFO ABOUT HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN HOST A SELAH CONCERT

What is it? The Selah Concert is a unique musical experience featuring solo piano performances of classic hymns as originally recorded on the Selah Hymns 1 & Selah Hymns 2 CDs. The performances are combined with Scripture readings and mini-stories about the lives of the great hymn writers. The Selah Concert has been performed in the U.S.A, United Kingdom & New Zealand. (For audio samples of this CD please visit our website – www.selahrecordings.com).

What is Selah Hymns? *“Selah Hymns is an exceptional CD - in fact it is our top-selling instrumental. Kris Baines has captured the essence of these all-time favourite hymns in a perfectly co-ordinated piano recital which is both original and refreshing”.* (Julie-Anne Milliken, Manager, Browns Bay Christian Book Centre)

Who is it suitable for? Anyone of any age who appreciates reflective, soothing piano music, improvisation, Scripture and classic hymns.

Why should we consider hosting a Selah Concert? To offer those in your congregation an opportunity to come out for a free night of music, time to reflect on the Lord and take a break from the business of life.

In what style are the pieces played? Contemplative, not quite classical, not quite jazz but very inspirational and meditative. Kris expresses much feeling and uses improvisation effectively in his performances.

Who is the pianist/artist? Kris Baines (see bio attached)

Where is he based? Rolleston, Christchurch. For concerts outside of Christchurch a donation to cover travelling expenses is appreciated.

How much does it cost to host The Selah Concert? Nothing at all, as long as there is permission to sell CD's after the concert. The concert is FREE to all who may wish to come. Also, each church may take up an offering to go to their own cause (i.e missions).

How long is the concert? Approximately 1 hour 15mins. You may wish to serve refreshments afterwards. The concert can also be split into 2 x 40 minutes, if you wish to serve refreshments in between.

What about children? It is recommended that you provide an alternative program for very young children/babies as the concert is most effective in a quiet environment.

Is any of the content denomination specific? Absolutely not. The majority of the concert consists of instrumental piano music. All other content consists only of Scripture readings and mini-stories about the lives of the great hymn writers. Kris also shares his testimony, along with a sensitive gospel presentation.

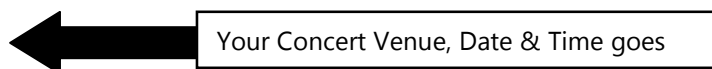
What do we need to provide?

- ◆ A piano that is in good working order and in tune
- ◆ A suitable venue (Sanctuary, auditorium, church hall etc. preferably with the option of dim lighting)
- ◆ A microphone and boom stand for placing over piano (for speaking)
- ◆ A table for displaying/selling CD's

What if we don't have a piano? An electric piano can be supplied free of charge for performances within driving distance, but you would need to provide suitable amplification (PA speakers etc.)

How do we advertise "The Selah Concert"? You will be given generic posters free of charge to display on your notice boards (sample enclosed) and suggested text to display in church bulletins/newsletters. All you have to do is write on your venue, date & time.

Example:



What are people saying about The Selah Concert?

"The concert was a time of pure peace and relaxation, those who came have continued to talk about the night. Many gained insight into the background of many of the well known hymns and songs. We were blessed by the spiritual gentleness of the evening" ~ Pastor Mark Beale, St Elizabeth's Anglican Church

"I was so blessed to hear not only the solo piano music, but the history behind the hymns as well...Kris has been given a gift from God in this ministry" ~ Pastor Bill Philipp, Calvary Chapel Chatsworth, CA

"Kris Baines has created a quite extraordinary worship experience. It was a wonderful way to be led into the presence of God. Don't miss it!" - Ben Marlow, Associate Minister, Frinton Free Church, Frinton-on-Sea, United Kingdom

"We have just got home from your wonderful concert in Christchurch. Thank you so much" - Smithie Family

"...it was such a blessing - VERY soothing and special. Its good to be reminded about the source of the great hymns... It was lovely to see young folk exposed to really beautiful music..." - Wendy Busby

"The Selah concert was truly amazing. Oh what a blessing to have basked in his glory last night. Our friends, my wife and I were truly blessed...the background info plus the scriptural readings were most touching..." - Naki Misa

How do I book up?

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SENT OUT UPON CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING

Artist Bio – Kris Baines

Born in the United Kingdom, Kristien Baines began piano lessons when he was eight years old. His natural talent and love of the piano soon became apparent and throughout his latter teens and early 20's Kris played keyboard for several UK and US bands, travelling extensively. During this time, Kris honed his talent and gained valuable experience in performing, recording and composition.

Whilst in Los Angeles, Kris' long time quest for spiritual truth and the meaning/purpose of life ended. Having put the claims of Christ to the test, Kris came to realise that Jesus was indeed 'the way, the truth and the life' (John 14:6, The Bible) and soon after committed his life to Jesus Christ. While this new direction saw Kris gradually move away from the mainstream music scene, his love for music and talent continued to grow.

In 1998, Kris moved to New Zealand where he taught over 60 students as a full time piano teacher. In 2002, He finished recording his first solo piano CD entitled Selah Hymns. After helping with the planting of Calvary Chapel Auckland and serving there for several years as a youth pastor/worship leader, Kris and Becky moved to Christchurch to plant Calvary Chapel Christchurch - a non-denominational church affiliated with Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, California.

After moving to Christchurch, Kris recorded two more solo piano CDs, *Selah Hymns 2* and *Selah Christmas*. Kris has also undertaken some film/TV music composition, scoring the soundtrack for *Meet Me In Miami*, an independent feature film that premiered in Christchurch.

The fact that Kris still plays the piano is both a miracle and a testimony itself to the grace of God. In the mid 90's, he was advised to stop playing after being diagnosed with Repetitive Strain Injury in both hands. However, he says that God miraculously intervened, healing him and enabling him to play to this day without any of the pain he experienced previously.

The Selah CD series is a reflection of Kris' love for the great hymns of the past. "I like the idea of playing instrumental versions of great hymns in a very expressive way and also using improvisation. With such powerful and emotive words, I think it's important to put a lot of feeling into the music," he says.

Kris is married to his wife Becky and they live in Christchurch, New Zealand with their 4 children Sarah, Holly, Abigail & Gabriel. Kris spends his time doing Bible Teaching/Pastoral Care/Administration at Calvary Chapel Christchurch, works as a relief Ambulance Officer for St Johns, and writes/records music as and when the opportunities arise. Aside from those activities, Kris loves to spend time with his wife and children, without whose support he says he would not achieve anything!

Testimonials of the Selah Hymns CDs

"Kris Baines brings alive the most famous of hymn tunes, drawing inspiration from their writers and words to offer a collection of beautifully expressive solo piano arrangements" - ICC Records, UK

"A soothing and refreshing reminder of the rich musical heritage which shaped us as we grew, teaching us more than the best sermons we heard ...a simplistic but sensitive interpretation of some of the greatest hymns ever written. This album touches the heart, eases the spirit, and certainly lives up to it's name." - Shacky, Former Label Manager, Parachute Music NZ

"Take a solo piano, some timeless gems from the Christian hymnody and play them in an expressive, not quite jazz not quite classical manner and this is what you get" - Simon Carpenter, Cross Rhythms

"...it has filled my office with peaceful music as well as our sanctuary. We have used it at home and for some music that was played for some "going home" gatherings, (aka known as funerals or memorials.) ... Give it a listen!" - Pastor Chuck Kelly, Calvary Chapel Bullhead City, USA

"...his music is wonderful -- solo piano arrangements of mostly old hymns. Everyone we give these to just raves about them." - Pastor Dave Swaney, Calvary Chapel Nelson, New Zealand

"Kris Baines has captured the essence of these all-time favourite hymns in a perfectly coordinated piano recital which is both original and refreshing" - Julie-Anne Milliken, Manager, Browns Bay Christian Book Centre, Auckland, New Zealand