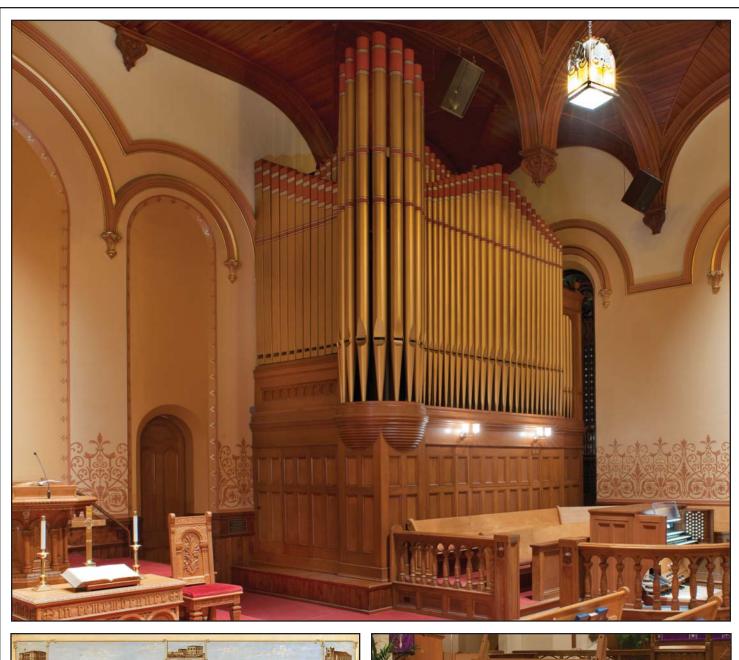
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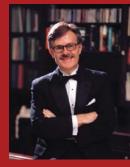
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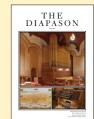
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# **Editor's Notebook**

# In this issue

This month we are delighted to introduce you to the members of our "20 under 30" Class of 2016: Stephen Buzard, Alcee Chriss, Kipp Cortez, Monica Czausz, Trevor Dodd, Joey Fala, Thomas Gaynor, Wesley Hall, Michael Hey, Amanda Mole, Adam Pajan, Nathaniel Riggle, Caroline Robinson, Jonathan Rudy, Patrick Scott, Thomas Sheehan, Wyatt Smith, Jacob Street, David Von Behren, and Gregory Zelek. This group of young leaders in the fields of organ performance and building, harpsichord, carillon, and church music has been selected from a large field (over 130 nominations were submitted). We congratulate these young people and look forward to reporting their accomplishments in the months and years to come.

Marcia Van Oyen reports on the 55th University of Michigan

Organ Conference that was held last October, and Stephen Schnurr introduces us to the new Quimby organ installation at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Quimby Opus 71, the largest organ in the city, was dedicated on March 18. Marijim Thoene provides an interview with Sister Anita Smisek, a Dominican religious who runs Alliance Publications in

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Sinsinawa, Wisconsin (the sisters also present an annual summer organ recital series in their chapel).

John Bishop discusses "human gestures"—those tasks and movements and actions that help art and the arts feed our humanity. Gavin Black continues his discussion of motivation and factors involved in practicing. And Larry Palmer provides more about Duphly, along with some thoughts about the Historical Keyboard Society of North America meeting last fall, and violinist Éritz Kreisler.

Baseball season has begun, and our cover feature this month is a double header: A. E. Schlueter's two organs in Galveston Island, Texas, at the First Lutheran Church and First

# Letters to the Editor

# Organs in Beijing, China

In the March 2016 edition of THE DIAPASON, it is reported that a new Casavant organ was installed in 2015 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception—"also known as the North Cathedral"—in Beijing, China PRC.

In point of fact: the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Beijing is actually known as the South (Southern) Cathedral, known in Chinese as the Xuanwumen or Nantang (South) Church. The actual name of the

Northern Cathedral is Holy Saviour.

I was last at the Southern Cathedral in December 2007. At that time, they had to make do with a synthesizer! I am indeed pleased that they have (finally) acquired a real (pipe) organ!

Back then, I attended the "International" Mass, conducted mainly in English, with some readings in French. It was far from being a Mass intended for the benefit of foreigners: the congregation was overwhelmingly Chinese, and the capacious room was packed! This

was—and presumably still is—help on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. I was told that there is also a Korean-language Mass on Sunday afternoons.

You can readily look up this information at Wikipedia, TripAdvisor, or GCatholic.org, among other sites.

Oh, by the way, there were no police in sight! Far from interfering with the worship services, the State supports the Cathedral, as a historic site.

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The choir of St. George's Episcopal Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, will present a festival Evensong on May l at 4 p.m. Repertoire will include Felix Mendelssohn's tonepoem *Hear My Prayer*, canticles by American composers Michael McCabe and Richard Proulx, and a portion of Mozart's Coronation Mass.

Featured artists-in-residence at St. George's are Dorothy Benham, soprano; Elizabeth Woolner, mezzosoprano; Philip Eschweiler, tenor; and Donald Moyer, bass-baritone. Randall M. Egan is organist and choirmaster and director of music and liturgy. The Reverend Daniel V. Pearson will preside at the Evensong. For information: 952/926-1646.

The Lunchtime Organ Recital Series in Appleton, Neenah, Menasha, and Kaukauna, Wisconsin, organized by Frank Rippl, presents its twenty-first season: May 19, Leon Couch, First Congregational Church; 5/25, Stephen Schnurr, The History Museum at the Castle;

June 1, Kathryn Handford, Memorial Chapel, Lawrence University; 6/2, Joanne Peterson, St. Thomas Episcopal Church; 6/8, Jeffrey Verkuilen, Holy Cross Catholic Church; 6/15, Jared Stellmacher, First Presbyterian Church; 6/22, Devin Atteln, First United Methodist Church; 6/29.

Andrew Birling, Memorial Presbyterian Church; July 4, Frank Rippl, singa-long, All Saints Episcopal 7/6, Mitchell Miller, St. Joseph Catholic Church; 7/7, Samuel Buse, First Presbyterian Church; 7/13, Derek Nickels, First United Methodist Church; 7/20, Ryan Mueller, First English Lutheran Church; 7/27, Matthew Buller, First Presbyterian Church;

August 3, Jonathan Oblander, St. Bernard Catholic Church; 8/4, Donald Verkuilen, St. Joseph Catholic Church; 8/10, Mario Buchanan, St. Mary Catholic Church; 8/11, Naomi Rowley, St. Paul Lutheran Church; 8/17, David Bohn, First Congregational Church; 8/24, Charles Barland, Memorial Presbyterian Church; 8/31, Ralph and Marillyn Freeman, St. Paul Lutheran Church. For further information, visit www.lunchtimeorganrecital.org.

Merton College Girls' Choir will be established in September 2016 and will sing in Merton College Chapel beginning in October. The choir will take part in services and concerts in Oxford and further afield. The Girls' Choir will be led by Benjamin Nicholas, director of music since 2012, who has directed the Merton College Choir in recordings, tours, and concerts. Choristers will receive lessons from an experienced singing teacher. Auditions will be held May 21, for girls who, in September, will be in school years 5 to 10. For information: www.mertoncollegechoir.com.



**Methuen Memorial Music Hall** 

# Methuen Memorial Music Hall.

Methuen, Massachusetts, announces its summer organ recitals, held at 8 p.m.: May 25, Young Artists (Roric Cunningham, Forrest Eimold, Richard Gress, and Philip Pampreen); June 1, Christopher Jennings; 6/8, Stuart Forster; 6/15, Andrés Mojica; 6/22, Thomas Sheehan; 6/29, Kimberly Ann Hess:

July 6, Raymond Nagem; 7/13, Mark Engelhardt; 7/20, Mark Thewes and Chad Pittman; 7/27, George A. Sargeant; August 3, Matthias Havinga; 8/10, Katelyn Emerson; 8/17, Monica

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Alexandra Harper; 8/24, Neal Campbell; 8/31, Anne Horsch; September 14, Douglas Major. For information: www.mmmh.org.



Skinner Opus 327, St. Luke's, Evanston

In this 150th anniversary year of the birth of Ernest M. Skinner (1866–1960), the "Opus 327" foundation of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston, Illinois, presents Nathan J. Laube May 27 at 8 p.m. The concert is a fundraiser for the benefit of "Opus 327," a not-for-profit organization for the promotion and stewardship of the 1922 four-manual E.M. Skinner organ. Herbert E. Hyde, St. Luke's organist and choirmaster from 1920–46, drew up the specification for the organ in consultation with William Zeuch, vice president of the Skinner Organ Company, and Joseph Bonnet, organist of St. Eustache in Paris. The organ was restored by A. Thompson-Allen in 2002. (See THE DIAPASON, January 2003: "Ernest M. Skinner Opus 327, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston, Illinois," by Richard Webster.) For further information: www.stlukesevanston.org.

Piccolo Spoleto, the official outreach program of Spoleto Festival USA presents l'Organo organ recital series, part of the Charleston, South Carolina, arts scene since 1979. Recitals are at 10 a.m. except as noted: May 29, Nigel Potts, Grace Church Cathedral (7:30 p.m.); 5/30, Charles Tompkins, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church; 5/31, Joseph Peeples, St. Michael's Church; June Maxine Thévenot, St. Matthew's Lutheran; 6/2, Anthony Williams, Bethel United Methodist Church; 6/3, David Houston, Grace Cathedral; 6/5, Isabelle Demers, Summerall Chapel, The Citadel (7:30 p.m.); 6/6, Nathan Andrew Yeargin, St. John the Baptist Cathedral; 6/8, Patrick Scott, Grace Cathedral; 6/9, Timothy Tikker and Julia Harlow, (Huguenot) French Protestant Church; 6/10, Mitchell Miller, Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul. For information: www.piccolospoleto.com.

This year marks the 35th season of Rassegna Organistica Internazionale Achille Berruti, held at Cattedrale di Santo Stefano in Biella, Italy. Founded by Mario Duella, the festival features the 1860 Camillo Guglielmo Bianchi organ, restored in 1976 by Fratelli Piccinelli of Bergamo and in 2006 by Thomas Wälthi of Bern, in collaboration with Alessandro Rigola of Biella. The performers: June 3, Mario Duella, with bass Giovanni Guerini; 6/10, Livio Vanoni. For information: www.storiciorganipiemonte.com.

The North American Carillon School, the Springfield Park District, the Rees Carillon Society, and The Carillon Belles will hold a workshop coinciding with the Springfield International Carillon Festival, Springfield, Illinois, June 5-10. Performers are Dennis Curry, Jeff Davis, Amy Johansen, Luc Rombouts, and Carlo van Ulft. Davis and van Ulft will teach masterclasses. Curry, Johansen, Rombouts, and Jim Fackenthal will present lectures on the carillon and carillon performance. Participants will have access to the Thomas Rees Carillon and practice claviers. An organ crawl of significant Springfield organs is also scheduled. For information: www.carillonschoolusa.org.

At its annual convention in Houston, Texas, the **National Association of Pastoral Musicians** will offer two week-long programs to build skills and understanding of aspects of music ministry. The Piano and Organ Institute features Lynn Trapp and James Kosnik; Paul Inwood and Rory Cooney lead the Composer and Text Writer Institute. Fee is \$90 in addition to full convention registration. Pre-registration required: space is limited.

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NPM will also offer three standalone Institutes this year. The Summer Institute Plus, June 13–16 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, led by retreat master Rev. Dr. Paul H. Colloton, offers prayer, reflection, practical skills, and new music for pastoral musicians, liturgists, and cantor/psalmists. The Thirtieth Annual Guitar and Ensemble Institute in Milford, Ohio, June 27–July 1, is for guitarists at all levels, instrumentalists who serve



Participants in Concordia Keyboard Day at Concordia University Irvine

On January 16, the music department of **Concordia University Irvine** hosted the annual Concordia Keyboard Day. This educational event brought twenty-nine young pianists and organists to the CUI campus for a day of keyboard-related educational activities led by CUI faculty members Rachel Schrag, Hyunjoo Choi, Tom Mueller, Carol McDaniel, and Steve Young. In the morning sessions, participants attended a variety of workshops and masterclasses, as well as a recital by CUI faculty and students. After lunch on campus, the students participated in a scholarship competition.

In the piano division, prizes were awarded to Timothy Zhuang, Dana Moon, Vincent Pham, Raymond Ramlow, and David Morgan. Organ awards were presented to Samuel Nguyen, Vincent Pham, John Yokoyama, Alex Allsing, Annie Kelly, Kevin Tran, Anneke Buurma, and Reilan Fleischbein.

Each winner received a cash prize to support their private music study, and several of the top performers also received a scholarship to support future collegiate music study at CUI. The next Concordia Keyboard Day will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2017. For information: http://cui.edu/music, or contact Rachel Schrag at rachel.schrag@cui.edu or 949/214-3415.



Kenneth Huber, Virginia Ewing Whitmire, Stephen Hamilton, and Mark Whitmire

**Stephen Hamilton** presented Marcel Dupré's *Le Chemin de la Croix* ("The Stations of the Cross") on Fisk Opus 112 at St. James's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia, on March 11 to a large audience. The concert was co-sponsored by the Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Shown in the photograph are pianist Kenneth Huber, Hamilton's partner of 41 years and page turner; Virginia Ewing Whitmire, organist of the church; Stephen Hamilton; and Mark Whitmire, director of music.



Dorothy Papadakos (center) with East Carolina organ majors

East Carolina University recently hosted Dorothy Papadakos for an all-day improvisation workshop on January 23. Papadakos gained international fame as the first female organist of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and as one of the nation's leading improvisers. The January workshop focused on practical techniques for both beginning and intermediate improvisers, and students were able to put the skills to use immediately. The East Carolina Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (Bill Wood, dean) co-sponsored the event.

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of ensembles, and for those who lead with a combination of instruments and voice. The NPM Institute Plus Bilingüe takes place October 13-15 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Similar to the Summer Institute, the sessions will be presented in both English and Spanish. For information or to register: www.npm.org.

The XX Academia de Órgano Fray **Joseph de Echevarria** takes place July 20–27 in Palencia, Spain. Registration deadline is June 10. Faculty includes Montserrat Torrent, Roberto Fresco, Paolo Crivellaro, Monica Melcova, and Marta Serna. Focus will be on works of Cabezón, Carreira, and Coelho; North German and youthful Bach works, improvisation techniques, and seventeenth-century works. Students will participate in masterclasses and the closing concert, held at the San Andrés Church of Carrión de los Condes. For information: www.aaopalencia.org.

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Charlestown, Massachusetts, celebrated the conclusion of a year-long restoration project for its historic organ on Palm Sunday, March 20. The equally historic church, designed by Patrick C. Keely, has been home to Woodberry & Harris Opus 100 since its installation in 1892. Restorative projects included the winding and action, especially the Barker machine, of the three-manual, 37-stop, 41-rank organ, a venture carried out by the Andover Organ Company of Methuen, Massachusetts. The March program included organists Rosalind Mohnsen, Thomas Sheehan, Peter Sykes, along with the Denovo Brass Quintet, the Cappella Clausura Chorus, the Charlestown Community Chorus, and other soloists.

**Competitions**The Music Ministry of the School Sisters of St. Francis, an international community of Catholic sisters, announces a competition for an SSA composition to be premiered at the centennial celebration of the congregation's landmark St. Joseph Chapel in Milwaukee on March 19, 2017.

A \$1,500 prize will be awarded for composition of up to five minutes in length, on a new text being written for the occasion. An application, guidelines, and a copy of the text is available from Sister Mary Jane Wagner, Ministry, Music Director of mjwagner@sssf.org. The competition

will close on November 22, 2016. For information about the School Sisters of St. Francis and their chapel, visit www.sssf.org.

Concours International d'Orgue "Grand Prix de Chartres" improvisation competition takes place September 4 at the Cathedral of Chartres. Preliminary rounds will be held August 29 and 30. Grand, second, and audience prizes will be offered. The jury members include Philippe Lefebvre (president), Sophie-Véronique Choplin; Patrick Delabre, Loïc Mallié, George Baker, David Briggs, Gunnar Idenstam, and Zsigmond Szathmáry. Application deadline is May 31. For further information: orgues. chartres. free. fr/agocp 3. htm.

# People

This spring, Robert Delcamp, professor of music and university organist and choirmaster, will retire from Sewanee, The University of the South. Since 1978, he has directed the University Choir, a diverse ensemble of students from a variety of backgrounds and majors, united by their love for music and their commitment to a demanding schedule of rehearsals and performances. The choir sings each Sunday the College is in session at All Saints' Chapel, offers the annual services of Lessons and Carols, and has made 12 tours of English cathedrals, singing the service of choral Evensong in more than 27 cathedrals, abbeys, and parish churches.

Simon FitzGerald, of Watford, Hertfordshire, UK, is the author of a new pipe organ blog, æolodicon, at www. aeolodicon.com. The blog presents a personal perspective of the pipe organ, from a scientist who has been fascinated by the King of Instruments for most of his life. FitzGerald has a doctorate in chemistry, has worked for global scientific equipment manufacturers, and is a former university organ scholar who has served as director of music at a variety of churches across the UK.

The blog's posts include accounts of organ visits, commentary on current pipe organ news, opinions, reviews of recordings, and an account of the author's commissioning and installation of a small house organ. Articles are accessible via various social media portals, including Facebook, Google+ and Twitter. All posts are open for comment and discussion.

**Susan Goodson** was honored by Emanuel United Church of Christ, Manchester, Michigan, in recognition of her fifteen years as church organist. Pastor David Alan Williams presented her



Scott Lamlein, right, leads organ demo at St. John's Episcopal Church

On March 11, St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford, Connecticut, hosted 40 homeschoolers, parents, and seniors for a demonstration of the organ at St. John's. Intended to handle the "overflow" crowd from a similar event two weeks prior, twice as many attended at this session. In addition to hearing St. Johns' director of music Scott Lamlein play Bach's Toccata in D minor and Boëllmann's Toccata, attendees received an explanation on how the organ works, including touring one of the chambers, and several children tried their own hand at it. One mother and daughter stayed for an extra hour to study the architecture closely.



Clayton Logue, Greg Zelek, Karl Bachman

**Greg Zelek**, one of THE DIAPASON's "20 under 30" Class of 2016, presented a recital on March 8 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Kula, Maui, Hawaii. The concert was sponsored by the Hawaii Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and was arranged by Clayton Logue, organist at St. John's Church. Zelek was introduced by Karl Bachman, a member of the Hawaii AGO Board of Directors.

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# ➤ page 6 **Appointments**



Paul Caldwell

Paul Caldwell will take over as artistic direcfor Seattle Men's Chorus and Seattle Women's Chorus, starting August 2016. Currently the artistic director for Windy City Performing Arts in Chicago, Caldwell has provided leadership and vision for both the Windy City Gay Chorus

and Windy City Treble Quire. He is also artistic director for the Youth Choral Theater of Chicago, a communitybased after-school program enrolling 200 young people in Chicago's northern suburbs. Caldwell's work with youth earned him the Chorus America/ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming.

Caldwell composes and arranges music collaboratively with Sean Ivory. Their choral works have been telecast on PBS and A&E and performed at Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, and throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa. Caldwell and Ivory recently collaborated with guitarist Steve Vai to create a choralrock fusion song, *Book of the Seven Seals*. Paul Caldwell made his Carnegie Hall conducting debut in 2014, leading concerts comprised entirely of music he composed. He has also been artistic director for the ¡Canta! Costa Rica festival in San Jose. He returns to the Sing A Mile High choral festival in Denver biennially. For information: www.seattlechoruses.org.



**Robert McCormick** 

Robert McCormick been appointed organist and choirmaster of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the first full-time organist and choirmaster appointed at St. Mark's in thirty years. McCormick takes up his post on August 1, in time to share

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in the leadership of the Summer Choir Camp held for children at St. Mark's in August. He has served since 2008 as director of music at St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Washington, D.C., where he conducts the various choirs of adults, boys, and girls. His recording from St. Paul's, K Street, We Sing of God, was released in 2010 on the Pro Organo label. From 2001-08 he served as organist and music director at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York City. He holds the Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey. His teachers have included McNeil Robinson and Robert Carwithen. A semi-finalist in the 2005 St. Albans International Organ Festival Improvisation Competition, McCormick has been a featured artist and clinician at conventions and conferences. His choral compositions are published by Encore (UK) and Selah.



**Thomas Ospital** (photo credit: Jean Radel)

Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc. announces the addition of French organ virtuoso Thomas Ospital to its roster of concert organists. Ospital is *titu-laire* of the grand organ at St. Eustache, Paris, having succeeded Jean Guillou in 2015, and is also the newly appointed organist in residence at Maison de la Radio (Radio France

Concert Hall) in Paris. Ospital was awarded first prize at the 2009 International Competition of Organ in Saragossa, Spain, the Duruflé prize and the audience prize at the 2012 International Chartres Competition, and second prize at the 2013 International Xavier Darasse Competition in Toulouse. In May 2014 he took the Grand Prize Jean Louis Florentz and the audience prize at the International Organ Competition of Angers under the direction of the Académie des Beaux-Arts. Most recently, in November 2014 he was awarded second prize, audience prize, and the Florentz prize at the International Chartres Competition.

Thomas Ospital is equally at home performing as a solo recitalist or with choir or orchestra, and eagerly embraces the art of improvisation in all of its forms, including the accompaniment of silent films. He has performed in the United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Greece, Germany, Switzerland, and Holland, and in Russia and North America, where in 2012 he served for six months as Young Artist in Residence at the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Louis King of France in New Orleans, USA.

Born in 1990, Thomas Ospital began his musical studies at the Conservatoire Maurice Ravel in Bayonne, France, completing his studies with Esteban Landart in 2008 (Mention Très bien à l'unanimité). From 2008 until 2015 he was a student at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique de Paris where he earned first prizes in organ, improvisation, harmony, counterpoint, and fugue. His teachers at the Paris Conservatoire included Olivier Latry, Michel Bouvard, Thierry Escaich, Philippe Lefebvre, László Fassang, Isabelle Duha, Pierre Pincemaille and Jean-François Zygel.

Booking inquiries for Thomas Ospital should be directed to John McElliott at Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc. www.concertorganists.com.



**Mark Anthony Rodriguez** 

Mark Anthony Rodriguez has been appointed director of music and liturgy at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Minnetonka, Minnesota. Rodriguez has previously served as director of music ministry for St. Pius V Catholic Church in Pasadena, Texas, and as associate director of

liturgy and music, organist, and director de música de la comunidad latina for St. Mary Catholic Church in Melrose, Minnesota. He is pursuing a dual M.A. in liturgical music and liturgical studies at  $St.\ John's$ Collegeville, Minnesota, where he University, currently works with Kim Kasling (organ performance and service playing), Brian Campbell (liturgical composition), Martin Connell (liturgy), currently and Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB (liturgical music and Gregorian chant).

with a proclamation declaring April 12, 2015, as Susan E. Goodson Day. He also announced that the church would sponsor two students to attend an American Guild of Organists Pipe Organ Encounter.



Michael Hey

Michael Hey performed a solo recital on the Klais organ at The Esplanade in Singapore on April 17 as part of the Tapestry of Sacred Music festival, which explores different music traditions from around the world. In addition to performing solo works by Cochereau, Bach, and Reger, the program also featured Singapore soprano Rebecca Li in works by Schubert and Mozart. Michael Hey (a 2016 "20 under 30" winner— see page 28) is assistant organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, a graduate of the Juilliard School, and is represented by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, LLC.

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**Boyd Jones** 

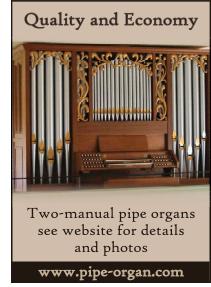


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Boyd Jones will present organ recitals in Germany in May and June: May 16, Bürgermeister Smidt Gedächtnis Kirche, Bremerhaven; 5/18, Paulus Buchholz; 5/21, Blankeneser Paulus Kirche, am Markt, Blankenese; 5/23, Christus Kirche, Wandsbek; 5/25, Martin Luther Kirche, Emden; 5/29, St. Andreas Kirche, Hildesheim; 5/31, Dom (Protestant and Catholic Church), Wetzlar; June 3, Evangelische Stadtkirche, Bad Reichenhall.

Choral composer **John Rutter** will succeed the late David Willcocks as president of the Association of British Choral Directors. Rutter is a founding member of the association. Willcocks served as president from the organization's founding in 1986 until his death in September 2015.

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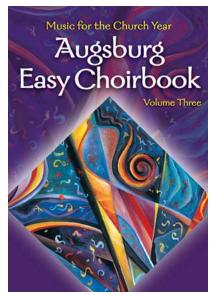


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Jazzmuze, Inc., publisher of the music of Joe Utterback, is reorganizing. Bill and Mary Todt will have a reduced involvement with Jazzmuze, Inc., as they move toward retirement after twenty-five years of publishing. Joe Utterback will take over the majority of operational direction. Music can still be ordered directly at Jazzmuze. com, including scores for Utterback's new Missa Brevis (available in early summer). Please note that postage has increased. Programs and church bulletins can still be sent to Dr. Joe Utterback, 80 Rumson Place, Little Silver, NJ 07739. If a phone number is given, Utterback will try to call and chat.

Paraclete Press announces new publications of the organ music of the late Gerre Hancock. The first piece in the series is a previously unpublished work, An Evocation of 'Urbs Beata Jerusalem,' a grouping of variations based on the seventh-century chant for the dedication of a church. For additional information:

www.paracletesheetmusic.com.



**Ernest White** 

The Leupold Foundation announces the gift to The Leupold Archives of the personal and professional libraries of Ernest White (1901–80), musician, organist, choir director, organbuilder, photographer, and professor. Ernest White, born in London, Ontario, studied organ with Ernest MacMillan, Healey Willan, and Lynnwood Farnam. White was organist-choirmaster 1927–35 at St. James Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, and 1935–37 at Trinity Church, Lenox, Massachusetts. From 1937–58 White was associated with the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City, first as organist, and later as music director, where it was his custom to give two series of organ recitals each year.

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For a time White also was tonal director for M. P. Möller, designing and supervising organ installations including those in New York City at St. George's Episcopal Church, the Interchurch Center Chapel, and a studio organ at St. Mary the Virgin. White also taught at several colleges and universities.

Ernest White gave over 1,000 organ recitals featuring both old and modern repertoire. He was also noted for his pioneering American editions of early European organ music and for his recordings, among which was the first issued recording of Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*.

ing of Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur. The gift to The Leupold Archives includes seventy-five cartons containing: (1) printed and manuscript music for solo organ, organ and orchestra, and choir; (2) books on general music, pipe organ building, music theory, sacred music, music history, and the collections of the organ works of J.S. Bach; (3) archival materials including letters, papers, contracts, correspondence with composers, scrapbooks, and photographs; and (4) all the copyrights owned by Ernest White, Ernest White Editions, and St. Mary's Press. For more information on The Leupold Foundation and The Leupold Archive, visit www.wayneleupold.com.

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# **Nunc Dimittis**



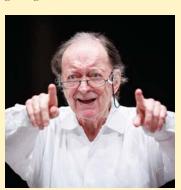
**Grigg Fountain** (courtesy Northwestern University Archives)

Grigg Thompson Fountain died in Albuquerque on February 14. He was 97 years old. Born in October 1918, in Bishopville, South Carolina, he attended Wake Forest College for a year and received a B.A. in music from Furman University in 1939. He earned B.M. and M.M. degrees in church music and organ from Yale University (1943), studying with Luther Noss, and studied organ privately with Arthur Poister (1945) and Marcel Dupré (1946). Drafted into the army in 1943, he received an honorable discharge within a year (due to poor eyesight). His training company was one of the first to land on Normandy beaches on June 6,

1944. He studied Baroque organ literature with Helmut Walcha in Germany on a Fulbright Fellowship in 1953–54. From 1946–1961 he taught at Oberlin Conservatory of Music during which time he worked with Robert Shaw. While at Oberlin, he met, taught, and then married Helen Erday in 1949.

In 1961 he was appointed professor of organ and church music in the School of Music at Northwestern University. He also served as organist and choirmaster at Northwestern's Alice Millar Chapel. Fountain retired as emeritus in August 1986; within five months of retiring he was asked to come out of retirement and serve as interim organist, choir director, and consultant. He served there from 1987–89. (See Marilyn Biery's compilation of 90th-birthday tributes to Grigg Fountain in the July 2010 issue of The Diapason.) Grigg and Helen Erday Fountain celebrated their 60th wedding anniver-

Grigg and Helen Erday Fountain celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 2, 2009. Helen passed away on October 12, 2009. Grigg Fountain is survived by his children Bruce Fountain (Min Jung), John Fountain, Drew Fountain, and Suzanne Fountain Phillips; eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



Nikolaus Harnoncourt (photo credit: Werner Kmetitsch)

Nikolaus Harnoncourt died March 5 in St. Georgen im Attergau, Austria. He was 86. Born in Berlin, he was raised in Graz, Austria, and studied music in Vienna. Harnoncourt was cellist with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra from 1952 to 1969. In 1953 he established the Concentus Musicus Wien, which explored Renaissance and baroque performance traditions through performances and recordings using period instruments. Most notable among these are the complete Bach church cantatas and Monteverdi's three surviving operas. Harnoncourt moved on to later repertoire, including Haydn, Mozart,

Schubert, and Bruckner, conducting modern-instrument orchestras such as the Concertgebouw Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe. His range of repertoire gradually extended to the 20th century, with works of Bartók, Berg, and Gershwin (*Porgy and Bess*, recorded 2009).

Harnoncourt taught performance practice and the study of historical instruments at Salzburg's Mozarteum since 1972. His scholarly publications include *The Musical Dialogue: Thoughts on Monteverdi, Bach, and Mozart* (Amadeus Press, 1989) and *Baroque Music Today: Music as Speech* (Amadeus Press, 1988). He leaves a legacy of more than 500 recordings, with highlights including a Beethoven symphony cycle with the Chamber Orchestra of Europe (Warner Classics).

Peter Frederic Williams, 78, noted organist, harpsichordist, and authority on the life and music of Johann Sebastian Bach, died March 20. Born May 14, 1937, in Wolverhampton, England, he became a choirboy at St. Leonard's Church, Bilston. He studied music at St. John's College, Cambridge, where his PhD degree focused on the church organ in Georgian England. He was appointed lecturer in music at the University of Edinburgh, where he was also curator of the Russell Collection of early music instruments. In 1982, he became the first professor of performance practice in England. He was appointed professor music, university organist, and chair of the department of music for Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, in 1985. Ten years later, he accepted a senior position at the University of Cardiff. In retirement, he continued an active career in writing. Among the many books he authored are: The European Organ: 1450–1850, A New History of the Organ From the Greeks to the Present Day, The Organ in Western Culture: 750-1250, and J. S. Bach: A Life in Music. He passed away hours after reading the final proofs of his last book on Bach. Peter Williams is survived by his wife, Rosemary Williams, their two sons, and a daughter and a son from a previous marriage.



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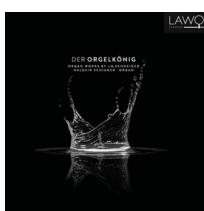
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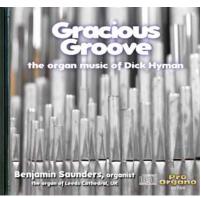
Renaissance through the twentieth century, with concentration on Renaissance, Baroque, and Classic periods. Both wellknown and lesser-known composers are represented. Performers include specialists in their fields: Jean-Baptiste Robin, Francesco Cera, Matthias Havinga, Benjamin Saunders, and many more. The organs recorded include those by Cavaillé-Coll (La Madeleine, Paris), Silbermann (Dresden), Hildebrandt (Sangerhausen), and others. For information: www.brilliantclassics.com.



Halgeir Schiager, Der Orgelkönig

LAWO Classics announces organist Halgeir Schiager's first release on the LAWO Classics label (LWC 1090, €19.95). Der Orgelkönig is a tribute to the German composer and organist Johann Gottlob Schneider (1789–1864), who in his time was compared to Paganini and given the sobriquet "King of organists." Schneider's works provide Schneider's works provide important insight into the development of organ music in the transition from Classicism to Romanticism and can be viewed as a missing link between Bach

and Mendelssohn. Schneider's music is shown to good advantage on the new Torkildsen organ in Steinkjer Church. Some works are first recordings. For information: www.lawo.no



Benjamin Saunders, Gracious Groove

Organo announces releases. Gracious Groove: The Organ Music of Dick Hyman features Benjamin Saunders, organist and director of music for the Diocese of Leeds. playing the Norman and Beard organ, recently renovated by Klais, of Leeds Cathedral. Jazz pianist and composer Dick Hyman's compositions have overtones of the cool jazz of the 1960s and 1970s; they have been heard on broadcast media, Broadway, and in cinema, including in Woody Allen's films. Tracks from CDs are available for MP3 download purchase: Bravo Grande features David Heller, who showcases the Kegg Opus 35 organ at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas; Dominant Accord features Susan De Kam, who plays the Kegg Opus 43 organ at Zion Lutheran Church in Wausau, Wisconsin. Both titles combine standard literature with rarely heard gems. The compact disc versions of these titles are available, while supplies last, for \$14.98 each. For information: proorgano.com.

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Architect's rendering for Buzard organ at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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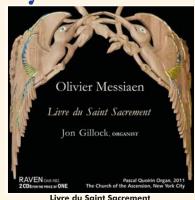


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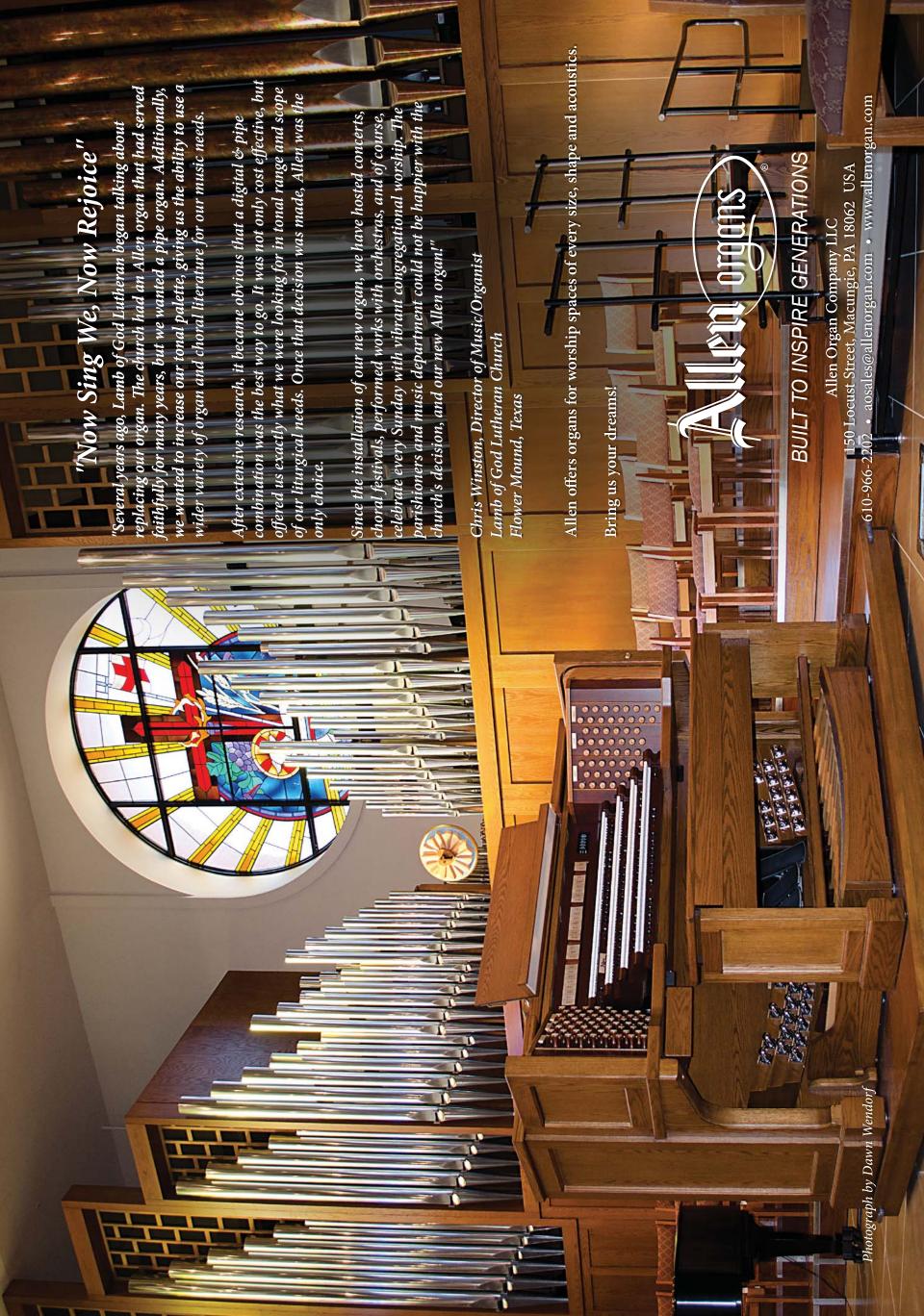
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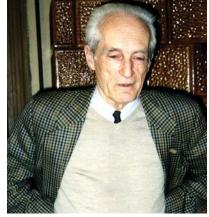
# **Harpsichord News**

# HKSNA, Duphly, Skowroneck, Leonhardt, and Kreisler: A Twisted Tale

The 2016 meeting of the Historical Keyboard Society of North America took place in Oberlin, Ohio, March 20-24. Eschewing the expensive rooms at the about-to-be-replaced Oberlin Inn I decided to book lodging at the Ivy Tree, a charming bed and breakfast accommodation only a few blocks south of the Oberlin Conservatory. At breakfast on the penultimate day of the meeting I met the New York City-based harpsichordist Aya Hamada, a Japanese-American graduate of Juilliard, who mentioned that she had made a compact disc of works by Jacques Duphly. The following day she gave me a copy of that disc, recorded in France on a harpsichord "attributed to the builder Nicholas Lefebvre"—an instrument from the collection of Gustav Leonhardt.

The fourteen tracks comprising Ms. Hamada's recording reward the listener with fine examples of Duphly's oeuvre, chosen from all four of his published *Pièces de Claveçin*. Included are many favorites: *Chaconne*, *Medée*, *Les Grâces*, and *La Forqueray* from among those that have been mentioned in several recent columns. The playing is stylish and satisfying, the sound of the instrument resonant and exciting, and the explanatory notes, presented in both Japanese and English, recount the fascinating tale of a late twentieth-century "experiment" contrived by Leonhardt and the builder Martin Skowroneck.

Although the "Lefebvre" instrument was introduced to the public in April 1984, it was not until 2002 that Skowroneck published an article giving forth the information that the instrument was not by an eighteenth-century French maker, but one that the contemporary German maker had crafted utilizing historical techniques, hand tools rather than electrically powered ones, and old materials. The fake date for the two-manual instrument was given as 1755 (in tribute to the fact that it was Skowroneck's 55th instrument), and Leonhardt utilized the resulting harpsichord for recording works by Bach, Forqueray, and other classic French composers. The instrument passed muster with most of the listening public—after all, it was our revered Leonhardt who was playing: thus all was well.



Gustav Leonhardt (photo courtesy Robert Tifft)

Hamada's 2014 recording, made in the Chapelle de l'Hôpital Notre-Dame de Bon Secours in Paris, marks the first use of Skowroneck's imitation French double-manual instrument since Professor Leonhardt's death in 2012. This disc, issued as WCC-7784 (Nami Records Co. Ltd., Japan, available at Amazon.com) is thus not only Hamada's debut recording, but also a tangible memento of an extraordinary prank concocted by two friends, who between them provided some of the most exhilarating instruments and playing heard in our time. The tale of their gentle hoax is well laid out in Hamada's notes, which are based on Skowroneck's article "The Harpsichord of Nicholas Lefebvre 1755: Story of a forgery without intent to defraud, published in the Galpin Society Journal, vol. 55 (April 2002), pp. 4–14.

# And what about Kreisler?

Being reminded of the successful attempt to dupe most of the antique instrument experts with their prank brought back to memory the somewhat similar decades-long practice of the elegant violinist Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962), who, not wishing to have his own name appear so many times on his solo programs, labeled many of his own well-liked compositions with names from music's past historical eras: Tartini, Boccherini, Porpora, Martini, Louis Couperin, Jean-Baptiste Cortier, Vivaldi, Friedemann Bach, Pugnani, Dittersdorf, Francoeur-most of them names not well known to audiences of the early twentieth century.



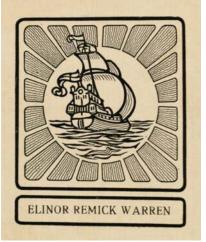
Aya Hamada

When, in 1935, the New York critic Olin Downs queried the composer about the sources for these "early manuscripts," Kreisler revealed *his* hoax. When various members of the critical fraternity expressed outrage at this nose-thumbing of their "expertise," Kreisler responded, "You have already found the compositions worthy; while the name on them now changes, the value remains." Today, known as Kreisler's own creations, these works form a fairly important part of the solo violin repertoire. Favorites, dating from my earliest record collecting days in the mid-1950s, remain the exhilarating Concerto in C in the Style of Vivaldi from 1927 and the hauntingly beautiful Chanson Louis XIII and Pavane 'in the Style of Louis Couperin' from 1910 (decades before that Couperin became a staple of the French keyboard repertoire). Incidentally, I made my own harpsichord transcription of Kreisler's gentle pastiche to play in a house concert

Dredging up these memories reminded me that I had purchased an original edition of Kreisler's autobiographical book Four Weeks in the Trenches: The War Story of a Violinist (published by Houghton Mifflin, Boston and New York, in 1915). The "Great War"—now quite familiar to contemporary audiences since the Masterpiece Theatre segments of Downton Abbey—was in its early stages when Kreisler's work, translated from the original German, appeared in print. How close the violinist came to dying in this conflict is touchingly chronicled



Fritz Kreisler



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in this brief memoir of 85 small-sized pages. I purchased the volume (at that time totally unknown to me) during an annual summer visit to the bookseller Nicholas Potter in Santa Fe. Re-reading Kreisler's book provided yet another connection: my copy had once belonged to the prominent American composer Elinor Remick Warren (1900–91), as evidenced by her printed bookplate on the inside front cover. A Google search yielded fascinating insights into her long struggle to gain acceptance as a major composer—a status acknowledged when her 69-minute work The Legend of King Arthur became only the third American work of such magnitude to be presented at England's Three Choirs Festival in Gloucester in 1995. (The only works from this side of the pond heard previously were both by Horatio Parker: Hora Novissima in 1900 and the third part of his St. Christopher in 1902.)

A twisted path indeed . .

One further item of interest: while the Early Keyboard Journal (formerly published jointly by the Southeastern and Midwestern Historical Keyboard Societies) has fallen somewhat behind during the five years in which the successor organization, Historical Keyboard Society of North America, has been functioning, word from the recent board of directors meeting in Oberlin indicates that volume 30 is nearing publication. I encourage our readers to consider joining this excellent organization and thus receive this journal, which will include a thought-provoking, carefully reasoned article on Louis Couperin by the American harpsichordist Glen Wilson.

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# Music for Voices and Organ by James McCray

# **SATB** and organ

Lamented Bach! Your touch upon the

organ's keys
Long since has earned you company among the great.
And what your quill upon the music-sheet has writ
Has filled hearts with delight, though

Has filled neared some did envy seize.
—Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767)

This month, the title of this column reverberates with exactness. All reviewed works are for SATB choir and organ with no other added instruments; only music specifically for organ, not keyboard or piano, is reviewed. I have previously observed that it is common practice by many publishers (or composers) to make the published settings more useful to a variety of groupsfor example, many churches do not even have an organ or an organist. In recent years I have been in several churches that do have an organ yet consistently use piano for their choral accompaniments.

Recently, in a discussion with a music department chairman, he pointed out that the two groups that seem to be the most problematic to recruit are organists and harpsichordists. Churches across America are often desperate for an organist who can effectively play hymns, accompany the choir, and provide useful music for funerals or weddings. Good organists usually find work; however, in most cases it is a part-time job, and that certainly is part of the problem.

The music reviewed below is divided into two categories: organ accompaniment on three staves with an independent pedal line, and organ on two staves with indication for the pedal on the bass clef line. None of the settings is particularly difficult for the organist.

If you have suggestions for the types of repertoire needed, please send them to me at jamesemccray@msn.com. For now, consider these few observations about the organ:

Wolfgang Mozart: "In my eyes and ears the organ will forever be the King of instruments.

Charles Marie Widor: "To play the organ properly one should have a vision

Robert Schumann: "Neglect no opportunity of practicing on the organ. There is no other instrument which inflicts such prompt chastisement on offensive and defective composition or execution.

Ludwig van Beethoven: "I should place an organist who is master of his instrument at the very head of all virtuosos.'

# Organ accompaniment on three

Come, O Come, Our Voices Raise, Sondra K. Tucker. SATB and organ, MorningStar Music Publishers, MSM-50-5305, \$1.95 (M).

Organ registrations are for this regal setting, which is based on a modified text by George Wither (1588–1667). The tune is SONNE DER GERECHTICKEIT, which after a brief organ introduction is sung twice in unison. The third statement of the tune is in SATB and unaccompanied; the fourth verse is contrapuntal for the choir, which sings above simple organ accompaniment. The organ music is somewhat more elaborate for the mostly unison choir for the fifth verse, then the final verse is loud and triumphant. Recommended highly.

The King of Love, Craig Carnahan. SATB and organ, MorningStar Music Publications, MSM-50-4905, \$1.95 (M).

The Henry Williams Baker (1821-1977) text uses Psalm 23 as its basis and the tune St. Columba as its melody. The quiet music is sustained and expressive tĥroughout; it is mysterious and in a minor key for the text, "In death's dark vale I fear no ill," which has sustained organ clusters as accompaniment. The harmony is modern and inventive throughout. This attractive setting of the most popular Psalm is fresh and useful for many occasions.

# Lead, Kindly Light, David Conte. SATB and organ, E. C. Schirmer, No. 8250, \$2.50 (M+).

The independent organ accompaniment is somewhat challenging. It is filled with contrapuntal lines and lots of contrast; changing registrations are given throughout the score. The choir's music is sensitive with a mixture of counterpoint for this well-known John Henry New- $\max$  (1801–90) hymn text. Conte points out that "the arc of the piece reflects the

spiritual journey of moving through the difficult night to the comfort of morning." Newman wrote the text in 1833 after recovering from a difficult illness.

# Great or Small, Zachary Wadsworth. SATB and organ, E. C. Schirmer, No. 8177, \$2.50 (M+).

This five-minute work is a setting of text by Christina Rossetti (1830–94). The majestic and rhythmic music moves in 7/8 most of the time. There are extensive busy passages for both hands, especially when serving as a background for a soloist: the choir has brief interiections behind the soloist. This setting is moderately difficult for both the choir and the organist.

# Behold My Servant, Robert W. SATB and organ with optional treble voices, CanticaNOVA Publications, No. 5158, \$1.95 (M-).

Based on a text from Isaiah 42, this work has extensive choral unison passages and brief unaccompanied singing. The organ music is usually chordal and not difficult. There are wide contrasts of dynamics, which enhance the dramatic text.

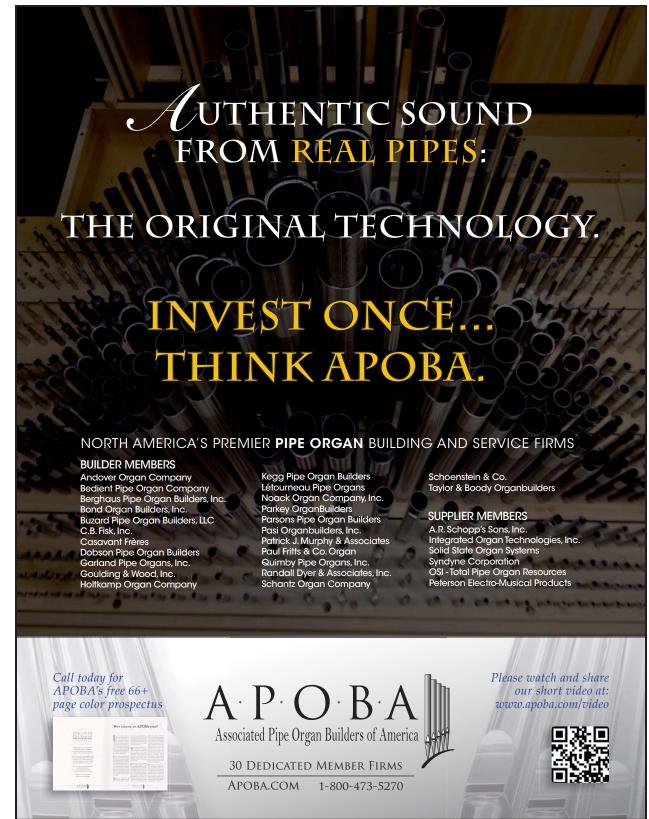
# Organ accompaniment on two staves

O Clap Your Hands, John Rutter. SATB and organ, Oxford University Press, 978-0-19-340737-4, \$2.80 (M).

Rutter first published this work in 1973. He discovered that many conductors did not fully understand some of his markings, so this new edition clarifies those concerns. It has also been scored for a small orchestra. Originally written for an organists' convention, this bright celebrative setting has registration suggestions and a challenging organ part; in a fast tempo, it is rhythmic and syncopated. There are three main sections with the third slower and in a different style; a recapitulation of the opening faster section drives furiously toward the very loud ending. This exciting work requires a strong choir and an accomplished organist. Very highly recommended.

# Holy and Beloved, James Biery. SATB and organ, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-4514-9 $\check{2}$ 49-1, $\check{\$}$ 1.95 $\bar{\ }$ (M).

The choral music is on two staves. The work begins with an extended passage ➤ page 16



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marked with rubato for choir and organ. Then they move into a flowing, fast 3/4 section that dominates the setting. Later, after a brief unaccompanied section that is slower, the music changes to 4/4 and marches forward, with the organ, in a strong harmony that builds to a loud and dramatic conclusion. The flowing 3/4 time returns and dances along to a thankful text. The coda is a restatement of the opening material. The text of this anthem is taken from Colossians 3:12–17.

Trust and Kindness, Alice Parker. SATB and organ, MorningStar Music Publications, MSM-50-8925, \$2.70 (M).

The always-inventive Parker uses the structure of the chaconne for the opening and closing sections of this delightful setting. Here a chaconne is described four-measure repeated ground" that underlies the music. The text is an adaptation of some verses of Psalm 31. The happy middle section is a jaunty dance that contrasts with the outer sections. Parker describes it this way: "The contrasting middle section keeps exactly the same tempo, but moves more lightly, almost jazzily, reflecting joy and confidence. Notice the difference between the phrases to be sung legato, and those marked *poco marcato* where each syllable receives a slight bounce." The choir is certain to enjoy this work, which is highly recommended.

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing, Kenneth Dake. SATB and organ, MorningStar Music Publishers, MSM-50-8122, \$1.95 (M+).

Organists will love this fast, exuberant, and bold setting of the famous George Herbert (1593–1633) hymn text. The lengthy organ introduction is soft and filled with meter changes and right-hand chords in three parts. When the  $\check{\mbox{choir}}$  enters, the music is loud, and the tune moves back and forth between the men and women, which adds to the celebrative spirit. The registration suggestions enhance the fanfare character, which soon dissolves into a 10/8 meter that flows gently in the organ accompaniment while the choir sings in unison. This is a wonderful arrangement that will be exciting for everyone, but gives great work to the organist who is an equal partner. Highly recommended.

# **Book Reviews**

The Harmonious Echo: the Life and Times of the Barley Memorial Organ, by Thaddeus B. Reynolds. Marion, Indiana: Reynolds Associates, 2015. ISBN 139781514825259; pp. xiv + 227; www.reynoldsorgans.com. Opie's Great Adventure: The Little Pipe Organ that Wouldn't Give Up, by Michelle Phillips with Barbara and Ron Ritchie. Illustrated by KC Kiner Wortman. Anamosa, Iowa: K. C. & Kompany, 2013. ISBN 9781628474671, 33 pages; www.ohscatalog.org.

pages; www.ohscatalog.org.
Each of these two books chronicles
the history of an individual organ. One
is a scholarly history, the other a children's book, and yet they have a surprising amount in common. One organ
is in Marion, Indiana, and the other in
Marion. Iowa.

Thaddeus B. Reynolds begins by introducing Marion, Indiana, a small city 65 miles north-northeast of Indianapolis. On January 8, 1928, the people of Marion dedicated the Memorial Coliseum, a new sports facility seating over 5,000 people. The building featured a playing floor, one of the largest in Indiana, with a cinder running track around the outside. Shortly afterwards a rich widow in California named Mrs. Mae Harwood Barley Judge decided to donate a pipe organ to the Coliseum in memory of her father, Charles G. Barley, who had been an important Marion entrepreneur. It was her intention that the instrument should be used to acquaint the children of the Marion High School with good music and also, perhaps, to enable some of them to be instructed in playing the organ. This wish seems, however, to have gone entirely by the wayside. Nevertheless, on January 30, 1928, the \$25,000 contract for the new organ was awarded to the Estey Organ Company of Brattleboro, Vermont. The instrument had three manuals (Great, Swell, and Solo) with 28 ranks of pipes. As well as the main luminous Estev console there was a second console with rollplayer mechanism.

The city fathers of Marion were not as enthusiastic about their municipal organ as Mrs. Judge had hoped, a situation not helped either by the arrival of the Great Depression or by the large quantities of dust produced in the auditorium by the cinder running track. The instrument entered on a long period of benign neglect. One mitigating factor was the use by the organ for the annual Marion Easter Pageant, which began in the 1930s. Things limped on until 1962, when the organ had finally become too unreliable to be used, and its role in the Easter pageant was for the time being abandoned. By the late 1960s the high school had moved to new premises and the future of the Coliseum itself had become uncertain. It was shortly after this that Thaddeus Reynolds appeared on the scene and began painstakingly repairing the organ. By the end of 1975 the instrument was behaving fairly

reliably, and it was possible to hold the first recital since the opening in 1928. In 1976 the Marion Easter Pageant was able to use the Estey organ once again, and a number of other concerts were held. Things continued like this until 2003, when the leather in the Estey organ finally gave out and the Easter pageant once more had to abandon using the instrument. The future of the Coliseum was still uncertain, and demolition was a possibility. Finally, however, in 2006 the building was bought by the YMCA and converted to a new sports facility. The organ is cherished, and its future seems secure, but where the funds for restoring it might come from nobody knows, so it continues to sit silent.

It is partly with the hope of fostering interest in raising funds for its restoration that *The Harmonious Echo* has been published. Reynolds' book, besides the account of the Barley Memorial Organ itself, contains much fascinating detail about the history of other pipe organs in Marion, Indiana, and about the history of the Estey Organ Company. I thoroughly recommend the book.

Opie's Great Adventure is a children's book that chronicles the story of a threemanual Skinner organ. To be precise, 'Opie" the organ is Skinner Organ Company Opus 695 of 1928, originally built for St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Bronx, New York. As the tale continues, Opie gets to know Ernest the church mouse and other friends and narrowly escapes a fire. Eventually, however, St. John's moves to a new building and Opie is declared redundant. This is not the end of the line for him, however. as he finds a new home in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Marion, Iowa. Accompanied by his friend Ernest the mouse, he goes first to Chicago, where he is given a thorough restoration by Jeff Weiler and gets to hang out in the workshop with some of his Skinner cousins that he has not seen since the 1920s. We then leave Opie happily installed and much appreciated in his new home in Iowa. The book is beautifully illustrated and is intended to introduce the pipe organ to a new generation. It is a little scary in parts—for example when Opie is nearly destroyed by fire in 1989—so I would not suggest it for very young children, but for, say, the 6-10 age group I would highly recommend it. Proceeds from the book will go to the organ fund of St. Mark's, Marion.

—John L.Speller Port Huron, Michigan

# **New Recordings**

Romantic to Modern: 100 Years of Organ Music from France and

Germany (ca. 1840–1940). Jack Mitchener, organist; Fisk organ, Opus 116 (2001), Finney Chapel, Oberlin College. Raven OAR-958; www.ravencd.com.

This latest recording by Jack Mitchener takes the listener on a one-hundred-year odyssey sampling compositions, some familiar and others less well known, from Germany and France, written between 1840 and 1940. Mitchener makes excellent use of the resources of the Fisk organ at Finney Chapel, an instrument of 75 ranks and nearly 4,000 pipes, designed after the French symphonic organs originally constructed by Aristide Cavaillé-Coll. The tasteful and colorful registrations demonstrate the versatility of the instrument, and the elegance of the interpretations makes it clear that Mitchener is one of the outstanding performers of his generation.

The earliest works come from German composers Felix Mendelssohn and Robert Schumann. The Sonata, op. 65, no. 1 in F minor, remains one of the best-known works of Mendelssohn. The opening movement of this sonata displays Mendelssohn's profound affinity for the music of J. S. Bach, with its use of a German chorale tune as well as contrapuntal writing. The work shows the composer's more lyrical nature, with the Adagio cast as a song without words; in the Andante recitando, plaintive simplicity contrasts with sonorous chordal interruptions. The rousing toccata with which the sonata concludes reveals Mendelssohn's pianistic side, as it is replete with rapid arpeggio and scalar figures.

The two movements from Schumann's Studien für den Pedalflügel—Sechs Stücke in kanonischer Form, op. 56, composed in 1845, allow the organist to display some of the colorful solo stops on this instrument, including the Cor Anglais and the Flûte Douce. Despite the academic nature of the title, the piece has immediately appealing lyrical melodies, accompanied by imaginative chordal progressions. Both of these little-known works also hearken back to the music of Bach, with the use of contrapuntal techniques associated with the German master.

The remainder of the pieces come from France: three well-known treasures (by César Franck, Louis Vierne, and Jehan Alain), and three lesser-known works by Guy Ropartz. Oddly, the *Choral II in B Minor* by Franck is presented in two parts on the disc. This aside, Mitchener presents an excellent reading of this masterwork. Full of drama and pathos, the work, a passacaglia, shows the orchestral nature of the organ, allowing the listener to enjoy the lovely sounds of the Voix Humaine, among other colorful stops.



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The placement of the ensuing works by Guy Ropartz seems at odds with the chronological nature of the disc. The first, Introduction et Allegro moderato, dates from 1917. Cast in a sonata-allegro form, the majestic introduction makes extensive use of dotted rhythmic figures that recall the Baroque French Overture form. Following the introduction, the Allegro moderato presents two contrasting themes, which undergo development. The coda recalls the opening. The second work by Ropartz is the *Thème varié*, written in 1901. Ropartz generally makes use of standard variation techniques, but also includes a fugato variation whose subject is not the same as the theme. In the spirit of Franck, Ropartz combines the initial theme with the fugato subject for the fourth variation, and then, unexpectedly, the work concludes quietly, as if fading into the mist.

Before the third composition of Ropartz, Mitchener inserts the Final from the Première Symphonie of Louis Vierne. This sonata-toccata was the first of many pieces cast in this mold for Vierne. The work remains a favorite of organists and audiences alike. Written in 1899, the work was ground-breaking for its time, but it seems a bit tame harmonically when placed beside the Ropartz works, which feature the chromaticism similar to that found in Vierne's later organ compositions. The final piece by Ropartz is a Prière from 1896, composed just a few years after the Franck Choral. This gentle work in ternary form makes use of the tertian relationships so commonly found in music of the Romantic period. Though the time line seems skewed, Mitchener's liner notes make a good case for his musical choices by connecting all these works to the musical techniques used by Franck.

The disc concludes with another staple of the organ repertoire: Litanies, by Jehan Alain. Composed in 1937, the work represents "an irrepressible hurricane that overthrows everything in its path" (Jehan Alain, musicien français: 1911–1940 by Bernard Gavoty). Between the technical mastery and musicality of the playing and the tasteful use of the tonal resources of this magnificent organ, Mitchener concludes this odyssey in a whirlwind of energy.

—Steven Young Bridgewater State University

# **New Organ Music**

From Harp to Pipe: Early American Hymn Tunes, Robert J. Powell. Selah Publishing Company 160-633, \$15, www.selahpub.com.

With over four hundred published works of choral, organ, handbell, and instrumental music, Robert J. Powell is a well-known composer in the field of church music. Currently the organist at Trinity United Methodist Church in Greenville, South Carolina, he served for thirty-four years as organist and choirmaster of Christ Church Episcopal in Greenville, South Carolina. A native of Mississippi, Powell earned the Bachelor of Music degree in organ and composition from Louisiana State University and the Master of Sacred Music degree from the Union Seminary School of Sacred Music in New York City. He is a member of ASCAP, a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, and holds the American Guild of Organists' Choirmaster certification.

Powell, who has arranged several shape-note tunes for organ in previous collections, has recently had published *From Harp to Pipe*, a delightful set of accessible arrangements. The tunes

used in this collection are found in various nineteenth-century shape-note collections. For example, four of the tunes are included in William Walker's 1854 edition of Southern Harmony and three are in the 1991 version of The Sacred Harp. In recent decades, American shape-note tunes have re-emerged in mainline denomination hymnals, as witnessed particularly in hymnals such as The Hymnal 1982 (Episcopal), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990), and the Lutheran Book of Worship (1978). In addition, revivals of shape-note singing have arisen in various areas of the United States. As a result, many early American tunes are now more familiar to organists, choirs, and congregations.

The tunes included in this collection are: Babel's Streams, Bethel, Lenox, Samanthra, Savannah, and The Saint's Delight. These particular tunes are not as well known as several other American shape-note tunes, such as New Britain, Wondrous Love, or Holy Manna. Only one of the tunes, Samanthra, is found in the 1990 or 2013 editions of *The Presbyterian* 

Hymnal; likewise, only one tune, Savannah, appears in The Hymnal 1982. The United Methodist Hymnal contains two of the tunes, Lenox and Savannah. In each of the settings by Powell, the entire hymn tune (or a large portion of it) is highlighted in a way that allows the tune to be distinctly heard. Accompanying musical material is often derived from the character of the tune itself. The settings are three to four pages in length. General registrations are suggested and all the pieces are playable on a two-manual instrument.

The addition of shape-note settings to the organ literature is always welcomed, particularly when arranged by a skillful composer such as Robert J. Powell. These chorale preludes will prove quite useful for introducing early American hymn tunes to congregations. They can also be incorporated into recitals or services that highlight American music. For organists who enjoy the richness and character of this genre of hymn tunes, From Harp to Pipe is a recommended resource.

—Charlie Steele Brevard, North Carolina

# **New Handbell Music**

Classical Favorites for Twelve Bells, arranged for F5 to C7, by Sandra Eithun. Choristers Guild, CGB943, \$34.95, levels 2 and 3 (E–M).

This collection is ideal for times when you may need some variety in your program, as it offers sacred, secular, and crossover titles. From Handel to Mozart to Vivaldi and more, this volume provides appropriate music not only for Sunday services but for schools, nursing homes, weddings, and business events. Permission is granted to make copies as needed for ringers.

Joyful, Joyful, arranged for 3–5 octaves of handbells by Cynthia Dobrinski. Agape (a division of Hope Publishing Company), Code No. 2752, \$4.95, level 3- (M+).

The hymn tune HYMN TO JOY by Beethoven is here set to a jubilant arrangement that includes a variety of handbell techniques. Here is a setting that many church handbell choirs can successfully accomplish.

—Leon Nelson Vernon Hills, Illinois



# **Human gestures**

The 2007 documentary film Note by Note: The Making of Steinway L1037, provides a rare glimpse into the art of building pianos. The cameras travel through the factory from one work area to another, interviewing the craftsmen and women, and showing each step of the process. It's fascinating to see a team of men making the laminated body of an instrument by running the twenty-footlong layers through a machine that applies glue, bending them around a heavy form, and tightening dozens of powerful clamps to hold the thing together. We see the fitting of the iron plates, the forming of soundboard and bridge, painting, stringing, and tuning. Individual workers explain what they're doing and share their pleasure in participating in the art, and a roster of well-known pianists, from Lang Lang to Hank Jones, and Hélène Grimaud to Harry Connick, Jr., discuss their relationships with the instrument how an individual piano affects their art, and their playing serves as background to many of the factory scenes.

It's easy to find the film online (I bought it from Amazon), and I recommend that anyone interested in the art of musical performance and instrument building should see it. Steinway's emphasis on hand craftsmanship is central to the film including the fitting of the iron plate, the making and fitting of the soundboard and bridge, stringing, and Steinway's insistence that all tuning, from the first "chipping in" to the final fine tunings, be done by ear.

French pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard is featured throughout, working with Steinway concert technicians as he compares and selects pianos for particular concerts and recording projects, and he comments on the differences between instruments and how different artists approach their instrument. When commenting on hand craftsmanship, he stresses the importance of the "human gesture."

I've watched the movie several times, both alone and with friends, and each time I'm moved by Aimard's use of that phrase. It's a reflection on his sensitivity as an artist, and his understanding of the importance of art to the human condition.

# A stroke of the pen

One of organ building's lovely traditions is the ceremony of signing a contract for a new instrument. The organbuilder and the appropriate officer of the purchasing institution sit at a table, surrounded by friends, colleagues, and often donors. Copies of the document are spread out in front of them, and photos are taken as ink and champagne flow.

The light-speed pace of technological developments has given us the widespread acceptance of "electronic signatures." We can sign contracts, insurance documents, even birthday cards by following instructions on our screens. We click a box to accept the terms, and the deed is done. You don't have to show up at the attorney's office, but the personal touch is gone. The way the nib of the pen indents a piece of paper—the human gesture—somehow makes the agreement more official.

Stand close to a painting by Rembrandt or Monet, and look across the surface from different angles (remember that the gallery guard has his eyes on you), and you can see the ridges and valleys, the start and stop of each stroke, even the motion of the bristles as the artist twists the brush between his fingers to create a special texture. You can almost smell the linseed oil as the master moves his brush—the human gesture. Tiziano Vicelli (Titian) died in 1576 at the age of 99. I wonder if he knew that the paint he was mixing would still be vivid 440 years later? It's nice to have a print of a wonderful painting, but it's the threedimensionality of the original piece that makes a personal encounter so special.

Beethoven's autograph manuscripts are rife with notes, riffs, and passages that have been scribbled out. You can feel his irascibility from the vigor of the strokes. What a thrill to be allowed a peek at the creative process of that innovative genius. To touch a piece of paper that was touched by Bach or Leonardo da Vince is to bridge centuries.

I've had the privilege several times of playing the first performance of a piece of music from a hand-written manuscript, and the immediate presence of the composer is unmistakable. I admit that can be tricky. Poor penmanship is not limited to words on paper, and a couple times I've had to ask the composer what note was what. But while music notation programs like Finale or Sibelius produce precisely legible scores, the human gesture is missing.

Twenty years ago, I restored an organ built in 1868 by E. & G. G. Hook. At that time, the organ was 138 years old, and as I passed its bits and pieces across my workbench, I admired the pencil marks of the craftsmen who built it. I guessed that their pencil leads were harder than what I'm used to because the marks were so precise, and their techniques for the simple task of sharpening a pencil outstrip any machine you can buy at Staples. Those marks gave me the feeling that the craftsmen in Boston so long ago were my colleagues and mentors. By comparison, the pencils around my workbench seem like crayons that had been left in the sun.



Beethoven sketches in the Wielhorsky sketchbook, IMSLP.org (could this be Opus 31 no. 3?)

# Live and in person

Where we live in lower Manhattan, there are several movie theaters, lots of small performance venues, and a great theater company within a few blocks, and Wendy and I take advantage of the easy accessibility as often as we can. Cinema is dazzling. Beautiful photography and high-tech projection and sound systems drive the action right through you. A crystal-clear close-up of a human face might be twenty feet tall on the screen, showing every pore and blemish as if through a microscope. The storytelling is often as spectacular as the visual effects.

But there's something about the live theater, where living, breathing humans are before you portraying a story, a thought, a series of emotions. You hear the stomp and shuffle of their feet, the rustling of clothing as they embrace, and the urgency in their voices as spittle flies. Sadness is sadder, happiness is happier, and jokes are funnier when delivered in real time through human gestures.

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I recently celebrated a birthday that ends with zero, and one of the gifts I received was an afternoon at the Metropolitan Museum of Art with our son-in-law, taking a culinary tour of various artworks. I've always supported my love of eating with an equal love of cooking and the lore and history of cuisine (Wendy says I have a lot to show for it), so this was a welcome and thoughtful gift. (It turned out also to be Wendy's ruse to get me out of the house as family and friends gathered for a stupendous surprise party!) The tour guide was charismatic, entertaining, and full of wonderful information, and he provided a well-prepared,

fascinating tour of a wide variety of art based on and inspired by food.

One of the artifacts was a four-by-six scrap of papyrus dating from the third century A.D., on which the Greek philosopher Heraclides of Pontus had written a letter that included a shopping list to his brother who was about to visit. No doubt the poultry, bread, chickpeas, kidney beans, and fenugreek would be transformed into a wonderful welcoming meal. And our guide showed us a photograph of another grocery list, this one written by Michelangelo. The great artist had lovely penmanship, so assuming you can read Italian, the list is easy to read—two loaves of bread, herring, two servings of fennel soup, anchovies, and red wine. Beside the written list, Michelangelo provided a drawing of each item because his assistant was illiterate—such an elegant and caring human gesture.

More than 450 years after his death, we celebrate and revere Michelangelo's art—the depth of expression of the fiveand-a-half ton marble David, the tragic Pietà, and the rollicking frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. But witnessing his workingman's lunch adds the human gesture to our awe, reminding us that whatever the reach of his genius, Michelangelo was a living person who passed through daily life just like the rest of us. I wonder if the cost of the meal was billed to the Pope or the Medicis-whoever was the patron of the moment—or if he was responsible for expenses as part of a contract price. Science tells us that the earth is supplied with a finite amount of air and water. That must mean that we all ingest and inspire molecules that passed through Michelangelo's body. Doesn't that make you feel clever? Give me a







Signing the contract for C. B. Fisk, Inc. Opus 137, Christ Church, Andover, Massachusetts. Seated (I-r): Alison Novello, Senior Warden; Rev. Jeffrey Gill, Rector; Steven Dieck, President, C.B. Fisk; Barbara Bruns, Minister of Music; Standing: Members of the staff at C.B. Fisk (photo courtesy of C.B. Fisk, Inc.)

chisel and a hunk of marble. You haven't seen anything yet.

You can see images of both these lists at the website traveltoeat.com: https://traveltoeat.com/michelangelos-shopping-list-and-origins-of-writing/.

# And what a gesture

The organ—its heritage and history, its repertoire and repartee, its majesty and monumentality—is an integral part of the world of arts and humanities. Because it was the most complex machine assembled by humans hundreds of years before the invention of most mechanical devices, I've always regarded the organ as one of the greatest human gestures, and I believe that connecting my love of the organ to the wide world of human gestures is essential.

Imagine yourself as a German churchgoer in 1457, showing up on a Sunday and hearing the new organ play. There's an organ in the village church in Rysum built in that year. Take a look at this video clip to see and hear the instrument in action—Gwendolyn Toth playing Scheidemann: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46b25dTcdjg.

This video proves to us that 559 years ago, people—human gestures—built pipe organs that are relevant to us today. You don't have to have arcane training, you can simply sit down to play. Michelangelo was born eighteen years after that organ was built. What does village life at that time look like in your mind's eye? What was the public water supply like? How about sanitation? I think it's a miracle that a musical instrument so intricate, so refined, so sprightly, and so current was built that long ago.

In our undergraduate music history courses, we learned to trace the easy route from Scheidemann to Buxtehude to Bruhns to Bach. We understand the growth of the particular style of organs and organ music in eighteenth-century France, when lots of Couperins worked for lots of Louis's. We know of Father Willis, patriarch of the great British firm, who was central to the quintessential sound of English Cathedral music. We revere the amazing innovations of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, whose brilliant organs engendered the great mass of romantic French music, and we admire Ernest Skinner who transformed the American pipe organ.

In the second half of the twentieth century, the great renaissance of American organ building gave us the rebirth of mechanical-action instruments—reclaiming the human gesture in the building of pipe organs. Today, we celebrate the result of that debate—fabulous new organs of every description being built by American organbuilders.

With a heritage of five and a half centuries, you'd think that the organ's place in the world is safe, but there are forces that can threaten the very core of the instrument we all love. There was a dramatic drop in the size of college and university organ departments in the 1980s. Important organ departments such as those at the New England Conservatory and Northwestern University have closed—departments that produced generations of brilliant musicians. Thankfully, the population of serious students of the organ is reviving, but we need to take note of that ominous dip.

The Christian Church has been at the heart of the development and sustenance of the pipe organ, from ancient instruments like that at Rysum, to the glorious French symphonic instruments, to the hundreds of organs built by the Hook Brothers, to our modern builders. And the Christian Church has been changing. Where I live in the northeastern United

States, many congregations are struggling to maintain buildings and pipe organs built generations ago, when parish membership was ten times what it is today. I maintain a 60-stop organ for a church in suburban Boston with a congregation of about seventy-five. The building seats nearly a thousand, and there is embossed china service for 800 stored in glass-front cabinets in the pantry next to the kitchen.

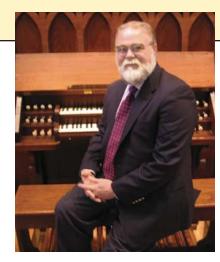
The fact that hundreds of wonderful pipe organs are for sale today is a reflection on the state of the church, upon which the organ depends so heavily.

The electronic organ was developed fifty years ago, and has burgeoned to occupy a huge share of the church organ market. While the fancy sparkly consoles are beguiling, and many organists in smaller churches love sitting at monster three and four manual consoles, the tone of the digital organ, no matter how advanced the technology, is nothing like the real thing. But they're easy to acquire, and relatively inexpensive on the short term. Someone on the Board of Trustees says, "It's good enough for us."

# What's next?

When the twentieth century renaissance was in full swing, we organists knew we were in the middle of something great. Hundreds of new instruments were being built, and it was common for church lay leaders to be swayed by their musicians to move with the times. Of course much of that was good and we have a lot to show for it, but at the same time, plenty of wonderful organs were sacrificed in favor of the tracker-action craze. We should be selective about when organs are replaced and when they are renovated. An organ should not be replaced because a local organist thinks it lacks a few voices.

The other day I had an inquiry from an organist who was seeking a proposal for the expansion of the organ in his church. He told me that many critical stops are missing, there is no space for additional pipes, and there is little money, so the additions would be digital voices. The existing stoplist shows a complete three-manual instrument. Given the size of the building, the 32-footers, solo Tuba, and Trumpet-en-chamade he wants to



add would be superfluous, unnecessary, even intrusive. It's a modest building and a fine organ. What's the point of adding artifice to overblow the place?

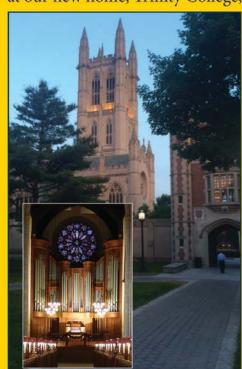
The same goes for fully digital organs. A church that seats 200 people should have an organ matched to the cubic space and acoustics. "But I need to play Widor." Big city music belongs in big city buildings. I don't want to hear Widor or Vierne with blazing artificial 32-footers in a little country church. I just don't. It's like eating a two-pound T-bone as a snack.

In Richard Torrence's "irreverent biography" of Virgil Fox, *The Dish*, Ted Alan Worth is quoted as saying, "The organ world is the worst world in the world." A herd of historians, a lobby of librarians, or an eccentricity of engineers may love to talk shop, but there's something about organists that takes the bell away. It's as if there was nothing else.

Because the pipe organ is so expensive, because commissioning and creating an instrument is such a complex undertaking, we need to be sure that we're connected to the real world. We need to communicate our love for our instrument effectively and joyfully. We need to be known outside our professional circles as creative, cooperative, stimulating colleagues. We need to create atmospheres in our work places that encourage others to appreciate the deep heritage of our instrument so that we don't lose the pipe organ to expediency. We need the entire collection of human gestures to enrich our musicality and our souls.

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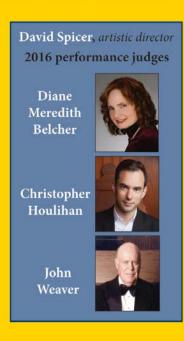


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# On Teaching

# Motivation, Practicing, Fun, Guidance, & Projection II

This month I will continue questioning, musing, speculating—almost free-associating—about aspects of our ways of working with our students, and about how that process connects with the students' lives and their many paths to learning music and to getting something important out of that learning and that music.

# **Remembering Peter Williams**

However, a sad coincidence makes me start with a comment or two, and an anecdote, about Peter Williams. Just before I sat down to write this, the news came across the computer screen that Peter Williams had died. [See Nunc Dimittis, page 10 in this issue.] That made me remember my first introduction long ago to the first few of his many books: my teacher Eugene Roan mentioned that he valued Peter Williams's writings especially because he asked more questions than he gave answers. I was jolted by this realization: that in starting last month's column noting that I would be asking more questions in this series of columns than giving answers, I was subconsciously paying tribute to that aspect of Williams's work. And indeed, Gene Roan was not the only person to notice that about Peter Williams. Several comments I have read online say exactly that about him. My own feeling (not based on anything he said to me, since, to my regret, I never spoke to him or communicated directly with him) is that his approach was simultaneously based on the perpetual asking of questions—the refusal to view anything as settled or determined in the way that can seem like ossification—and on valuing real and copious information as a spur to understanding and to art. This seems to me to be a very fruitful and also rather life-affirming combination.

I once attended a combination lecture/demo and masterclass that Peter Williams conducted at the Schuke organ in Voorhees Chapel at Rutgers University. It was thirty-something years ago, and I don't remember the specific topic. I do remember being (as someone very young and very much a beginner) astonished that someone so august, with actual books to his name  $(\tilde{and}\,impressive\,ones\,at\,that)\,could\,be\,so$ relaxed, friendly, and informal. I think I was still then in the grip of a youthful reluctance to believe that anything with the authority of the printed page could have flexibility to it. I had heard what Gene Roan had said, and knew that I liked that approach. But I still couldn't quite believe that an "authority" really thought that way. His tone at this class



helped me begin to internalize that as a possibility.

Furthermore—and this impressed me a lot-he conducted this class wearing sandals and other very informal summer gear. When he sat down to play the organ, he played in those sandals. I don't remember what I thought then about organ playing and footwear. I am not sure whether this confirmed for me or actually started me thinking that simple comfort while playing might be an underrated value. Since I base much of my thinking about technique and teaching on the importance of comfort, naturalness, and relaxation, I consider that moment in Voorhees Chapel to have been quite significant for me.

Now to get on with some questions . . .

# **Fingering**

I wrote last month that "I sometimes respond to a student's asking me what fingering to use in a passage by asking what do you most deeply want out of life?" And, as I said last month, this is sort of a joke-but not entirely. Questions about fingering are often phrased like this: "What is the fingering here?" or "What is the fingering for this passage?" Of course this way of putting it is predicated (probably subconsciously) on the assumption that there is a "correct" fingering, or at any rate that other people have already deemed what the fingering should be. I understand that most students who ask such a question are not strongly asserting that they believe that there can be only one correct fingering and that someone else has already worked it out. It's just an underlying flavor to the thinking. But in any case, my first response is to examine the question. Whose job is it to know what the fingering should be then and there for that student? Shouldn't it be the student—of course with help from me, since I am there and can interact, not the kind of help that just gives one answer. However, if a student wants to work within a particular tradition, or has habits that stem from a particular tradition, then perhaps that student's



comfort will be enhanced by hearing about ways in which others with more experience in that approach have worked things out. I am inclined to be uncomfortable with this, and to believe that what a student should actually be learning is specifically how to work things out from scratch for him- or herself. However, that is of course one of my biases that I need to acknowledge and re-examine.

Once or twice I have had a student who specifically wanted to use, by default, Marcel Dupré's fingerings for Bach. This could have been because of something that a previous teacher suggested, because of something that they read, or just because those fingerings have the authority of something printed in a real book. My initial impulse is to be against this way of working out fingerings. Even if it is done with flexibility—with a willingness to view those fingerings as just a jumping-off point—it still strikes me as an inefficient path for arriving at what is right for a given student. However, if I myself have the flexibility to let that student start with something by which he or she is intrigued, then I discover a few things. One is a more complete picture of what is gained or lost by a particular approach to fingering. I also discover something about my student's thinking, and about where past work and study have brought that student. And, most importantly, the student and I together learn something about the philosophy of fingering and of learning fingering. Will any of this outweigh the loss of efficiency when working on fingering is filtered through the ideas of a very different player—one who can't participate actively in the discussion? I don't know. But if it is in keeping with the student's interests—and thus keeps the student interested and involved—it might work

Suppose that the Dupré fingerings are not for Bach but for a piece by Dupré himself? Then it might seem obvious that the fingerings are very fittingly authoritative—literally so. This leads, however, to questions about what fingering is for. Is fingering mainly about the piece and its interpretation, or is it mainly about logistics and comfort for the player (including how fingering habits might create predictability and repeatability)? Or is it about the instrument, and techniques for making the instrument speak? (All of the above?) Furthermore, suppose that the Dupré piece in question (such as Opus 28) was written for the express purpose of teaching a student how to begin working on Bach, and that the student does not want to adopt Dupré's approach to playing Bach?

# **Authenticity**

This all leads to the question of authenticity, and why we should care about it. These can probably be summarized in two camps: authenticity for its own sake—seeking out and appreciating an awareness that what we are doing is what the composer would have done or wanted; and authenticity because we assume that what the composer really wanted is likely to be the most artistically effective, convincing, beautiful, communicative, and so on. (The former of these constitutes giving the composer authority, the second, trusting the composer.) Neither of these is demonstrably right or wrong, or excludes the other. Some players wish to start with the artifact as such—the music on the printed page—and reserve little or no role for authenticity or a reconstructed sense of what the composer would have done as a performer.

The point here is not to sort all of that out. It is just that a student's approach to fingering will inevitably reflect his or her approach to all of this—that is, to the student's philosophy of life and of art. And as that approach evolves (perhaps with the help of the teacher), the approach to fingering should evolve as well (likewise with the help of the teacher).

# Relaxation

What about relaxation? I have staked out (and mentioned repeatedly over the years) a position that relaxation is crucial to playing and to the learning process. I want students to be relaxed and happy and do things that they want to do not just because that seems like a nice state of affairs in itself, but also because I think that it leads to better





learning. But I have no clear answer to how you induce relaxation. There is a paradox in that sentence—one that was embodied in a self-help book that was around when I was growing up called "Relax Now!"—the title sort of slashed across the cover in garish red letters. It looked like an attempt to intimidate people into relaxing. That, I imagine, can't be done.

The similar paradox in music learning is that we want students to relax, but also to believe that what they are doing is very hard, that almost no one ever succeeds, that they must be extraordinarily disciplined, practice a lot and always very well, that they must have succeeded by a very young age or they might as well give up, and so on. I or any other teacher may be quite good at not conveying that long list of dangers—it helps if, like me, you don't actually believe in it. But it is still all there in our culture and its approach to music, especially music as a profession.

And of course the basic part about work is not false: really learning music requires plenty of work. Part of my reason for wanting to make this work as efficient as possible—effective practice strategies—is to keep the process from being overwhelming in its sheer amount. However, I have to ask myself whether an emphasis on really good practicing can't lead to pressure of its own. If I am not practicing perfectly, then maybe I'm losing out in some way. If not, why not? How can practicing be a relaxed or relaxing experience?

One thing that can help with relaxation is out-and-out silliness. What part can that play in learning an instrument or even in practicing? Quite a bit, I think. For example (minor silliness), it is quite a good thing for anyone who practices

occasionally to play a piece focusing on nothing but physical relaxation. That is, let the hands, feet, and the whole self be almost completely lacking in muscle tone—almost slumped over. Certainly try to play the notes of the passage or piece, but give absolute top priority to being as over-relaxed as I have described. This will almost certainly lead to plenty of wrong notes. But it is a delightfully pure way to feel relaxed while playing.

# Other practice techniques

This is also good practice in keeping things going when you make a wrong note—possibly the single most important performance skill. Another paradox of working on music is this: if you really practice perfectly all the time you will in fact never make a wrong note. Technically, practicing well means keeping everything slow enough and broken down into small enough units that you never do anything wrong. But how can you ever practice the very thing that I just said was the most important performance skill? Surely that is the last thing that you want never to have practiced. So, is it possible to make wrong notes on purpose and recover from them? Is that a good idea as part of a practice regimen? I think that it probably is. (I continually demonstrate to students how much better it sounds when there are obvious wrong notes but no break in rhythm as compared to minor, fleeting wrong notes that the player allows to disrupt the flow of things.) Of course it isn't pure: practicing making wrong notes on purpose and then continuing isn't exactly the same as keeping going when a wrong note takes you by surprise. But it is useful, and, again, silly enough to be relaxing.

Practicing while it is really noisy is

also a good idea—that is, a "bad" idea that can be fun and also serve as good training for some aspects of our work. A student can try practicing while there's other music on—at home this can be the stereo, at the organ console it might be a device with headphones. I recently spent some time practicing clavichord while a recording of piano music played. It was interesting: I could tell that the (very quiet) clavichord was making sound, but I couldn't tell that that sound had pitch. It was a great concentration exercise. (This reminds me of what Saint-Saëns reported, namely that in his days as a student at the Paris Conservatoire the piano practice facility contained twenty-four pianos in one big room. Everyone could hear everyone, and you really learned to concentrate and to listen.)

How about playing too fast? That is, playing a passage faster than you can play it and faster than you would want it to be. This of course can be fun. One of the big obstacles to students' practicing slowly enough is that it is often just plain more fun to play fast. So perhaps playing too fast should be separated out: when you are really practicing a passage, do all of the things that I have described in past columns: slow enough, fingerings that are well-planned, and so on. But once in a while just let something rip. This ties in with the previous few paragraphs: if and only if you keep things physically relaxed are you able to go really fast, and if you try to tear through a passage much too quickly, you will make wrong notes, so you can practice keeping things going. (If you don't make wrong notes, it may be fast but it is not too fast. So go faster!)

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that during the part of next month when I usually write the column, I have a recording session. It is for a Frescobaldi harpsichord recording that has been in the works for quite a while. This juxtaposition has given me the following idea: I am going to keep notes, a sort of diary of the latter stages of my preparation for those sessions, and then of the sessions themselves. The June column will be an edited selection of those notes—an account of some of my thoughts and experiences from the recording process. It will end up being a natural extension of some of the musings of these last two columns. Its relationship to teaching as such will be, I assume, tangential but real: examples of thinking and working and trying to make things come out well in a certain kind of musical situation. In any case, I hope that it will be interesting.

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# 55th University of Michigan Organ Conference

October 4-6, 2015

By Marcia Van Oyen

The 55th annual University of Michigan Organ Conference, with the theme "Organ Music of Central Europe," took place October 4–6, 2015. Following Michele Johns' retirement celebration in 2014, and the Marilyn Mason fête the year before, this conference was a quieter affair, attracting mostly local Michigan alumni and current students.

# Renovation and expansion of the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance

Beautiful autumn weather on Monday permitted lunch outdoors, on the terrace of the new William K. and Delores S. Brehm Pavilion, part of a \$29.5 million renovation and expansion of the Earl V. Moore Building, designed by Eero Saarinen and originally opened in 1964. Lack of funding when the structure was built led to compromises, and Saarinen's original vision was not fully realized. The building was never able to accommodate the school's full spectrum of music courses or faculty. Some of the building's limitations were addressed in 1985 with the addition of the Margaret Dow Towsley Center, which added the McIntosh Theatre and Blanche Anderson Moore Organ Hall.

The new Brehm Pavilion includes a rehearsal hall for large ensembles, a music technology center, a state-of-the-art lecture hall, percussion practice rooms, and new classrooms. Substantial renovations resulted in additional practice rooms, a public commons, acoustical, aesthetic, and functional improvements to existing rehearsal, performance and studio spaces, and faculty offices.

# Sunday conference events

Sunday afternoon at Hill Auditorium, Douglas Reed played a superb concert, 'A Tribute to William Albright and William Bolcom." It was an ambitious program, to be sure, and not for the faint of heart performer, but Reed was more than up to the challenge. He began with two works of Albright's "public" music, Carillon-Bombarde and Hymn, both published works, then provided a contrast with what Albright considered his "private" music— Whistler (1834–1903): Three Nocturnes," which remains in manuscript form. The nocturnes need the reference of Whistler's three paintings in order to be appreciated, and Reed provided these, in color, in the program. Each painting portrays a scene at twilight, offering variations of light and shade, which is reflected in the music.

Next, Reed included his own transcription of the last two sections of Bolcom's Song for St. Cecilia's Day (originally for SATB chorus and organ), which was composed in memory of William Albright and dedicated to his son, John. Bolcom's miniature on Abide With Me followed, then the gospel prelude on Amazing Grace. Reed's articulation was both precise and expressive, elucidating the subtleties of the dense scores, and he deftly negotiated their copious technical demands.

The last section of the program returned to Albright with selections from *Organ-books I* and *III*, which are particularly representative of his works as "a new means of idiomatic expression for the organ." Albright described them as "part of a much larger scheme implying many



William Bolcom and Douglas Reed

more pieces each of which explores other sound and style capabilities peculiar to the instrument: some simple, some complex, some even working with popular idioms; all, however, hopefully demonstrating the richness and variety of organ sound." Again Reed proved to be more than up to the task of presenting these works in all their intricacies with precision and ease, playing "Underground Stream," "Melisma," "Basse de Trompette," "Jig for the Feet (Totentanz)," "Nocturne," and the unpublished "Chorale Prelude," intended to be the fifth movement of *Organbook I*. This entertaining work served as a reminder of Albright's penchant for injecting humor into his writing (he includes quotes from film music) and the juxtaposition of opposites.

# Fourth annual Michigan Improvisation Competition

The fourth annual Michigan Improvisation Competition took place Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, providing contestants with the ample resources of the church's Schoenstein organ (III/42). The Ann Arbor AGO chapter provided a dinner beforehand for conference attendees.

Preliminary round judges Joe Balistreri (a member of THE DIAPASON'S "20 under 30" Class of 2015), Gale Kramer, Darlene Kuperus evaluated recorded entries. Each contestant created a set of variations on a hymn tune and a free improvisation on an assigned original theme. From a field of thirteen entries, five contestants were invited to the final round, which involved similar improvisational challenges—a set of variations on the hymn tune SALZBURG and a free improvisation on a given original theme. Final round judges Huw Lewis, Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra, and Scott Hyslop evaluated players on thematic development, musical form, stylistic consistency, control of harmonic language, rhythmic interest, and effective use of the instrument. Having heard the final round each of the competition's four years, I can attest to the fact that the level of playing has improved each

year, rendering the judging challenging.
First prize was awarded to **Matthew Koraus** of New York, second and audience
prizes to **Alejandro D. Consolacion, II**of New Jersey, and third prize to **Brennan** 





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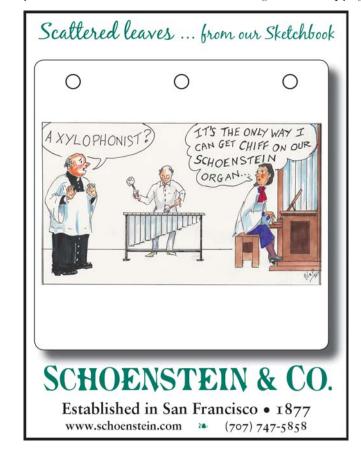


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**Szafron** of South Carolina. Additional finalists were **Robert Wisniewski** of Ohio and **Benjamin Cornelius-Bates** of Pennsylvania. It is interesting to note that most of the finalists are also composers. The prizes were sponsored by the American Center for Church Music.

# **Monday lectures**

The opening lecture Monday morning took place in Blanche Anderson Moore Organ Hall. **Andrzej Szadejko** of the Gdansk Music Academy, Poland, gave a lecture-recital, "The Less Known Pupils of Bach: Why we (don't) care about our masters or generation changes," sponsored in part by the Poland U. S. Campus Arts Project at the Adam Mickiewicz Institute. Szadejko has performed extensively in northern Europe, made nine recordings, published articles in Polish music journals, and was awarded a prize for his thesis on two pupils of Bach—Friedrich Christian Mohrheim and Johann Georg Müthel. Mohrheim, who was the copyist for Bach's St. Matthew Passion, was music director at St. Mary's Church in Gdansk, and composed chorale preludes and trios for the organ. In contrast to the music of Bach, Mohrheim's works are characteristic of the style galant and empfindsamer Stil. Müthel's works are very dramatic, in the Sturm und Drang style. Szadejko played works by Volckmar, Gleimann, and Gronau to demonstrate the style prevalent in northern Europe—a mixture of north German, Italian, and new ideas—then works by Mohrheim and Müthel. Szadejko is a skillful, expressive player, and his performances were the highlight of the session. He is deeply immersed in his research, delving into all the details, and one got the







Improvisation competition winners Alejandro D. Consolacion, II (second prize, audience first prize), Benjamin Cornelius-Bates, Robert Wisniewski, Matthew Koraus (first prize), Brennan Szafron (third prize)

feeling he would have happily shared his findings as long as he had a listener.

Joseph Gascho, assistant professor of harpsichord, gave an engaging session on playing continuo in Watkins Lecture Hall, a room outfitted with a grand piano, harpsichord, and portative organ, as well as the ability to project examples from a computer. Gascho asserted that the shape of the bass line drives a piece, referring to it as a "vertebrate being." In his teaching, he uses singers and dance to illustrate unequal emphasis on notes, or the sense of strong and weak beats. In this session, he worked through a recitative from Messiah and Purcell's "Lord, What Is Man" from Harmonie Sacrae with graduate student soprano Ariane Abela, demonstrating how the continuo player's choices affect the singer's performance and the expression of the piece. His advice to the audience was "You'll play better with an unrealized continuo part" and "Take the challenge of finding the joy in making decisions regarding what to play." He discussed different ways to realize continuo and their effects, soliciting feedback as to whether organ or harpsichord was better suited to the music demonstrated. Gascho's personable approach made this an enjoyable and valuable session.

# Student recital and masterclass

James Kibbie and Kola Owolabi's students played a recital Monday morning on the Fisk organ in Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, which featured repertoire celebrating the 350th birthday of Nicolaus Bruhns. The complete extant works of Bruhns (six pieces) were supplemented with works by Böhm, Buxtehude, and Tunder to fill out the program. All the student performers-Dean Robinson, Paul Giessner, Sherri Brown, Jennifer Shin, Andrew Lang, Joe Moss, Mary Zelinski, Stephanie Yu, and Phillip Radtke—played well.
At least half of them had been students of Michigan organ alumni. James Kibbie made a point of thanking the alumni in his introduction to the program, crediting them with helping to increase enrollment with student recommendations and scholarship contributions.

Three students—Joe Moss, Mary Zelinski, and Jennifer Shin—had the privilege of playing for a masterclass with Diane Meredith Belcher later the same day. Belcher encouraged the students to do research about their pieces to provide context, and to practice piston changes, treating them as another note to learn. Working with Joe Moss on David Conte's

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Soliloquy, she suggested conducting your own playing, breathing with the music, and attention to details to make the music come alive. With Jennifer Shin, who played Dupré's Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, she recommended "skeletal" practice—playing only the strong beats to feel comfortable and insert rest into the process. For Mary Zelinski, who played the Grave from Vierne's Symphonie V, Belcher recommended having your physical motions match the mood of the piece, and for romantic music, pushing through long notes and dwelling on shorter notes. Belcher also spent time talking about making sure you are grounded on the organ bench, using Wilma Jensen's maxim of being able to bend and touch your nose to the keyboard without falling forward. She also suggested applying techniques from Feldenkrais movement to organ playing.

# Monday performances

Late Monday afternoon, we returned to Hill Auditorium to hear Andrew Earhart, a fifth-year student pursuing degrees in organ performance and naval architecture and marine engineering, perform Petr Eben's monumental The Labyrinth of the World and the Paradise of the Heart, for organ and speaker. Eben's final and largest organ work, it is a fourteen-movement musical allegory, originally improvised during an organ festival in Melbourne, Australia, in 1991. The work was inspired by a 400-year-old book, written by a Ĉzech bishop named Comenius, which fascinated Eben. The book is a sort of Pilgrim's Progress, relating the experiences and final redemption of a traveler encountering various people and situations. Eben says, "the whole atmosphere of the text is not an idyllic stroll through the world but a bitter, satirical, bizarre, and sometimes almost apocalyptic view of the world—and such is the character of the music.'

Despite Eben's description, the music is basically tonal, though certainly full of chord clusters, spiky melodies, strident reed sounds, and sharp contrasts. The fanfare-filled prologue introduces some of the work's musical themes, which are taken from chorales from Komensky's Amsterdam Cantional. Excellent and emotive narration by Malcolm Tulip of the theater department helped bring the story to life. At about 80 minutes in length, the work is certainly taxing for the organist. Earhart ably handled the voluminous score, truly engaged in the music, and played with conviction and passion.



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Prior to James Kibbie's performance Monday evening, I spoke with several people who had heard him perform the same repertoire in Grand Rapids and Detroit recently, and to a person, could not wait to hear the program again. Kibbie did not disappoint. His exquisite playing, from memory, provided no obstacles to a pure musical experience, and the thrill of hearing a performer completely absorbed in the music was a true delight. Kibbie is absolutely at home with the selections of Alain and Tournemire that comprised the concert. Alain's sonorities are refreshing and light-infused, and hearing six of his works in succession was enlightening. The program began with the Première and Deuxième Fantasies, succeeded by the Première and Deuxième Preludes Profanes. The serene Postlude pour l'office de complies was followed by a dramatic rendering of

Litanies to round out the first half. Kibbie's tempo for *Litanies* was torrentially fast and frantic, but clear and crisp. He achieved Marie-Claire Alain's directive that "this piece must be played with great rush.

As with the Alain works, it was satisfying to hear Tournemire's Cinq Improvisations all in one sitting, offering the listener insight into Tournemire's style and idioms as an improviser. The Petite rapsodie improvisée sparkled and the Cantilène improvisée featured the organ's sweet flute sounds. The improvisations on the Te Deum, Ave Maris Stella, and Victimae Paschali were declamatory and heroic in contrast, with the perfectly paced Victimae Paschali the most striking of the three. Again, Kibbie proved himself at one with the music, giving an authoritative performance, absolutely assured and stunningly played.



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# Conference report

# **Tuesday lectures**

Tuesday morning sessions were held in the lovely Assembly Hall in the Rackham Building, which was built in 1935 in Art Deco style. Departing from his usual organ music appreciation session often peppered with sonic curiosities, Michael Barone began with an overview of the most recent Pipedreams tour—Historic Organs of Poland-which took place in June 2015. His photo travelogue also included recordings of some of the instruments the group visited. Many of the instruments have beautifully ornate organ cases with gold leaf and intricate carvings, some still housing the original instrument and some now fronting new instruments. There is a wealth of information about this tour and the instruments visited on the Pipedreams website (see pipedreams.publicradio.org, "Polish Memories").

Following Barone's travelogue, **Brooks** Grantier gave a wonderful lecture, "Cornflakes and Cornopeans: the Collaborations, Collusions, and Collisions of W. R. Kellogg and E. M. Skinner." His talk focused on the people, personalities, and relation-ships involved with buying and building organs, based on correspondence from the Kellogg Foundation Archives. Grantier established the scene by relating the tale of W. K. Kellogg's older brother, who ran a sanitarium in Battle Creek, which became world famous for promoting healthy living. W. K. was the financial manager, discovering corn flakes by accident when some wheat paste was left out overnight. Kellogg refused to market the new "cornflakes beyond the sanitarium. Following C. W. Post's theft of the recipe and subsequent success with Post Toasties and Grape Nuts, W. K. Kellogg started his own business, out-marketing Post selling cereal and becoming tremendously successful with the Kellogg Company.

Having built a lovely home in Battle Creek, Kellogg—not a musician, but a faithful church attendee—sought a house organ. Professor Edwin Barnes, who lived next door, recommended E. M. Skinner to build the house organ. It was to be the finest player organ in the country, fully automatic, and one of the largest house player organs Skinner built. Kellogg also helped fund instruments for the Presbyterian and Catholic churches in Battle Ćreek, contingent upon them being built by Skinner. When he purchased a home in Pomona,

California, Kellogg had Skinner build another house organ there. He also funded the large Aeolian-Skinner organ (four manuals, 72 ranks) in Kellogg Auditorium in Battle Creek, completed in 1933 and designed by E. M. Skinner. This project helped keep Aeolian-Skinner afloat during the Great Depression. Lively, spirited correspondence between Kellogg, William Zeuch, and E. M. Skinner provided insight into the wrangling and strong opinions that were part and parcel of the interactions among these three men. Brooks Grantier is an engaging and entertaining lecturer, and the fascinating tale of Kellogg and Skinner made for delightful listening. He closed by noting that E. M. Skinner died in financial hardship with his work repudiated, while Kellogg died in comfortable circumstances, known for his unparalleled philanthropy.

After lunch, **Elizabeth McClain**, graduate student in musicology, shared some of her dissertation research in the session "Messiaen's Pre-war Organ Works: Organist, Theologian, and Non-Conformist," and Les Corps Glorieux. She gave a detailed analysis of the organ works, but it was her commentary on neo-Thomism, neo-scholasticism, ressourcement, and non-conformism in Catholicism in the early twentieth century in France that provided the most insight into Messiaen's music and world view. McClain asserted that Messiaen's choice of style indicated his political leanings and discussed how he expressed the totality of human experience through the lens of spirituality, transcending the bounds of sacred and secular. Her rapid delivery made me long for the opportunity to read and digest her material, but her rigorous research is a great contribution to Messiaen scholarship.

Scott Hanoian, director of music and organist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe and conductor and music director of the University Musical Society Choral Union, offered a choral reading workshop at First Congregational Church. At Hanoian's request, **Cliff Hill** (of Cliff Hill Music, a highly recommended and knowledgeable music supplier) selected a dozen recently published anthems, which he provided in complimentary packets for conference attendees. As Hanoian led the group in reading through the anthems, he offered suggestions on how to rehearse each piece and when it might be useful.

# **Tuesday performances**

Kola Owolabi played a program of interesting works on Tuesday afternoon at Hill Auditorium. He began with Fantasia on Sine Nomine by Craig Phillips, a very attractive set of continuous variations, featuring Phillips's characteristic rhythmic gestures and irregular meters, transformation of themes, and piquant harmonies. The sixth and final variation is a fugue on the opening phrase of the tune, which morphs into toc-cata figuration to close the work. Bairstow's Sonata in E-flat, the largest of his thirteen organ works, followed. It employs the full dynamic range of the organ and typically English solo sounds. The first movement has a wandering, pastoral melody, while the second, in stark contrast, is energetic with fanfare-like figures played on a solo Tuba. The third movement, a fugue, is in the form of an elevation-starting softly and calmly, increasing in energy and volume, then ebbing away.

Owolabi began the second half of the program with the rousing Concert Piece in the Form of a Polonaise by Lemare, a bombastic crowd-pleasing work. Next up was Capriccio by Polish composer Mieczyslaw Surzynski. This work is the first movement of Surzynski's Ten Improvisations, published in 1910. It is romantic in style, with some striking harmonies. Calvin Hampton's Three Pieces rounded out the concert. "Prayers and Alleluias" is reminiscent of Dupré's Cortège and Litanie, employing a similar form. "In Paradisum" pays homage to Alain's *Le Jardin Suspendu*, while "Pageant" takes cues from both Alain and Mathias. Owolabi's playing throughout the program was polished and assured. He performs with nonchalance and ease, which allows the music to speak without the performer getting in the way. This was a polished, enjoyable program of refreshing and not often heard works.

Before the evening concert, Tiffany Ng played a carillon concert consisting of works composed in the last eight years, including two world premieres. Ng has joined the Michigan faculty as assistant professor of carillon and university caril-Îonist. Young and enthusiastic, Ng brings a strong interest in contemporary music and innovative approaches to carillon concerts. She has pioneered models for interactive "crowd-sourced" performances. While in California, she arranged for the collection

of data from the Hayward seismic fault, ocean levels, and climate change, which involved hundreds of people sending in information. The data was translated into a musical score, which she sight-read for a concert. She says, "Now that we no longer need the unilateral time-keeping function of the carillon, I like to have a conversation with the audience." She hopes to initiate collaboration with the engineering school just across north campus and adjacent to the Lurie carillon. A new outdoor gathering area surrounding the area currently under construction has the potential to provide a built-in audience for collaboration. Additional carillon music was heard the previous evening, played by **Dennis Curry**, carilloneur of Oakland University and Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

Diane Meredith Belcher's concert attracted the largest audience of the conference events, attesting to her stature as an internationally renowned performer. She began her program with Passacaglia on a Theme by Dunstable, composed by one of her teachers, John Weaver. A powerful and well-written work on the Agincourt Hymn, Belcher played it with rhythmic tautness, seamless transitions, and passion. Belcher dedicated Franck's Prière to victims of gun violence in the United States, particularly children and families. Her music slid to the floor as she got on the bench, and in unflappable style she quipped, "I'll be a minute." Though her tempo was a bit deliberate, from the outset she established a long flowing line, sometimes conducting with her arms. The Hill Auditorium organ provided the requisite beautiful sounds, and though she played with much conviction, the piece remained earthbound, lacking in ecstatic fervor at its climax. She was very much in her element in the Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor, however, playing with subtle yet crystal clear articulation, absolutely at ease.

The second half of the program included three movements from Messiaen's Les Corps Glorieux—"Force et agilité des Corps Glorieux," "Joie et clarté des Corps Glorieux," and "Le Mystère de la Sainte-Trinité." Belcher performed them with precision and clarity. She closed the program with Organ, Timbrel, and Dance by German composer Johannes Matthias Michel. "Swing Five," based on the chorale ERHALT UNS HERR, borrows rhythm from Dave Brubeck's jazz classic Take Five, while the "Bossa Nova" (based on WÜNDERBARER KÖNIG) is typical of that genre, although its harmonies are quite conventional. The "Afro Cuban," using the tune IN DIR IST FREUDE, is largely a toccata based on rhythms borrowed from Bernstein's "America" from West Side Story. The rhythmic gestures in these pieces, which Belcher handled well, bring them into the realm of jazz, but the tonal palette, though sprinkled with bluesy chords, is too vanilla to fully enter the style. The set of three energetic pieces made for a fun and unexpected end to an excellent concert, though, and a rousing close to the conference.

Kudos to conference administrator Colin Knapp (also a member of the "20 under 30" Class of 2015), who does an excellent job keeping on top of all the conference details, making sure things run smoothly, and thanks to the Michigan Organ Department faculty for collaborating to continue offering the conference.

Marcia Van Oyen earned master's and DMA degrees at the University of Michigan, studying organ with Robert Glasgow. She is currently minister of music, worship, and fine arts at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, Michigan.

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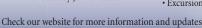
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# A new organ for Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago

# Quimby Pipe Organs Opus 71

By Stephen Schnurr

March 18, 2016, marked an important milestone in the history of the pipe organ in Chicago. Chicago was founded in 1837, and the first traceable organ was installed in the city that same year by Henry Erben of New York City, in St. James Episcopal Church (now the Cathedral). Nearly 180 years later, the largest organ in the city was dedicated in concert just a few short blocks away at historic Fourth Presbyterian Church. The organ is Quimby Pipe Organs, Inc., Opus 71.

Fourth Church, founded in 1871 with the merger of North and Westminster Presbyterian Churches, built its present edifice along what is now North Michigan Avenue between 1912 and 1914. At that time, the "Lincoln Parkway," as it was then known, was not nearly as developed and fashionable as it is now. Today's neighbors include high rises such as the John Hancock Center. The English and French Gothic

church was designed by Ralph Adams Cram; the accompanying buildings the church erected at the same time were designed by Chicago's Howard Van Doren Shaw. For this grand, new building, which was the city's largest Presbyterian church, the Ernest M. Skinner Company of Boston installed its Opus 210, a four-manual, 57-rank organ. This was Mr. Skinner's second organ to be finished in the city, the first, Opus 207, completed about a month earlier. The specification included many Skinner specialties: English Horn, French Horn, Orchestral Oboe, a high-pressure Tuba Mirabilis, and an early Kleine Erzähler. Opus 210 was typical of Mr. Skinner's work of the period, but the organ suffered, as did many organs of the day, from being cramped in poorly designed chambers that did not allow the sound of the instrument to freely emerge and command the nave. In 1946, Aeolian-Skinner freshened the instrument with modest additions to the Great, Choir, and Pedal divisions, but this did little to alleviate the organ's innate problems.

In 1971, Aeolian-Skinner returned to Fourth Church, commissioned to build its Opus 1516, a four-manual, 125-rank organ. It was the last four-manual organ completed before the builder closed its doors. A "period piece," with the latest tonal thinking in its design, the organ was an instrument played by countless artists in recital throughout its 45-year history. Yet, for this author and many others, the best place to hear the organ was from the console, in the choir gallery just outside the main chamber at the front of the nave. In 1994, Goulding & Wood of Indianapolis made slight modifications to the organ and installed a new case in the south balcony, at the same time that an acoustical renovation was carried out in the sanctuary, a project that included removal of three inches of horsehair from the ceiling and the installation of a new oak ceiling.

Despite good efforts, the largest organ in Chicago still did not speak well into the church, and within fifteen years, mechanical issues became problematic.

Fourth Church is an active congregation with 5,200 members. With numerous choirs and instrumental ensembles that enrich worship, the congregation also sponsors recitals and concerts that provide programs several times most any week. The church's organ plays a vital role in this downtown ministry. Fourth Church embarked on an ambitious program to replace the organ with a new and unique instrument to the city that will serve the church for its next century or more. An extensive educational program about the need for the new organ and its funding brought enthusiastic and generous responses. A \$3 million dollar project came to fruition with Quimby Opus 71. The Aeolian-Skinner organ was removed in August 2014, and some of its pipework (and that of Skinner Opus 210) would be reused in the new organ. A new tonal opening was created in the south balcony to improve tonal egress.

The new five-manual console (only the second in Chicago, and the only here today) was hoisted into the choir balcony in November 2015. On Sunday, November 22, a portion of the instrument was used and dedicated in worship. A reception for donors and other invited guests that month included a short recital, to the great delight of all in attendance. A new case for the Positiv division was constructed in the north balcony, in the same style as that in the south balcony. Skinner's original façade in the choir gallery is still in use, as well. The completed organ comprises 142 ranks and 204 stops.

The Friday evening before Palm Sunday, a near-capacity crowd filled the pews of the floor of the nave for the dedicatory concert by John W. W. Sherer, organist and director of music for Fourth Church for exactly twenty years. Attendees waited in electrified anticipation for the beginning of the program. Sherer's program included: March on a Theme by Handel, Alexandre Guilmant; Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor, Johann Sebastian Bach; Prelude on 'Iam sol recedit igneus,' Bruce Simonds; Fantasy in E-flat Major, Camille Saint-Saëns; Giga, Enrico Bossi; Marche Héroique, A. Herbert Brewer; and Symphony VI in G Minor, Charles-Marie Widor.

Reverend Shannon J. Kerschner, pastor, opened the evening with brief remarks and a prayer. Sherer's program was the focus of the evening, an excellent choice of music to put the new organ through its paces. Sherer's smiling face throughout the evening assured those in attendance he was enjoying the music as much as we all were. His program selections and registrations were



New Quimby five-manual console

carefully calculated to show off the best sounds of the organ. (The Positiv and Antiphonal divisions were not finished for this program.) Sherer's playing throughout the evening was masterful; his technique in this difficult literature demonstrated wide breadth of musicality. To me, the Widor symphony was the finest of the evening, bringing together the broadest ranges of color and dynamic, with attention to the great emotions of the work.

The new organ provides a unique voice to the metropolitan area, and for this, we are grateful to Sherer, Fourth Church, and Quimby for their vision and hard work. Chicago has a wide palette of organ sound, but nothing quite like this instrument. The dedication brochure notes that the instrument is "conceived as an American symphonic organ, with English Romantic leanings, and is especially notable for individually beautiful and characteristic tone colors, which, while widely diverse, nevertheless blend together seamlessly to create a wide range of ensembles." With seven manual divisions (Great, Swell, Choir, Positiv, Orchestral, Fanfare, and Antiphonal), the instrument certainly lives up to its design principles. (To view the organ's stoplist, visit quimbypipeorgans.com/in-progress/new/ fourth-presbyterian-church.)

One might be concerned that 142 ranks in a room this size would be entirely too much. The organ does indeed command the room (in a way the previous organs never were able to do), but it does not become so burdensome that one begins to look for exit signs. This organ has broad fundamental, coupled with upperwork, a combination not heard in this space before. The orchestral voices are lovely, and for this writer, undoubtedly the strings are the most remarkable. The Quimby organ is surely the most flexible of the three instruments that have graced this building. The only instrument of this builder in the city and its immediate suburbs, it is a welcome addition to our rich artistic scene.

The only disappointment of the evening was the lack of organists in



New Positiv façade in north balcony

attendance. In our day, with fewer and fewer pipe organs under commission, with churches closing or no longer using their organs, Fourth Church is to be enthusiastically thanked for its commitment to its music program and outreach. We need to support these events with at least our presence. But if you missed this event, there will be plentiful opportunities, as the church has many organ recitals scheduled in the near future.

Photos courtesy of Fourth Presbyterian Church

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# The Class of 2016: 20 leaders under the age of 30

By The Diapason staff

# **Stephen Buzard**



photo credit: Alice G. Young

Stephen Buzard, 27, was born in Urbana, Illinois, into a family of church musicians—his father is president of the Buzard Organ Company and his mother is organist-choirmaster at the Episcopal Chapel of St. John the Divine. Stephen studied organ with Ken Cowan at Westminster Choir College and served as organ scholar for Trinity Episcopal Church, Princeton, and director of music for the Episcopal Church at Princeton University. He spent a year as senior organ scholar at Wells Cathedral in England. He earned a Master of Music degree from Yale University's Institute of Sacred Music, studying organ with Thomas Murray and improvisation with Jeffrey Brillhart. He served as organ scholar for Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven, and as organist for Marquand

Chapel at Yale Divinity School, and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Stephen was appointed assistant organist to John Scott at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue in New York City where he accompanied the choir of men and boys and assisted in the training of choristers. Following John Scott's untimely death in August 2015, Stephen served as acting organist and director of music at St. Thomas Church, alongside his colleague Benjamin Sheen.

Stephen has released a compact disc on the Delos label, In Light or Darkness. He won the

Stephen has released a compact disc on the Delos label, In Light or Darkness. He won the 2010 Arthur Poister Competition and the 2009 Joan Lippincott Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance. Stephen plays recitals, leads choral workshops, and accompanies extensively.

An interesting fact: My wife Lieve and I first met at RSCM summer choir camp when we were 11 years old.

Proudest achievement: Maintaining the St. Thomas choral tradition in the wake of John Scott's sudden passing and being able to minister to the boy choristers, most of whom had never experienced the loss of someone so intimately involved in their lives. John was their mentor, hero, and in many ways the largest figure in their lives. But we know that John would have wanted us to carry on just as he would have done, and he taught us that the calling to glorify God through music is greater than any one of us.

glorify God through music is greater than any one of us.

Career aspirations and goals: To do exactly what I am doing this year. I often say I have gotten my dream job, it just came to me by way of a nightmare. Regardless of where I serve in the future, I want to continue to teach children to worship God in song in the centuries-old tradition of being a chorister.

# **Alcee Chriss**



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Alcee Chriss, III, 23, a native of Dallas, Texas, is a doctoral student in organ at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, where he studies with Hans-Ola Ericsson. He received the Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he studied organ with James David Christie, Olivier Latry, and Marie-Louise Langlais, and harpsichord and continuo with Webb Wiggins. He has also studied harpsichord and continuo playing with Hank Knox. In May 2015, he was the harpsichordist for Oberlin's production of Marc-Antoine Charpentier's opera *Les Plaisirs de Versailles* at the National Museum of American History and the Boston Early Music Festival.

He won first and audience prizes in the Miami Organ Competition (2014), the Albert Schweitzer National Organ Competition and the Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists in 2013, and the Fort Wayne National Organ Competition in 2016, along with second prize in the 2015 Taylor National Organ Competition in Atlanta; he performed as a "Rising Star" at the 2014 national convention of the American Guild of Organists in Boston. Chriss also received a grant from Oberlin's 1835 fund to spend January 2014 in France studying historic organs and repertoire. In June, he will compete as one of ten finalists in the Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition. He has performed in such venues as the Meyerson Symphony Center (Dallas), John F. Kennedy Center, Washington National Cathedral, Caruth Auditorium, St. Olaf's Catholic Church in Minneapolis, and at the Festival Myrelingues in Lyon, France. In addition to his organ and harpsichord studies, Alcee Chriss is active as a conductor and jazz pianist.

An interesting fact: I didn't read music well for the longest time because I was a jazz and gospel musician first and foremost. I saw my first pipe organ at the ripe age of 15, only two years before I applied to the Oberlin Conservatory. I guess it was a stroke of luck that I've made it this far!

Proudest achievement: Being accepted as one of the finalists at the Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition.

Career aspirations and goals: To be a concert organist and teacher, and perhaps one day go to law school and integrate my expertise in music and interest in intellectual property.

# **Kipp Cortez**



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Kipp Cortez, 27, is the Joseph F. Marsh Endowed Assistant Professor of Music at Concord University in Athens, West Virginia; he teaches studio organ and carillon and oversees the renovation of the 48-bell Marsh Family Carillon and the 1968 Casavant organ. He is using his 2015 Graduate Music Award from the Theodore Presser Foundation to research American composer Frederick Marriott (1901–89), who studied organ with Marcel Dupré and carillon with Jef Denyn. Cortez's debut CD (in production) features Marriott's compositions. A carillonneur member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America, Cortez holds the Master of Music in sacred music from the University of Michigan, where he has served as coordinator of carillon, and the Bachelor of Music in

church music from Valparaiso University. While serving as acting parish musician for Grace Episcopal Church, Oak Park, Illinois, he conducted performances of Duruflé's *Requiem* and Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*. Kipp is a doctoral candidate in organ and sacred music at the University of Michigan, where he has studied organ with James Kibbie and Marilyn Mason. His carillon instructors include Dennis Curry of Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

An interesting fact: I love to cook. I learned how mostly from watching my Dad. It is something we still do when we can. Like him, I love to cook with lots of spice and peppers. The more heat, the better.

Proudest achievement: During the summer of 2014, I coordinated a successful carillon recital series on the Charles Baird Carillon at Burton Tower in downtown Ann Arbor. Six other carillonneurs and myself gave recitals that drew many guests. For many of those who came out, they had never before seen a carillon. After each recital, I invited people to come upstairs to see the instrument. Watching them absorb what it is they were seeing was a real thrill. It remains a great joy for me to share the carillon with people.

Career aspirations and goals: I have one goal: to use music to inspire people. That can take many forms: giving recitals on organ and carillon, teaching in the classroom, giving private lessons, or leading the song of the people on Sunday morning.

# **Monica Czausz**



photo credit: Christopher

Monica Czausz, 22, is a fourth-year student of Ken Cowan at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music in Houston, Texas, where she will complete the five-year Bachelor of Music/Master of Music program in organ performance in May 2017. She was appointed cathedral organist at Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal), Houston, Texas in September 2015 following three years serving as cathedral organ scholar. She has received first prize in the 2015 American Guild of Organists Regional Competition for Young Organists (Region VII: Southwest), the 2015 Schweitzer Com-

petition in the Young Professionals' Division, as well as the 2013 William C. Hall, 2012 L. Cameron Johnson, and 2011 Oklahoma City University competitions.

An increasingly sought-after recitalist, Monica was a featured performer in 2015 at the Organ Historical Society national convention in western Massachusetts, the AGO regional convention in Fort Worth, Texas, and the East Texas Organ Festival in Kilgore, Texas. She will perform at the 2016 national convention of the AGO in Houston, Texas, both as a "Rising Star" and as cathedral organist for Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral. Additionally, she will perform at the 2016 national convention of the Organ Historical Society in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, the 2017 regional convention of the AGO in Dallas, Texas, and the 2017 AGO/Royal Canadian College of Organists regional convention in Montreal. Monica's performances have been broadcast on WRTI Philadelphia, 91.7 Houston, and KTRU Rice Radio.

An interesting fact: I enjoy swing dancing in my spare time.

Proudest achievement: I'm proud and honored to be able to make incredible music with Robert Simpson and the Cathedral Choir at Christ Church Cathedral, Houston. Career aspirations and goals: I hope to continue to hone my skills as a musician, both solo and collaborative, in the pursuit of realizing the most nuanced interpretations of a variety of repertoire.

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The Diapason's second annual "20 under 30" selections came from a field that included over 130 nominations, a response that exceeded the previous year's. The nominees were evaluated based upon information provided in the nominations; we selected only from those who had been nominated. We looked for evidence of such things as career advancement, technical skills, and creativity and innovation; we considered a nominee's awards and competition prizes, publications and compositions, and significant positions in the mix. Our selections were not limited merely to organists but reflect the breadth of our editorial scope, which includes the organ, harpsichord, carillon, and church music. Here we present the winners' backgrounds and accomplishments, and then have them tell us something interesting about themselves and about their achievements, goals, and aspirations.

Since we had to decline multiple nominees for each one we chose, selecting only 20 from a field of very worthy nominees was quite a challenge. We encourage you to participate in the "20 under 30" awards next year—a person must be nominated in order to be selected.



# **Trevor Dodd**



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Trevor Dodd, 27, a native of Battle Creek, Michigan, is an organbuilder and service technician for John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ Builders in Champaign, Illinois. From a young age, Trevor has manifested extraordinary interest in and ability to work with pipe organs of all kinds. He acquired and set up two pipe organs in his home before he finished high school. A 2006 E. Power Biggs Fellow of the Organ Historical Society, he studied organ at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, while earning a bachelor's degree in construction management. During these years, he was an active freelance organ technician with

clients in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. He provided restorative services for several pipe organs played at the 2012 national convention of the Organ Historical Society and thoroughly restored an Aeolian-Hammond roll-playing organ that was exhibited as a surprise addition to this convention, the first electronic organ to be exhibited at an OHS convention. Since 2014, he has been a full-time team member of the Buzard firm, where he has successfully completed significant and challenging rebuilding and restoration projects, especially in restoration of vintage electro-pneumatic actions.

An interesting fact: I reside in Urbana, Illinois, with my beautiful wife and two rambunctious dogs.

*Proudest achievement:* Restoring a Hinners Harp while working with the Buzard firm.

Career aspirations and goals: I want to continue bridging the old craft of organ building with technology to make the technician's and organbuilder's jobs more efficient and streamlined.

# Joey Fala



Joey Fala, 24, is pursuing a master's degree in organ at Yale University, studying with Martin Jean. He is a 2015 graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, with bachelor of architecture and master of science in lighting degrees.

A native of Hawaii, he began organ studies with Katherine Crosier at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu and later coached with Alfred Fedak and Christian Lane during his undergraduate career. Joey previously served as organist and choir director at First United Presbyterian Church in Troy, New York, and as organ scholar at Central Union Church in

Honolulu. A recipient of the Robert T. Anderson Award and a Pogorzelski-Yankee Memorial Scholarship from the American Guild of Organists, Fala was a recitalist for the 2015 national convention of the Organ Historical Society.

Joey Fala has worked as a designer with HLB Lighting in Boston, and in research at the Lighting Research Center in Troy. Aside from music he loves being in the water—surfing, swimming, and most recently playing water polo for the Yale team.

An interesting fact: I'm known for eating and making sushi. My college roommate and I built and ran a sushi bar out of our apartment that was frequented by fellow students and even some professors. If I had to choose another career, maybe I'd open a Japanese fusion cuisine restaurant.

Proudest achievement: I shared a pretty proud moment with my first organ teacher when I told her I was admitted to the program at Yale, especially since we both thought I had ended my music career after graduating from high school and leaving for architecture school. Being in a music program for the first time, I am discovering how clueless I am about some pretty basic things people expect me to know as a musician, but my teachers and especially colleagues here at Yale have been amazingly supportive in helping me to learn the ropes.

Career aspirations and goals: While my knowledge of choral music is almost non-existent, being surrounded by the mega-talented performers and scholars of this repertoire at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music has really inspired me to delve into this uncharted territory of my musical knowledge. I would also love to perform abroad someday on some of the great legendary European organs.

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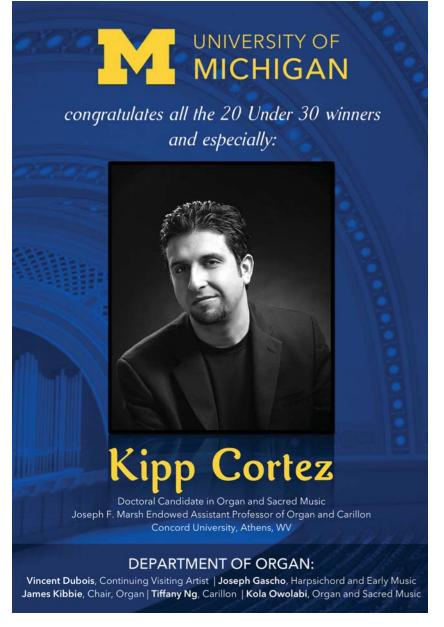
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# **Thomas Gaynor**



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Thomas Gaynor, 24, is a Doctor of Musical Arts (and Artist's Certificate) candidate studying with David Higgs at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where he received a Master of Music degree and the Performer's Certificate. Assistant director of music at Christ Episcopal Church, Pittsford, he works with a newly established youth chorister program, the adult choir, and

with organist David Baskeyfield.

Born in New Zealand, Thomas was Richard Prothero Organ Scholar at Wellington Cathedral of St. Paul and later honorary sub-organist. His teachers included Douglas Mews, Michael Fulcher, and Judith Clark. He later held the Maxwell Fernie Scholarship at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Wellington.

# **Wesley Hall**



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Wesley Hall, 26, is a graduate of the Yale School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music, where he studied organ with Martin Jean and harpsichord with Arthur Haas. He holds both a master's degree in historical performance and a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance from the Oberlin Conservatory, where he studied organ

with James David Christie and harpsichord with Webb Wiggins. He has had advanced studies in improvisation with Marie-Louise Langlais and Dutch organist Sietze de Vries. Wesley has concertized in the United States, Canada, and Europe, and was the first freshman chosen to represent the organ department at the Oberlin Danenberg Honors Recital in 2009.

An active chamber musician, he has been a featured soloist and continuo player with such ensembles as Burning River Baroque, Three Notch'd Road, Credo, the Oberlin Baroque Orchestra, and Emmanuel Music in Boston. Wesley recently completed his tenure as organ scholar at Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven, Connecticut, and serves as the minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Worcester, Massachusetts.

An interesting fact: I am an avid bagpiper and have marched in many a parade!

Proudest achievement: A really beloved achievement for me was riding my bicycle across the U.K. from bottom to top.

Career aspirations and goals: Among other things, I hope to learn the entire organ works of J. S. Bach . . . I'll get back to you on that.

The winner of the Third International Bach-Liszt Organ Competition in Erfurt/Weimar, Germany, Sydney International Organ Competition, and the Fort Wayne National Organ Playing Competition, Gaynor has won prizes in the St. Albans International Organ Competition, the Miami International Organ Competition, and the Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition. In 2015 he was awarded the Dr. James B. Cochran Organ Prize, an annual award to an exceptional Eastman organ student. He recently released his first CD, recorded at Wellington Cathedral of St. Paul, New Zealand. Jamal Rossi, dean of the Eastman School of Music, picked this CD as one of five recent recordings that best represent the current Eastman School sound.

An interesting fact: In my spare time I love reading about and occasionally experimenting with molecular gastronomy.

Proudest achievement: Achieving first prizes in organ competitions in three different countries on three different continents.

Goals and aspirations: To be an organist that balances a wide variety of musical activities between academia, church music, and solo and collaborative recitals.

# **Michael Hey**



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Michael T. C. Hey, 25, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, graduated in 2014 from the Juilliard School in New York City, completing accelerated five-year bachelor's and master's degrees in organ performance, studying with Paul Jacobs. Within one year of his graduation, Michael joined the Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists roster.

He is assistant director of music for St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, where he was one of two organists who played for Masses celebrated by His Holiness, Pope Francis, during his 2015 visit to New York at St. Patrick and at Madison Square Garden. Michael has performed multiple organ concertos at Lincoln Center with the Juilliard Orchestra and New York City Ballet, has played organ twice with the Paul Taylor Dance Company, has had numerous solo performances at AGO and NPM conventions, and has performed at venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the Kimmel Center, and the Esplanade (Singapore).

An interesting fact: Wearing my flower print shirt, I showed up five minutes before a rehearsal on Carnegie Hall's main stage. Then, on the backstage monitor, I saw a choir ascend the risers in tuxes and black dresses, and it occurred to me that I was actually grossly underdressed because it was actually a concert. So, in the blink of an eye, a stagehand threw me his XXL black long sleeve polo shirt and pushed me on stage.

Proudest achievement: Having the opportunity to share my love of music with so many people by performing throughout the world, teaching, and playing for services at St. Patrick's, where nearly six million people visit annually.

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Career aspirations and goals: I'd like to keep learning and sharing my music with others, whether it's performing solo or collaboratively, playing organ in concert, or in church.

# **Amanda Mole**



Amanda Mole, 29, is a Doctor of Musical Arts candidate in organ performance at the Eastman School of Music, where she studies with David Higgs. She earned her bachelor of music degree in organ performance with honors from Eastman, studying with William Porter,

and a master of music degree from Yale University studying with Martin Jean. Prior to Eastman, Amanda studied with Larry Schipull and Patricia Snyder.

The first-place and audience prize winner of the 2016 Miami International Organ Competition, winner of the 2014 Arthur Poister Organ Competition and 2014 John Rodland Memorial Organ Competition, and the 2014 Peter B. Knock Award, she was a finalist in the 2015 Bach-Liszt International Organ Competition and a semifinalist in the 2014 Dublin International Organ Competition, and has been featured several times on the radio show *Pipedreams LIVE!*. Last year, she was a featured performer at the New Haven Regional AGO Convention. This year, Amanda will perform at the OHS Convention in Philadelphia.

Amanda Mole serves as director of music at St. Michael's Church in Rochester, New York, and at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Webster, New York, where she directs the adult choirs and the handbell choir. Amanda also sings in the Schola Cantorum of Christ Church, Rochester.

An interesting fact: I'm completely obsessed with coffee and traveling! Whenever I travel to a new place, I always scope out the third-wave coffee shops and spend all the time when I'm not practicing trying to learn more about the taste, origin, and brewing processes of different coffees. I have a favorite place in Rochester called Fuego.

Proudest achievement: I'm probably most proud of my first-place wins at national and international competitions. Just this spring, I won my first international competition (hosted in Miami) with a unanimous vote from the judges, and received the audience prize.

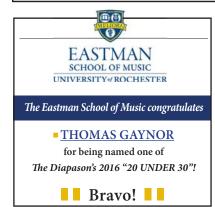
Career aspirations and goals: First and foremost, I'd like to play. The organ is an amazing instrument that's hidden in plain sight in our society, and everyone I meet wants to know more. Their overwhelming curiosity is exciting and has convinced me of my aspirations. Whether I play in concerts, in competitions, or in church, I want to always learn new music and share it with as many people as I can reach.

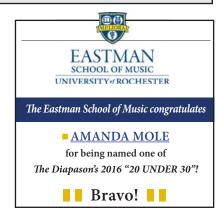
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# **Michael Hey**

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# **Adam Pajan**



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Adam Pajan, 29, completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, in 2014, as a student of John Schwandt. There he teaches courses at several levels in organ construction, history, and design, as well as teaching students in organ performance. He earned the Master of Music degree from the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, studying with Martin Jean and Thomas Murray, and earned his undergraduate degree from Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, studying with Charles Tompkins. Pajan won the Firmin Swinnen Prize in the

2013 Longwood Gardens International Competition, as well as first prizes in the Albert Schweitzer Competition, the Arthur Poister Competition, and the Clarence

Adam Pajan's playing has been heard at conventions of the American Institute of Organbuilders, the Organ Historical Society, and the American Guild of Organists, and he has performed across the United States and in Germany, playing in the cathedrals of Mainz, Magdeburg, Fulda, and Altenberg and other historical churches. He will return in 2016 for a subsequent tour beginning at the Jesuitenkirche in Vienna. An enthusiastic church musician, he serves as organist and choir director at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Norman, Oklahoma, and was recently appointed as artistic director and conductor of the Oklahoma Master Chorale.

An interesting fact: When I'm not practicing, you may likely find me wildly cheering for the Oklahoma City Thunder NBA team.

Proudest achievement: I am proudest of having earned my DMA and secured a university teaching position immediately after graduation.

Career aspirations and goals: I hope to continue in teaching and earn a tenuretrack position where I may continue to work in areas of performing, organbuilding, teaching, and choral and church music.

# **Nathaniel Riggle**



Nathaniel A. Riggle, 27, is a freelance pipe organ builder based in Portland, Oregon. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music history and literature from the Dana School of Music of Youngstown State University, where he studied piano with Caroline Oltmanns and organ with Daniel Laginya. Originally hailing from Warren, Ohio, Nathaniel's first experience with pipe organ building was with the A. Thompson-Allen Company's restoration of Skinner Organ Company's Opus 582 (1926) at Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown, Ohio, completed in 2011. Under the guidance of Nicholas Thompson-Allen, Nathaniel learned about the design of twentieth-century Ameri-

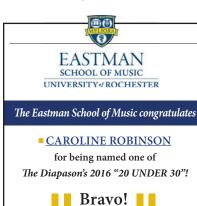
can Romantic orchestral organbuilding, as well as museum-quality conservation and restoration techniques.

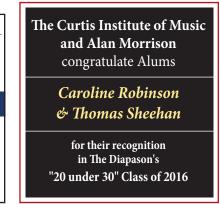
He subsequently worked under Charles Kegg of Kegg Pipe Organ Builders, and most recently, as general manager of Bond Organ Builders, Inc., in Portland, Oregon, working under the guidance of Richard Bond. Nathaniel is a member of the American Institute of Organbuilders. He resides in Lake Oswego, Oregon, with his wife, Emma Mildred, an active organist, teacher, and conductor.

An interesting fact: In addition to building and restoring pipe organs, I am actively involved in the restoration of classic American automobiles. I have restored a 1955 Pontiac Chieftain, a 1957 Buick Special, and am currently working on a 1962

Proudest achievement: I'm proudest of being a facilitator of harmony in a world of discord. Hearing a pipe organ for the first time never fails to awe and amaze the hearer. I feel that the greatest satisfaction in my work is experiencing with and observing the reaction of the listeners upon their first hearing of a new instrument.

 ${\it Career aspirations \ and \ goals:} \ My \ greatest \ career \ aspiration \ is \ to \ continue \ to \ \underline{make}$ the pipe organ accessible to people who love and appreciate its music. My goal is to promote the pipe organ in our society by continuing to build and preserve instruments that will perform for future generations through the highest level craftsmanship I can attain. "The lyf so short, the craft so longe to lerne." (Geoffrey Chaucer, The Parlement of Foules)





# Caroline Robinson



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Caroline Robinson, 24, serves as assistant organist at Rochester's Third Presbyterian Church, working with Peter DuBois. A graduate of the Curtis Institute as a student of Alan Morrison, she is currently pursuing a master's degree in organ performance and literature at the Eastman School of Music, studying with David Higgs, and serving as executive assistant for outreach within the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI).

Caroline will return to Eastman in the fall to pursue the doctorate of musical arts. (Caroline began her organ studies with another member of the Class

of 2016, Adam Pajan.) She has performed as a featured soloist with the Kansas City Symphony in addition to giving solo performances at the Kauffman Center, the Kimmel Center, and numerous churches around the country.

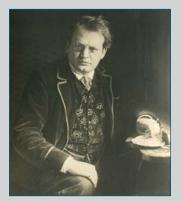
Caroline is a first-prize winner of the Schweitzer Competition and the West Chester University Competition, and a winner of a Fulbright Grant for continuing studies in Toulouse, where she studied with Michel Bouvard, Jan Willem Jansen, and Yasuko Uyama Bouvard. In 2015 she performed at the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival, the American Guild of Organists Region III convention, and the Organ Historical Society convention, for which she will perform again in 2016. She was part of a national *Pipedreams* broadcast in 2007 at Interlochen and in another *Pipedreams* program devoted to winners of the 2008 Albert Schweitzer Competition.

An interesting fact: I come from a family of musicians: my father is a conductor and percussionist, and both my mother and sister are violinists. I also played violin for eight years.

Proudest achievement: I'm proud of the year I spent living in Toulouse, France, during which I not only made a deeper connection with the pipe organ, but I also developed a greater understanding of different cultures and the experiences that tie us together as humans. I feel this enriches my music-making,

Career aspirations and goals: My philosophical goal in being an organist is to promote a healthy future for the pipe organ and for those who play it. In my career, I see myself teaching at a university, holding a position at a church, and performing around the country and abroad. I also have a vested interest in helping to coordinate festivals and events that bring organists together around the topic of instruments and the repertoire.

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# Jonathan Rudy



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Jonathan Rudy, 27, originally from Batavia, Illinois, is a candidate for the Doctor of Music degree in organ and sacred music from the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, where he earned his Master of Music degree, studying organ with Janette Fishell and choral conducting with William Gray and Richard Tangyuk. His undergraduate study was at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, studying organ and sacred music with Lorraine Brugh and Karel Paukert. He has served as conductor for the Valparaiso University Men's Chorus, the AGO Bloomington Choralfest Ensemble, and the choral and

instrumental ensembles at his church positions. He is presently music director for the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cookeville, Tennessee, and has served as organist at Central Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute, Indiana, and as associate instructor of music theory and aural skills at Indiana University.

Jonathan won first and audience prizes for the American Guild of Organists' National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance in Boston, Massachusetts, in 2014. He was also a finalist in the National Organ Playing Competition in Fort Wayne, and was awarded second prize in the Regional Competition for Young Organists (Quimby Competition) in 2011. He will perform at the AGO national convention in Houston this June. He has released a compact disc, *Three Halls*, on the Pro Organo label. Jonathan's recital engagements are managed by Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc.

An interesting fact: I'm fascinated by airplanes and flying; one day, I'd enjoy getting my private pilot's license.

Proudest achievement: I'm proud that I'm happily married to my beautiful wife, Katie, who is also an organist and an incredible musician. I'm also proud to be blessed with wonderful families and friends.

Career aspirations and goals: My goal is to be providing and/or teaching sacred music and organ. My home has always been in the church and its music, so I'd especially enjoy working full time as a director of music/organist. I'd also really enjoy having the opportunity to teach the next generation of aspiring organists and sacred musicians.

# **Thomas Sheehan**



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Thomas Sheehan, 27, is the associate university organist and choirmaster in the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Prior to this position, Sheehan served on the music staff of St. Mark's Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Trinity Church in Princeton, New Jersey. Tom is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, where he received diplomas in organ and harpsichord, studying with Alan Morrison and Leon Schelhase. While at Curtis he served as assistant organist to Peter Richard Conte on the Wanamaker Organ.

He received both the Master of Music and Bachelor of Music degrees from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, as a student of Ken Cowan. He has also studied improvisation with Matthew Glandorf, Ford Lallerstedt, and Bruce Neswick. In 2009 he was awarded first prize in both the Arthur Poister National Competition in Organ Playing and the AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for the Mid-Atlantic Region (Region III). In July 2010, Tom was a performer at the American Guild of Organists national convention in Washington, D. C. He has performed as an organist throughout the United States and in Europe. He served as accompanist (rehearsal and concert) for Singing City under Jeffrey Brillhart for three years and as a rehearsal accompanist/harpsichordist for Choral Arts and the Bach Festival of Philadelphia, and served as Alan Morrison's assistant at the Philadelphia Young Artist Organ Camp, which is now in its eleventh year.

An interesting fact: While  $\Gamma$ m from an extremely musical family,  $\Gamma$ m the first in the family to make my living in classical music, as the rest have all been involved in rock music.

*Proudest achievement:* Just having been lucky enough to actually make my living making music. A part of me certainly never expected to be able to do this as a profession!

Career aspirations and goals: To be able to bring excitement about the organ to a wider audience, particularly to later generations.

# Patrick A. Scott



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Patrick A. Scott, 29, is assistant organist-choirmaster at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Georgia, where he plays for services and Evensongs, accompanies the Cathedral Choir and Schola, and leads a chorister program under the standards of the Royal School of Church Music. In 2014, Patrick won the first and audience prizes in the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation in Boston, Massachusetts. A native of Picayune, Mississippi, he holds a bachelor of music degree in organ performance from Birmingham-Southern College where he studied with James Cook. As a student of Judith and Gerre Hancock, Patrick earned both a master of music and a doctor of musical arts in organ performance and sacred music from the University

of Texas at Austin. He has presented recitals, workshops, hymn festivals, and masterclasses for chapters and conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical

Society. An active recitalist and accompanist, Patrick Scott has appeared in concert and with choirs throughout the United States, France, Scotland, England, and Ireland. He has previously served churches in North Carolina, Texas, and Alabama.

An interesting fact: I like to cook and to travel. Proudest achievement: Completing my doctorate in music. It was something that I had always wanted to do, and that took a long time to arrive at, but I am thankful everyday that I stuck it out and completed it.

Career aspirations and goals: I love working in the church, and I love the opportunity to help mold the next generation of musicians, whether it be choristers at church or private organ students.

# Wyatt Smith



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Wyatt Smith, 25, born in Rapid City, South Dakota, completed a Bachelor of Music degree magna cum laude at the University of South Dakota, studying organ with Larry Schou. In 2015, he earned the Master of Music degree in organ performance from the Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, where he studied with Martin Jean. Wyatt is currently a doctoral student at the University of Washington in Seattle, where he studies with Carole Terry. He serves as principal organist for Calvary Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Washington.

Wyatt has been an exceptionally prolific performer, especially for someone his age, with hundreds of performances past and on his busy calendar for the future. He performed as a "Rising Star" at the 2012 national convention of the American Guild of Organists in Nashville, Tennessee. He is also committed to commissioning and performing new compositions, including the work of David Cherwien, Carson Cooman, Emma Lou Diemer, and Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra, among others. He frequently performs in partnership with mezzo-soprano Tracelyn Gesteland, his former voice professor, with whom he has recorded a soon-to-be-released compact disc, *Make a Joy*-

An interesting fact: Now that I live in the Pacific Northwest, I am becoming more of an outdoor person. I love going for walks in different parks in Seattle, when the sun is out. I even became a member of REI.

Proudest achievement: Performing for 2,200 people during the International Summer Organ Festival at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion, in San Diego, California.

Career aspirations and goals: Once I finish my doctorate, I want to find a job in which I can balance church work and teaching, while continuing to perform.



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# **Jacob Street**



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Jacob Street, 28, is a graduate of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, with a Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude. He received the Master of Music degree in Historical Performance from Oberlin Conservatory, where he studied organ and harpsichord under James David Christie, Webb Wiggins, and Olivier Latry. He is now pursuing a Master of Music degree at the Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, where he studies with Thomas Murray and Arthur Haas.

In 2013 and 2014, Street studied in Lübeck, Germany, under a Fulbright scholarship, taking lessons on the many historical instruments there and giving recitals throughout northern Germany. A prizewinner in multiple international competitions, Jacob most recently won the Prix de la ville d'Angers in the Jean-Louis Florentz International Organ Competition. He was awarded second prize in the 2012 Dieterich Buxtehude International Organ Competition in Lübeck. In 2010, he performed as a "Rising Star" in the American Guild of Organists national convention.

He was recently appointed director of music at St. Paul's on the Green, Norwalk, Connecticut. He is also artistic director for les soûls d'amour, ensemble in residence at Seabury Academy of Music and the Arts, Norwalk, a lively early music ensemble of singers, strings, and hurdy-gurdy. He is a frequent contributor to *The American Organist* magazine, interviewing young rising stars in the organ world. As a music critic, he won the inaugural Rubin Prize for Music Criticism while at Oberlin in 2012.

An interesting fact: I've tried several non-keyboard instruments over the years (baritone sax, tabla) without much success. Lately I've been attempting to learn the gamba, inspired by my wonderful former teacher Jim Christie, who would play the air gamba to demonstrate proper French Baroque articulation (TOO-tee TOO-tee).

Proudest achievement: I've had the chance to do a lot of amazing things as a musician, and I owe it all to the many remarkable mentors I've had over the years, like John Skelton, my first teacher. But I am probably proudest of training for and running a marathon just for the heck of it. I highly recommend the whole painful thing. (And thanks to the incredible Richard Webster for the inspiration!)

Career aspirations and goals: I hope to be involved in collaborative music of all kinds—teaching, directing church choirs both amateur and professional, performing in early music ensembles, and so on. The exchange of ideas at the heart of music is the key, for me, which is one reason I love writing about it. And finally, I will (with a nod to the great Jeff Brillhart) someday improvise a spectacular fugue at a moment's notice. But not today.

# **David von Behren**



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David von Behren, 21, is the first organist to receive Cleveland Institute of Music's (CIM) prestigious Darius Milhaud Award, given each year to a student "who displays qualities of unusual talent and creativity, sensitivity, expressiveness, strong love for and dedication to the musical arts, outstanding musical accomplishment, and evidence of academic excellence." A native of Falls City, Nebraska, David is an organ performance/music theory double major, studying with Todd Wilson at CIM. An accomplished violinist, he served as assistant concertmaster in

the New York Summer Music Festival Chamber Orchestra. As a pianist, he won first prize in the 2011 Nebraska Federation of Music Clubs Piano Competition in Omaha and other awards. He currently serves as music intern at Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ in Shaker Heights, Ohio, working with James Riggs. A winner of the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award on National Public Radio's (NPR) From the Top, in 2013 David began the "Little Stars Summer Program," a music program for children ages 3–6, in association with NPR's From the Top and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

David has performed with the CIM orchestra at Kulas Hall and Severance Hall, and at the Oregon Bach Festival, collaborated with Grammy-winning clarinetist Franklin Cohen at the Cleveland ChamberFest Verve Gala, and joined the Harvard Organ Society tour of France and the Netherlands. The winner of the Tuesday Music Association Organ Competition in Akron, Ohio, the Henry Fusner prize for outstanding achievement in the CIM Organ Department, and the M. Louise Miller National Organ Scholarship, he holds the American Guild of Organists Colleague certificate. His website is www.davidvonbehren.com.

An interesting fact: I'm passionate about the violin and running. As a violinist, I've performed in orchestra festivals at Carnegie Hall and the John F. Kennedy Center. As a runner, I have a guilty pleasure for racing half marathons costumed as various superheroes. I have been recognized as Superman and Batman as of late. Captain America and Iron Man are soon to make their appearances.

Proudest achievement: I actively advocate for introducing and exciting younger audiences about classical music. In 2013, I began "The Little Stars Summer Program," a music program for 3-11 year-old children in Falls City, in association with NPR's From the Top and The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. In June 2015, my music program won a one-year endorsement with the National Federation of Music Clubs. Beginning May 2016, the "Little Stars Summer Music Program" will partner with First Presbyterian Church of Falls City to introduce the pipe organ to nearly fifty young children within the program's five-day curriculum. In Cleveland, I've introduced "Plymouth Kids' Koncerts," an informal concert venue for children and youth to share their musical talents in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Career aspirations and goals: I hope for a diverse career as a recitalist, church musician, and conservatory/university professor. Ultimately, my goal is to improve the days and lives of others through sacred music.

# **Gregory Zelek**



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Gregory Zelek, 24, is the first and only organist to receive Juilliard's prestigious Kovner Fellowship, is which awarded to students whose qualifications include a personal capacity for intellectual curiosity, commitment to the value of art in society, and potential for leader-

ship in the field." A native of Miami, Florida, Zelek is a graduate organ student of Paul Jacobs at the Juilliard School, where he received his Bachelor of Music degree. He will be pursuing an Artist Diploma at Juilliard in the fall of 2016. He has won first prize in numerous competitions and regularly concertizes throughout the United States

throughout the United States.

Greg performed Poulenc's Organ Concerto with the Miami Symphony Orchestra in 2011 and played Strauss's Alpine Symphony, with both the Juilliard and the MET orchestras, in Avery Fisher Hall and Carnegie Hall, respectively, in 2012. He was also the organist for five performances of the Metropolitan Opera's production of Faust, and performed with the New World Symphony in 2014. He is the music director and organist at the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew and St. Timothy in New York City and served as organ scholar at Hitchcock Presbyterian Church in Scarsdale, New York, for four years.

An interesting fact: Although I look very American, I am half Cuban and only spoke Spanish until the age of four. I spent summers playing the organ in a village in northern Spain called Ramales de la Victoria, and now work at a bilingual church on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Proudest achievement: I am proudest of my collaboration with ensembles. After having performed Strauss's Alpine Symphony with the Juilliard Orchestra, I was invited to play that work with the MET Orchestra in Carnegie Hall, and later performed Gounod's Faust with the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center, and Lukas Foss's Phorion with the New World Symphony under Michael Tilson Thomas.

Career aspirations and goals: I hope to broaden the audience for the organ, popularizing an instrument that is often misunderstood even by other classical musicians. I would also like to change the notion of the instrument as insular by presenting it in atypical performances and collaborating with other artists.

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# A conversation with Sister Anita Smisek, OP

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# By Marijim Thoene

 $\Gamma$  he lower level of the motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa Mound, Wisconsin, is an immense circular structure that contains literally a small city—an auditorium that seats 500, a labyrinth, private studios for harp, piano, and voice, a choir room that seats 100, business offices, and several rooms devoted to Alliance Publications, Inc. Sister Anita Smisek has devoted more than fifty years to teaching ministries in her community, with the last twenty-five focused specifically on the publication of music of all genres: solo instrumental, choral, orchestral, band, and ensemble music for voice and instruments. Her publication of contemporary solo pieces as well as ensemble music for organ, harpsichord, and piano has made cuttingedge works by some of today's greatest composers accessible.

I learned about Alliance Publications when I first played in Sinsinawa Mound's organ recital series in 2010. After the recital, Sister Anita gave me a box of organ music and told me she thought I might enjoy sight-reading through some new scores from "the" press. I was intrigued by the new revised edition of Jiří Ropek's . Variations on Victimae Paschali Laudes, his Partita on Adoro Te Devote, and beautiful scores of other Czech composers. I was further drawn to Alliance Publications when I heard Karel Paukert's brilliant premiere performance of Jiří Teml's riveting work *Three Pieces for Organ* at Hill Auditorium at the University of Michigan's Organ Conference in 2013. Karel had conveniently brought some Czech music published by Alliance, and I was able to purchase Teml's score then and have been playing it to captivated audiences at every opportunity. When I played in the Sinsinawa Organ Series in 2015, I bought more scores by Teml: Fantasy for Organ (Homage to Buxtehude), Toccata, Chorale and Postlude (Homage à J. S. Bach) and Rhapsody for Organ (all dedicated to Karel Paukert), and I had to see where and how these scores and those by many other composers are morphed from manuscript to printed pages by Sister Anita.

One could not help but be aware that she is of Czech origin. She is surrounded by photos of her Czech great-grandfather holding his tuba alongside other band members in the village of New Prague, Minnesota (see photo above), of herself and her mother, Rose Smisek, wearing Czech folk dress while singing a Czech

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vocal concert in 1979 (see photo on next page), a print of Antonin Dvořák, the statue of the Infant of Prague (see photo), and Czech pottery Wise Men (see photo) that watch over her as she works.

Her knowledge of the Czech language has enabled her to be in contact with some of the most innovative and inspired Czech composers of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries: Petr Eben, Jiří Ropek, Jiří Teml, Zdeněk Lukáš, Jiří Strejc, Zdeněk Šesták, and Jiří Laburda.

# Marijim Thoene: Let's start at the beginning. What role did your family and home life play in shaping your life that directed you on the path to music and publishing?

Anita Smisek: Music is the food I grew ıp on, it is in my DNA. I experienced a Bohemian-Czech community that sang and danced and made their own entertainment for generations in church, school, and at social events in Veseli, Lonsdale, Faribault, and New Prague, Minnesota. My mother was the singer and pianist who taught us children to sing together in harmony. From fourth grade on, we sang in the church choir at Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale, Minnesota. My piano skills helped me when I began to learn to play the organ. During my years at Bethlehem Academy in Faribault, Minnesota, and college years at Rosary College, I enjoyed learning to play the pipe organ for church services. I loved it and took organ lessons from Rosilla Gross, Miriam Murphy, and Robert Luther. This allowed me to play with greater proficiency in my ministry as church music director.

I grew up the eldest daughter of four children on an all-purpose farm in Rice County, Lonsdale, Minnesota, learning to do housework and gardening, and to assist my dad with the animals and drive a tractor when he needed me. For eight years, 4-H clubwork was an important educational component of my life. We learned to keep records, manage projects, design and set up booths and posters, select, design, and sew clothing. We learned to interact with public officials and do business, etc. All these skills merged beautifully within me as API evolved into the large musicpublishing house that it has become, with more than 350 composers from many countries under contract, yielding over 3,000 titles in a diversified catalog.

# You are such a gifted singer and organist. What influenced you to go into publishing?

I wanted to publish my master's degree research project, which I completed at the University of Minnesota under Dr. Johannes Riedel, 1976—a collection of 19

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Orchestral score: from manuscript to typeset part

Czech Christmas carols that my ancestors brought to the United States and which are still in current usage. In 1972 the best I could do was to make handwritten scores with type-and-paste lyrics and then go to a new copyworks store. Ten years later, I wanted to publish a hymnal of new English hymns from Czech tunes and worked on it over 15 years, going through all the stages of hand notation and applying texts in Czech and English, and then came the computer! I decided to invest in one and learn to use the Finale program to notate  $my\ own\ scores.$  This way  $\bar{I}$  was able to make masters and then take them to a printer and have it professionally done.

I met a fellow American Czech musician, Joel Blahnik from Fish Creek, Wisconsin, who was able to assist me in improving my arrangements and with whom I began to give musical programs. Being an idea man, he suggested we start a publishing company ourselves. What an adventure! What a daring idea! Well, it was the era of encouraging entrepreneur endeavors and so we were off. I did the legal legwork, got the computer program, and started. That was in 1987.

# Would you please describe the process of how a written score becomes a printed one and how it is marketed?

Once a submitted score has been accepted for publication, a contract is issued. It is catalogued, filed for future engraving, and when that has been done, it is formatted, proofed, sent to the composer for proofing (once or twice), a biography of the composer and background notes for the piece are written, a cover is designed, a barcode assigned, and then printed up for reproofing. When it passes this last test, it will go to print. Word will go out about its availability via displays at conventions, catalog lists, Facebook announcements, etc.

# How long is the process from manuscript score to publication?

This totally depends upon the length of the piece, the genre, and difficulty of



Sister Anita Smisek's great grandfather, center, in New Prague, Minnesota

the music, e.g., children's unison song or a band work. So, some works can be done in a week or some in several years.

# Who are your assistants?

My business partner is available for proofing and articulating instrumental music, the bookkeeper and financial advisors assist me in keeping good records, and several retired Sisters assist me with small projects, mailing, display, and stockroom needs.

# How did you establish contact with contemporary composers of organ music?

My visits to the Czech Republic after 1989 particularly enabled me to meet and visit them in their homes as well as hear them in concert or on CD performances. Others came through the suggestion of other satisfied composers.

Of the large corpus of sacred choral music you've published, are there any anthems or Mass settings that you think are particularly suited for

# a small volunteer choir—say, a choir that reads well and has between twenty to twenty-five singers?

Within our large choral catalog of secular and religious music titles, API has titles for many uses and types of choirs. For small church choirs, I suggest any of the works by Cecil Steffen, Magdalena Ezoe, JoAnn Timmerman, Marcia Holthaus, Warren Gooch, Vera Kistler, Tim Knight, Vivian Dettbarn, or James Marchionda. For more challenge, titles by Bob Ashton, Christopher Frye, Amy Dunker, Paul Paviour, Bryan Beaumont Hays, Sten Halfvarson, James Machan, Jiří Laburda, Henry Alviani, David Westfall, Kevin Duggan, Robert Dvorak, R. Paul Drummond, Peter Putz, Charles L. Byrne, Gregory Dennis, and John Harmon would be richly rewarding to use. Individual titles are difficult to cite as it depends upon type of music needed, difficulty level, voicing, use, and style of music used within a church community. I can verify the quality of the above composers' music, but the individual director needs to look them up online to check for appropriateness and usability.

# What new organ scores are you about to publish?

Five Movements for Organ by Antonín Tučapský; Esultazio by Zdeněk Pololáník; and two works by Jiří Strejc, Invocation on C-H-E-B, and Novela for organ, timpani, bells, and 3 trumpets. Invocation on C-H-E-B took first prize in the new organ composition competition called by the city of Cheb in 2008 in the Czech Republic. Judges were Luboš Sluka, Jiří Teml, Irena Chřibková, and Jan Hora. Nineteen compositions were received in the competition, each of which used the theme of C\_H\_E\_B!

This will make 80 organ titles that we publish. *Two Invocations*, a remarkable concert work, is the title that we commissioned from Petr Eben for trombone and organ, which is published by United Music Publishers.

# You publish scores of many genres—instrumental solos, band pieces, Masses, vocal solos, Requiems, etc. How many composers have you published and what are their nationalities?

We have published works by 350 composers. They are from the United States, Canada, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Russia, Georgia, Germany, England, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, Romania, Hungary, and Italy. We have some composers who are Americans by birth but have been raised in Polish, Czech, Slovak, or other ethnic communities, such as the Filipino and Argentinian communities, and are inspired by their musical traditions. A number of composers have written vocal solos, choral and instrumental music based on Native American tunes (such as titles by Henry Alviani and Jim Scheuer) or are inspired by Native American culture, for example, many titles by John Harmon.

# You have published many organ scores by Czech composers, and composers from other countries as well. What nationalities are represented?

We have sixteen Czech composers, one English, and eight others are Americans from Japan, Argentina, and Sweden.

# Who are the Czech composers for the organ?

We began with Václav Nelhýbel who befriended us and from whom we commissioned a work for trombone and organ based on the Svatý Václave Chorál, Prelude and Chorale on Svatý Václave.



Sister Anita (right) with her mother

It became a very useable work, and so we made it available for many different instrumental solos. At my request, he wrote organ preludes based on twelve Czech hymn tunes, which were from my new hymnal, Give Glory: New English Hymns from Czech Tunes. Then we commissioned Petr Eben to write a piece on that same theme, hence Two Invocations for Trombone and Organ was composed; it is published in England by United Music Publishers. Thirdly, an organist in Prague, Karel Hron, wrote his expression of this theme giving us Chorale for Trumpet or Trombone and Organ.

Former organist at St. James Basilica in Prague, Jiří Ropek, met us and cooperated in preparing most of his repertoire for organ with API, becoming a special friend. This gave him an opportunity to revise older works to his satisfaction. He encouraged his friend, Bedřich Janáček, who had immigrated to Sweden, to contact API, and consequently we experienced another working relationship getting all of his remaining unpublished organ works done to his satisfaction. (Karel Paukert performed some of his works and knew him as well.) He taught me a lot, as he was most particular in proofing my engravings. His wife persisted in working with me after his death, and so we now have them all published.

Enjoying opportunities to attend organ concerts in my travels to Prague over thirty years ago, I heard Jiří Strejc perform a recital at St. Voršila Church, which led me to meet him and learn about his own compositions for organ, choir, and piano, and to learn about his music ministry through those difficult years before 1989. His is a fresh innovative voice for organ, and I love to hear his works performed. Befriending the family enabled me to get to know and hear his organist son, Martin Strejc, perform several of them in more recent years.

Other Czech composers writing for organ offered me their works for publication and became special friends through the process as well: Jiří Laburda, Ctírad Kohoutek, Zdeněk Lukáš, Zdeněk Pololáník, Zdeněk Šesták, Jitka Snížková, Jiří Teml (a good friend of Karel Paukert's for whom he wrote several titles), and Antonín Tučapský.

# Who are the non-Czech composers for organ that you've published?

We have one English composer, and others who are Americans—Lee Burswold, G. Winston Cassler, Magdalena Ezoe, OP, Michael Elsbernd, Christopher Frye, Martin Hotton, Ejnar Krantz, Sebastián Modarelli, Cecil Steffen, OP, and William Dean Tinker.



Infant of Prague statue

# What keeps you going?

My commitment to these artistcomposers energizes me because of the trust they gave me with creative work. I want to match their dedication, artistic craft, and genius with my own work of publishing a high-quality product that will give wings to their music and make it available for generations to come.

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Sister Anita holding one of Alliance Publications' published organ scores



Czech pottery Wise Men

Thank you, Sister Anita, for describing your life and work and for making the world of church music and organ music the richer. Thank you for capturing those little black dots that make it possible to fill churches, concert halls, and schools with new and glorious music.

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# Cover feature

# A. E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company, Lithonia, Georgia First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Galveston Island, Texas First Presbyterian Church, Galveston Island, Texas

Galveston Island has a rich history and played a significant role in the birth of Texas. Three miles wide and twentyseven miles long, it is a popular vacation destination, but also a permanent home to nearly 50,000 full-time residents.

Our story starts when Hurricane Ike reached Galveston Island in September 2008. The destruction to the island was on a scale and scope that only can be described as apocalyptic. The winds that bore down on the island carried a storm surge into the sanctuaries of First Presbyterian Church and First Evangelical Lutheran Church, which were flooded as well as damaged by falling water. With the restoration work required by the church properties, it would be nearly five vears before either church could consider repairs to the pipe organs.

It was at this point that our firm was brought in to consult with both churches. We were contacted while we were in the area working at Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston (chronicled as the May 2014 cover feature in THE DIAPASON). While it is not unusual for us to work in a city (or region) on several projects, it is rare to simultaneously build two instruments within walking distance of each other.

As I visited these churches, I viewed instruments that had been silenced for a number of years. Without playing these organs, I was left to survey the remnants of these instruments, extant organ pipes, and the history of these churches and their music programs; I would hold their stewardship and heritage in my hands. I am thankful and humbled by the trust placed in the A. E. Schlueter firm and me.

Early discussions reinforced to me that even though we were building two new organs, both churches wanted the instruments to be rooted in the previous instruments' style. Neither was to be a slavish copy, but evocative of the pipe organs they had. This was a rare opportunity to build instruments patterned after two of our country's prominent late nineteenth and early twentieth-century American organ builders. We allowed ourselves to be enveloped in tonal styles of the past while also considering the tonal developments that had occurred in the Pilcher and Hook & Hastings firms prior to their closing. This homage to history and stewardship has preserved the sounds that have supported



Chancel, First Evangelical Lutheran Church

generations in the Galveston Island community for over 100 years.

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Founded as First German Evangelical Lutheran in 1850, the church annually hosts the official Galveston Island Oktoberfest on the church grounds. In 2013, the church auctioned a car during this annual event to help raise funds for the restoration of an organ to the chancel.

The third organ installed in the church's former nave was Henry Pilcher's Sons Opus 1334 of 1926. It was relocated to the new church chancel area in the 1950s, with an attempt to modernize the chancel organ stoplist by including some upper work via several highly unified stops, and some stop substitutions and exchanges. However, even with these changes, the basic fabric of the 1926 organ remained intact. During Hurricane Ike in 2008, the chancel organ console was partially submerged in water, and the wiring to the console under the nave floor was soaked with sea water.

There is a second organ in First Lutheran's rear gallery. In 1973, a new three-manual, 27-stop, 41-rank mechanical-action instrument was installed by Freiburger Orgelbau of Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany. This organ proved to be well suited for baroque music, while the Pilcher in the chancel, with its romantic scaling and voicing, continued to serve the basic service needs of the church, including weddings and funerals. The gallery organ was spared during the storm and continues to support worship in its unaltered form. While there

is no desire to change the gallery organ from its mechanical action, there have been discussions to have the new chancel console be able to eventually remotely play the gallery organ. The new three-manual chancel console was designed with this in mind.

Our new chancel instrument is built in homage to the style of the former Pilcher. We incorporated the Pilcher's unaltered pipework; some stops such as the Swell 8' Diapason had leathered lips that had suffered severe water damage. While some builders have erroneously removed this leather in an attempt to "modernize" the sound of the pipes, this does not honor the former builders who made these tonal choices. We restored these pipes with their leathered lips. Other vintage pipework was similarly treated to return pipes to a former state. However, to open the organ to a wider body of repertoire, we incorporated hybrid stops (Gemshorn), the formants of a principal chorus, and upperwork and mutations that were in keeping with the stop design and voicing of the original instrument. The entire organ is under expression with a large exposure of chancel and nave shades. This allows the power of this instrument to be under complete dynamic control while almost entirely unenclosed when fully open.

The organ has 25 ranks, divided between Great, Swell, and Pedal divisions. Since the console included the third manual, we allowed some of the unit stops on the organ to be registered from the third manual. The Great strings are so treated, as are the Swell reeds.

The new movable chancel organ console is normally situated toward the front of the right transept chapel, which houses the 1915 altar from the former church. Because of its forward exposed location, it was important to keep its stature diminutive. We designed a terraced drawknob console with inbuilt casters to reduce its visual signature and allow for mobility.

Since both pipe organs are normally played during a service, the new organ console's division orientation of the keyboards was made the same as the gallery organ's console. This eases the transition from one console to the other, even though they are very different instruments.

Even though the gallery organ, with its classic baroque sound, was not damaged by Hurricane Ike, the parish still longed for the return of the beloved chancel organ, with its warmth, grandeur, and rich tonal palette. The completed chancel organ has a nobility in its sound. It has its own unique identity as the "other" instrument in the church as well as resources to perform repertoire that would be challenging for the gallery organ, in spite of its size. The chancel has a rich sound that First Lutheran parishioners are thrilled to again experience.

I would like to thank the members of the organ committee with whom I worked and particularly recognize the efforts of the Reverend Dr. Douglass Guthier (retired) and organist/choirmaster Don Hermanson. Their mission to see the restoration of the organ to the chancel spanned years.

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# First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Galveston Island, Texas

# **GREAT** (expressive)

Gemshorn Diapason Hohl Flute 12 pipes 61 pipes 16' 8' 8' 8' 8' 8' 4' 4' pipes\* pipes pipes\* Gemshorn Dulciana Unda Maris (TC) 49 pipes 61 pipes 61 pipes\* Octave Rohr Flute

Mixture Oboe TC (Swell)

Fifteenth

Trumpet (Swell)
Oboe (Swell)
Chimes (existing tubes and actions rebuilt)

**SWELL** (expressive) Lieblich Gedeckt 12 pipes\* 61 pipes\* 61 pipes\* 16′ Diapason Stopped Diapason Salicional Voix Celeste

Diapason Harmonic Flute pipes\* 4' 2½'3' 2' Nazard Flageolet Tierce (TC) Oboe TC (ext) pipes\* 16' Trumpet Oboe 61 pipes 61 pipes\* Tremolo

# POSITIV (preparation for future)

Gemshorn Stopped Diapason Gemshorn (Swell) (Great) Dulciana (Great) Unda Maris (Great) Gemshorn (Great) Unda Maris II Oboe (Great) (Swell) Trumpet Oboe (Swell)

Acoustic Bass (resultant) Gemshorn (Great) Subbass 32 pipes Lieblich Gedeckt (Swell) Octave (1–12 Great) Gemshorn (Great) 20 pipes

Subbass 12 pipes Gedeckt (Swell) Choral Bass 12 pipes

Choral Bass Gedeckt (Swell) Harmonics (Wired Cornet) Transpette 12 pipes 16'

8' Trompette (Swell) 8' Oboe (Swell) °From original Pilcher Organ

# Coupler Rail

Great to Pedal 8-4 Swell to Pedal 8-4 Positiv on Pedal 8 Swell to Great 16-8-4 Positiv on Great 8 Swell to Swell 16-UO-4 Positiv on Swell Positiv on Swell Positiv to Positiv 16-UO-4 Swell to Positiv 16-8-4 MIDI on Pedal, Great, Swell, Positiv

25 ranks

# First Presbyterian Church Galveston Island, Texas (III/54)

# **GREAT**

Contra Dulciana (Choir Lieblich Gedeckt (Swell) Diapason 61 pipes
2nd Diapason 41 pipes
(balance from Ped Dbl Open Diap)
61 pipes
61 pipes
61 pipes 8′ 8′ Doppel Flute Bourdon (TC) 61

49 pipes (H&H bass from Doppel) ctave 61 pipes

Octave
Doppel Flute
Fifteenth
Mixture 11/8' 12 pipes 61 pipes 281 pipes

Mixture 1½ 281 pp Contra Oboe (Swell) Cornopean (Swell) Oboe (Swell) Clarinet (Choir) Tromba (Swell) (non-coupling)

Tremolo Chimes (Great) (25 notes)\*\* Zimbelstern (multiple bells)

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Console, First Presbyterian Church

# **First Presbyterian Church**

The congregation was organized in 1840. The present church, completed in 1889 after 16 years of construction, is considered one of the best examples of Norman architecture in the region. The church is known for its stained glass windows, including work by Tiffany.

The organ at First Presbyterian Church has had a unique history. Originally built in 1896 by the Hook & Hastings firm in Boston, the organ had mechanical action with three manuals and 30 ranks. Housed in a large oak case with stenciled wood and metal pipes positioned in the front right side of the church, the organ would be altered and changed a number of times over the years. In the 1940s its action was electrified, but it fell into disrepair in the 1970s. Under the direction of Roy Redman, it was rebuilt into a mechanicalaction organ with new slider chests and enlarged to 54 ranks. At the time this work was completed, the instrument was purported to have been one of the larger mechanical-action organs built west of the Mississippi. In the 1990s, the mechanical action was discarded; a detached replacement console was installed, and the organ was converted to electric action. Even with numerous changes over time, the organ case, façade, and the original pipework were constants. The organ remained in service until it was silenced by the hurricane.

As our firm assessed the instrument we developed a plan that was centered on preserving the stewardship of the church heritage. It was important that the case and façade be retained without any visual change. There was a desire to keep the tonal style of Hook & Hastings but also to add resources to permit a broader capability of choral and congregational accompaniment. The Redman firm, which rebuilt and enlarged the organ in the late 1970s, had been kind in its treatment of the

vintage Hook & Hastings pipework even as it enlarged the organ. We are grateful for the care they took, which allowed the Hook & Hastings pipework to be retained

In consultation with the church and in consideration of the back and forth changes from mechanical to electric actions in the organ's history, it was decided to employ slider action controlled by electric key action. Such an action would be very reliable in the island environment and allow layout and structural considerations that would not be possible with mechanical action.

As we studied the new organ design, it was clear that it would require a number of internal changes in structure and organ access and egress. Working with the architect we were able to define and open up a rear access for the instrument in the adjoining social hall stairwell. This allowed independent access to the Pedal, Choir, and Great divisions of the organ. The Swell is accessed through the original side door in the organ case. Without needing passage through the organ to access all of the interior workings we were able to raise the Swell organ to the impost level of the case so that the organ speaks out over the Choir rather than through it. The Choir and Great sit beside each other on the top level of the organ.

To visually stay below the organ façade while raising the interior levels of the organ divisions, we developed "coffin" style slider chests that sit on the floor of the upper deck of the organ chassis. The Great chest is designed with pipes offset and arranged to allow it to sit in the front corner of the church where the arched ceiling timbers intersect. The pipes literally fit around the architecture. From this location the tonal energy of the Great division is splayed uniformly into the sanctuary to support congregational singing.

Unique with the building of this instrument is that we left the organ case and façade in situ for the entire time of our work. We very carefully removed the former organ chassis while temporarily restructuring to support the organ façade and case. The lower center section was removed to replace the case panels that had been altered for tonal egress in the 1970s. With the new interior elevations of the organ divisions, these lower grilles were no longer needed and new solid panels were built. The restored lower case helps to focus and direct the choir voices from the choir loft. A corollary benefit is that the raised elevations took the sound of the lower division of the organ out of the choir members' ears. The new organ chassis is built of steel and heavy timbers with solid ceilings and floors for the enclosed divisions. As is our practice, the expression boxes were built overly thick to fully contain the enclosed divisions.

To control the organ, we built a traditional three-manual drawknob console. The console exterior is built of oak and finished to match the organ case. The design of the console frame evokes the organ casement. The console interior is paneled in rich mahogany with ebonized accents.

Prior to removing the organ, we brought a voicing machine to the church to evaluate the pipes. This allowed us to hear the pipework in the sanctuary, establish wind pressures, and gauge the tonal balance of the stops in the room as they existed and importantly, could exist. We held these sounds in our heads and our hearts as we developed the new specification.

With the exception of pipes that were beyond repair due to condition, almost all of the Hook & Hastings pipework found a home, in part or whole, in the new instrument. In some instances, we did reallocate pipes from their position in the original 1896 stoplist where they better served the revised tonal design.

The original reeds were retained and rebuilt and include the original shallots and reed tongue thicknesses where this was possible. The condition of the reeds after over 100 years of age and multiple hands required substantial rebuilding, and we took great care to preserve these stops.

While the specification has a large 8' center at its core, we included upper work and mutations to add color, variety, and the treble ascendant completions of the principal and flute choruses. The completed instrument retains its past voice but with additional resources that let it take part in a broader range of music as it supports worship in this historic church.

I would like to personally take the opportunity to thank the organ committee members Jennifer Klein Salver, director of worship arts; Ruben Rincon, Jr., organist; Mike Cowan; David Salyer; and Lesley Sommer. Their efforts and support were invaluable.

# In closing

We would like to thank these congregations who treated us like extended family while we completed these instruments. They buoyed us with their support and prayers and genuinely have become our friends and extended congregations. As a way of thanks and in the form of a tithe, both instruments ended up with additional stops that were given as gifts from the Schlueter family.

We consider it one of our greatest strengths to be able to work in different styles and engineer solutions that would be difficult for other firms. The design of both of these instruments required custom engineering, particularly in the case of First Presbyterian Church and the 1896 organ case. A hallmark of our work is to be sensitive to the architecture and history of the churches we work with. I am confident this is what we did in Galveston.

While we would never claim the tonal mantle of the Pilcher or Hook & Hastings firms, we hope that Schlueter's fingerprints have melded with sonic impressions left by these predecessors. We hope that if these past luminaries were able to visit, our work would be equally pleasing and identifiable to them.

Building these two instruments required the talents of many people. I would be remiss if I did not thank the members of the Schlueter team who spent the long hours away from home to do so. We are grateful for the efforts of Arthur E. Schlueter, Jr., Arthur E. Schlueter, III, John Tanner, Marc Conley, Patrick Hodges, Rob Black, Jeremiah Hodges, Peter Duys, James (Bud) Taylor, Jr., Bob Weaver, Al Schroer, Shan Dalton-Bowen, Barbara Sedlacek, Michael DeSimone, Dallas Wood, Clifton Frierson, Ruth Lopez, and Kelvin Cheatham.

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# CHOIR (enclosed)

- Contra Dulciana\*\* English Diapason Concert Flute 61 pipes 61 pipes\* 61 pipes\* 49 pipes Dulciana Unda Maris (TC) Principal Traverse Flute Nasat (TC) 61 pipes 61 pipes\* 49 pipes 61 pipes\* Flautino Terz (TC) 49 pipes 12 pipes 244 pipes 61 pipes\* Quint Scharf-Zimbel ¾'
- Clarinet 61 Tromba (Sw) (non-coupling) 16' Tromba (Sw) (non-coupling) Tromba (Sw) (non-coupling) Harp (61 notes)\*\*

  - Tremolo Choir to Choir 16-UO-4

# SWELL (enclosed)

- Lieblich Gedeckt Geigen Diapason 12 pipes 61 pipes°
  61 pipes°
  61 pipes°
  49 pipes°
  159 pipes°
  61 pipes Stopped Diapason Salicional Voix Celeste (TC) Muted Strings III Geigen Octave Fern Flute Nazard (TC) Flageolet 61 pipes 49 pipes 24 pipes Tierce (TC) 49 330 pipes
- Plein Jeu 2' Contra Oboe TC (ext) 16' Cornopean Oboe
- 61 pipes\*
  61 pipes\*
  24 pipes Vox Humana Clarion (fr Cornopean) Tromba 61 pipes
  - Swell to Swell 16-UO-4

# PEDAL

- 32′ 32′
  - Bourdon\*\*
- Double Open Diapason 73 pipes Open Wood \*\*
- 16' 16' Contra Dulciana (Choir) Subbass
- 32 pipes\* Lieblich Gedeckt (Swell) 16'
- Octave 12 pipes\* 12 pipes\*
- Octave 12
  Diapason (from 16')
  Subbass 15
  Stopped Diapason (Swell)
  Choral Bass 35
  Doppel Flute (Great)
  Lieblich Flute (Swell) 32 pipes
- 96 pipes IIIMixture 22/3 Contra Trombone\*\* Harmonics
- 16' Trombone 32 pipes\* (wood resonators) Contra Trumpet (Crnpn)12 pipes Cornopean (Swell) Oboe (Swell)
- Clarion (Swell) Clarinet (Choir) Tromba (Swell)

# Inter-Manual Couplers

Great to Pedal 8-4 Swell to Pedal 8-4 Choir to Pedal 8-4 Swell to Great 16-8-

Choir to Great 16-8-4

Swell to Choir 16-8-4 Choir/Great Transfer (On piston, divisional pistons transfer)

MIDI Controls (programmable as preset stops): MIDI on Pedal A, B; Great A, B; Swell A, B; Choir A, B

- Hook and Hastings pipeworkDigital
- 44 ranks

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61 pipes\*

# **New Organs**

# Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders, Bellwood, Illinois Zion Lutheran Church (WELS), Columbus, Wisconsin

Located about twenty miles northeast of Madison, Zion Lutheran Church (WELS) is home to a rejuvenated instrument that originated from a blend of old and new ideas and materials. Consultant Wayne Wagner, director of music Matt Kanzenbach, and the builder agreed to retain as much of the Wangerin organ from the old church as possible, while expanding the stoplist in order to include new tonal possibilities that the instrument was missing.

Selected Wangearin pipework, along with vintage ranks from Berghaus's collection and new pipes, yielded a stoplist of 34 stops, 24 ranks, and 1,727 pipes over two manuals and pedal. Selected chests from the Wangerin organ were retained, restored, and integrated with new chestwork. The well-crafted and durable Wangerin pipework was cleaned, repaired, and revoiced. Certain ranks were relocated to better suit the stoplist and to allow for new pipes to take their place.

The entire instrument speaks directly across the sanctuary from its position above the choir. The main central division is the Swell, with a set of hardwood expression shutters, controlled by a 16-stage electric motor. It contains most of the original Wangerin diapason chorus, along with strings, flutes, and reeds. New flue additions include a 2' metal flute, a  $1\frac{1}{3}$ ' Larigot, and a brilliant Scharf mixture. An English Oboe and French Clarion are new reed additions that provide additional color and brilliance.

Divided on either side of the Swell box, the newly enhanced Great is founded on an entirely new chorus, complete with mutations and mixture. Retained wood flutes (both stopped and open) and dulcianas allow for softer accompaniments and solo textures. A new 8' Principal leads the division with natural, singing sound, and its polished pipes form part of the façade.

The Pedal division is a combination of Wangerin stops along with a new 8' Principal stop that is extended to 4'

Geigen Octave Rohrflöte Blockflöte

Larigot Scharf III Trumpet



Swell interior

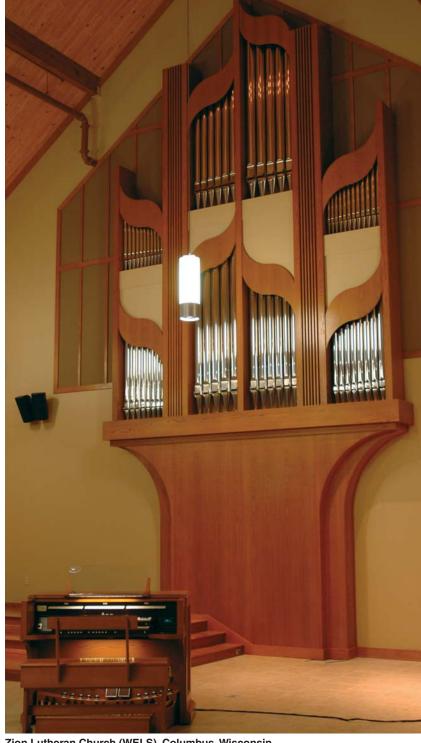
pitch. The large-scale Trumpet in the Swell is also extended 12 notes to 16' pitch for tutti textures. The Pedal has variety of voices that can effectively balance any manual combination.

All new chests and winding were constructed of poplar, and the handsome custom casework is of rift-cut red oak. A new blower encased in the organ gives quiet, steady, and dependable wind to the entire instrument.

A new combination action by Peterson Electro-Musical Products is installed in the original console, which was completely stripped and refinished. The ICS-4000 control system gives the organist multiple memory levels, piston sequencing, and record/ playback settings.

Completed in October 2015, the finished instrument makes a bold visual and musical statement, and it is capable of leading hymns and liturgy of the church as well as performing various schools of repertoire. On October 25, the organ was dedicated and first used in worship. A recital featuring Wayne Wagner and various Zion musicians was performed that afternoon.

–Jonathan Oblander, Tonal Director



Zion Lutheran Church (WELS), Columbus, Wisconsin

# Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders

Zion Lutheran Church (WELS), Columbus, Wisconsin

# GREAT-unenclosed-Manual I GHEAT - unenclosed - Manual I 12 stops, 12 ranks, 744 pipes Lieblich Gedeckt Principal (façade) Doppelflöte Gedeckt (from 16' Lieblich Gedeckt) S5 Wangerin pipes 61 Wangerin pipes Gedeckt (from 16' Lieblich Gedeckt) 61 Wangerin pipes (on old Gamba toeboard, 1–12 offset) 49 Wangerin pipes on new chest Dulciana Unda Maris TC Octave 61 pipes Gedeckt (from 16' Lieblich Gedeckt) Quinte 61 pipes Fifteenth 61 pipes Tierce 61 pipes Mixture III 183 pipes Tramulant Tremulant Chimes (25 existing tubes, new action) Great Unison Off Swell to Great 16' Swell to Great 8' SWELL-enclosed-Manual II 13 stops, 15 ranks, 903 pipes Open Diapason 61 Wangerin pipes (old Gt) Hohlflöte 61 Wangerin pipes (old Gt) 61 Wangerin pipes (old Gt) 61 Wangerin pipes (old Sw) 49 Wangerin pipes (old Sw) Viola da Gamba Viola Celeste TC

61 Wangerin pipes (old Sw)
61 pipes from stock (on old Gt Dulciana toeboard)
61 pipes (on Sw Trumpet toeboard)
61 pipes
83 pipes

61 Pipes 183 pipes 61 Wangerin pipes on new unit chest 61 pipes, new or from stock (old Sw) 61 Wangerin pipes (old Sw)

Clarion 61 pipes (on old Sw Vox Humana toeboard) Tremulant Swell to Swell 16' Swell Unison Off Swell to Swell 4' PEDAL-unenclosed 11 stops, 1 rank, 80 pipes Untersatz (derived) Contrabass façade) 56 pipes (1-12 Wangerin Open Wood, 13-44 new pipes, partly façade)
Subbass 12 Wangerin p
Lieblich Gedeckt (Gt)
Principal (from 16' Contrabass)
Gedeckt (Gt)
Octave (from 16' Contrabass)
Gedeckt (Gt)
Personne 12 pipes (ext of 12 Wangerin pipes (ext of 8' Gt Doppelflöte) 12 pipes (ext of Sw 8' Trumpet) Posaune Trumpet (Sw)
Clarion (from Sw 8' Trumpet) Great to Pedal 8' Great to Pedal 4' Swell to Pedal 8' Swell to Pedal 4

Key and stop action: existing electro-pneumatic and new electro-mechanical Manual/Pedal compass:  $61/32\,$ 

SUMN	IARY		
	Stops	Ranks	Pipe
Great	12	12	$74^{4}$
Swell	13	15	903
Pedal	11	1	80
Total	36	28	1.72

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# Calendar

This calendar runs from the 15th of the month issue through the following month. The deadline is the first of the preceding month (Jan. 1 for Feb. issue). All events are assumed to be organ recitals unless otherwise indicated and are grouped within each date north-south and east-west. •=AGO chapter event, • •=RCCO centre event, +=new organ dedication, ++= OHS event.

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## **UNITED STATES** East of the Mississippi

## **15 MAY**

Hymn Festival; Madison Avenue Presby-

terian, New York, NY 3 pm JeeYoon Choi; St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, NY 3:15 pm

Thomas Gaynor; Cathedral of St. John

the Divine, New York, NY 5 pm Benjamin Sheen; St. Thomas Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 5:15 pm

Chelsea Chen; St. John's Episcopal, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 3 pm

•Jeannine Jordan, with media artist; First United Methodist, Moorestown, NJ 7 pm

Joan Lippincott; St. Stephen's Pro-Ca-thedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA 4 pm Kenneth Danchik; St. Paul Cathedral,

Pittsburgh, PA 4 pm Cathedral Choral Society; Washington

National Cathedral, Washington, DC 4 pm
Evensong; Church of the Redeemer,
Sarasota, FL 5:15 pm
David Enlow; Stambaugh Auditorium,
Youngstown, OH 4 pm

Evensong; Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 4:30 pm

Gabriel Mayhugh; Madonna della Strada Chapel, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Kathrine Handford, with orchestra. Guilmant, Symphony No. 2; St. Andrew's Lutheran, Mahtomedi, MN 4 pm

# 16 MAY

Philippe Lefebvre; All Saints' Episcopal,

Aaron David Miller Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago, IL 7:30 pm

Erik & Chuyoung Suter, organ & piano; Christ & St. Ste York, NY 7:30 pm Stephen's Episcopal, New

Alcee Chriss; Advent Lutheran, Mel-

bourne, FL 3 pm
Richard Spotts; Church of St. Louis, King of France, St. Paul, MN 12:35 pm

John Neely, with trumpet; Westminster Presbyterian, Dayton, OH 12:10 pm

Leon Couch; First Congregational, Appleton, WI 12:15 pm

TENET; St. Peter's Church, New York,

Bruce Neswick; St. Malachy's Church, New York, NY 7:30 pm

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Fauré, Requiem; Hilbert Circle Theater, Indianap-

Christopher Henley; Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, AL 12:30 pm

Fourth Church Choral Society, Mozart, Great Mass in C Minor; Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago, IL 7:30 pm

Nathan Laube; Baker Memorial United

Methodist, St. Charles, IL 7:30 pm

# 21 MAY

David Higgs; Faith Lutheran, North Palm Beach, FL 6:30 pm
Quire Cleveland; St. Bernard Catholic Church, Akron, OH 7:30 pm
Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Fauré, Requiem; Hilbert Circle Theater, Indianap-

olis, IN 5:30 pm

Rutter, Requiem; St. John's Episcopal, West Hartford, CT 3 pm CONCORA; First Church of Christ, Con-

gregational, New Britain, CT 4 pm

Marco D'Avola; St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, NY 3:15 pm

# Bert Adams, FAGO Crescent Avenue

Crescent Singers;

Detroit, MI 4 pm

Forest, IL 3:45 pm

12:35 pm

25 MAY

27 MAY

Presbyterian, Plainfield, NJ 3 pm **Shawn Gingrich**; Palmyra Church of the

Brethren, Palmyra, PA 3 pm Handel, *Messiah*; Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC 4 pm

Herndon Spillman; University Circle United Methodist, Cleveland, OH 2 pm

Quire Cleveland; St. Peter Catholic Church, Cleveland, OH 4 pm

Evensong; Cathedral Church of St. Paul,

Music of the Baroque; North Shore Center

for the Performing Arts, Skokie, IL 7:30 pm Bach, *Cantata 129*; Grace Lutheran, River

Phillip Kloeckner; Elliott Chapel, Pres-

Kathrine Handford; St. Louis, King of France Catholic Church, St. Paul, MN

Roric Cunningham, Forrest Eimold,

Richard Gress, & Philip Pampreen; Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen,

Handel, Messiah; Holy Trinity Lutheran, New York, NY 7:30 pm Stephen Schnurr; History Museum at the Castle, Appleton, WI 12:15 pm

Christi Wilson; Westminster Presbyte-

Gail Archer; Trinity Church Copley Square, Boston, MA 12 noon

John W. W. Sherer; Fourth Presbyterian,

John Gouwens, carillon: Memorial Cha-

Angela Kraft Cross; St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, NY 3:15 pm

Kristiaan Seynhaven; Washington Na-

tional Cathedral, Washington, DC 5:15 pm

Church Cathedral, Charleston, SC 7:30 pm

Nigel Potts, with mezzo-soprano: Grace

Charles Tompkins, with violin: St. Mat-

Joseph Peeples; St. Michael's Church, Charleston, SC 10 am

**Christopher Jennings**; Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8 pm

an. Charleston, SC 10 am

dral, Charleston, SC 10 am

cago, IL 7:30 pm

Chicago, IL 7:30 pm

cago, Evanston, IL 7:30 pm

2 JUNE

3 JUNE

Maxine Thévenot; St. Matthew's Luther-

Baroque Band; Grainger Ballroom, Symphony Center, Chicago, IL 7:30 pm

Anthony Williams; Bethel United Methodist, Charleston, SC 10 am

Christopher Houlihan; First Presbyterian, Rome, NY 7 pm

David Houston; Grace Church Cathe-

Samuel Metzger; First Presbyterian, Coral Springs, FL 7 pm

United Methodist, Memphis, TN 6:30 pm **Ken Cowan**; Fourth Presbyterian, Chi-

Baroque Band; Augustana Lutheran,

4 JUNE

Jay Warren, silent film accompaniment;

St. John Cantius Catholic Church, Chica-

Baroque Band; Music Institute of Chi-

Diane Meredith Belcher, with orchestra, Saint-Saëns, Organ Symphony; St. Luke's

thew's Lutheran, Charleston, SC 10 am

pel, Culver Academies, Culver, IN 7:30 pm

rian, Dayton, OH 12:10 pm

Chicago, IL 12:10 pm

byterian Homes, Evanston, IL 1:30 pm

Park Ridge Presbyterian Church Park Ridge, IL Pickle Piano / Johannus Midwest Bloomingdale, IL

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# Calendar

Andrew Peters; St. Patrick's Cathedral,

New York, NY 3:15 pm
+Stephen Distad, with trumpet; St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Lancaster. PA 4 pm

Jeremy Filsell; Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC 5:15 pm
Hymn Festival; Brevard-Davidson River

Presbyterian, Brevard, NC 3:30 pm Isabelle Demers; Summerall Chapel,

The Citadel, Charleston, SC 7:30 pm Mozart, *Mass in C*, K. 262; Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Marie-Bernadette Dufourcet-Hakim; St. Mark's Episcopal, Glen Ellyn, IL 4 pm

Dennis James, silent film accompaniment; Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI 2 pm

## 6 JUNE

Nathan Davey; St. Matthew's Lutheran, Charleston, SC 10 am

Andrew Yeargin, with soprano; Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston, SC 10 am

## 8 JUNE

Stuart Forster; Methuen Memorial Mu-

sic Hall, Methuen, MA 8 pm
Patrick Scott; Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston, SC 10 am
Stephen Schnurr; Christ Church, Michi-

gan City, IN 12:15 pm

## 9 JUNE

Timothy Tikker & Julia Harlow; (Huguenot) French Protestant Church, Charleston, SC 10 am

Mitchell Miller; Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston, SC 10 am Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Bizet, Carmen; Hilbert Circle Theater, Indianapolis, IN 8 pm

# 12 JUNE

Filippa Duke; Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC 5:15 pm
Cathedral Choral Society, works of

Schubert; Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC 7:30 pm

Jeannine Jordan, with media artist; First Presbyterian, Athens, OH 8 pm

Evensong; Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 4:30 pm, pre-Evensong organ recital 4 pm

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Bizet, Carmen; Hilbert Circle Theater, Indianapo-

lis, IN 3 pm Cathedral Choir; Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, AL 3 pm

# 13 JUNE

Choir of St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue: Christ Church, Greenwich, CT 7:30 pm

The Chenaults; First Presbyterian, Glens Falls, NY 7:30 pm

Andrés Mojica; Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8 pm

Thomas Gouwens; Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago, IL 12:10 pm

Deke Polifka; Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC 5:15 pm Simon Thomas Jacobs; Madonna della

Strada Chapel, Loyola University, Chicago, IL 3 pm

Thomas Sheehan; Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8 pm

Pacific Boychoir Academy; Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago, IL 12:10 pm

John Gouwens, carillon; Memorial Chapel, Culver Academies, Culver, IN 4 pm

++Stephen Tharp; Irvine Auditorium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 7:30 pm

Simon Jacobs; Washington National

Cathedral, Washington, DC 5:15 pm

Hector Olivera; Park Road Baptist, Charlotte, NC 4 pm

# 27 JUNE

++Matthew Glandorf; Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, PA 8:30 am, 10:20

++Isaac Drewes: Carmelite Monastery. Philadelphia, PA 8:45 am, 10:05 am

++Alan Morrison; St. Paul Catholic Church, Philadelphia, PA 11:45 am, 12:45

++Wesley Parrott; Old Pine Street Presbyterian, Philadelphia, PA 2:30 pm ++Caroline Robinson; St. Peter Church,

Philadelphia, PA 3:40 pm ++Hans Davidsson & Christopher Marks: Verizon Hall. Kimmel Center for the

Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA 7 pm Madeleine Woodworth; Elliott Chapel, Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, IL 1:30 pm

# 28 JUNE

++Annie Laver; Highway Tabernacle,

Philadelphia, PA 9 am
++Amanda Mole; St. Luke's Episcopal,

Germantown, PA 10:30 am ++Andrew Senn: Reform Congregation

Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, PA 3 pm ++Monica Czausz; Bryn Athyn Cathedral, Bryn Athyn, PA 4:30 pm

++Nathan Laube; Girard College Chapel, Philadelphia, PA 8 pm

# 29 JUNE

Kimberly Ann Hess; Methuen Memorial

Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8 pm
++Craig Cramer; Chestnut Hill Presbyterian, Philadelphia, PA 10:40 am

++Jeffrey Brillhart; Bryn Mawr Presbyterian, Bryn Mawr, PA 1:45 pm

++Andrew van Varick; Greek Room, Macy's Department Store, Philadelphia, PA 6:45 pm

++Peter Richard Conte; Grand Court, Macy's Department Store, Philadelphia, Jeremy Jelinek: First United Methodist.

Hershey, PA 7 pm

Martin Jean; All Saints' Episcopal, Atlanta, GA 7:30 pm

# 30 JUNE

++Nathan Laube, masterclass; Girard College Chapel, Philadelphia, PA 9 am

++Kimberly Marshall; Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Wilmington, DE 12:20 pm, 1:50 pm

++David Schelat; First & Central Presby-

terian, Wilmington, DE 12:35 pm, 1:50 pm ++Benjamin Sheen; Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA 5:30 pm, 7:30

Karen Beaumont; First Presbyterian, Racine, WI 12 noon

# **UNITED STATES** West of the Mississippi

Fauré, Requiem; Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas City, MO 3 pm Bruce Power; Church of the Holy Cross,

Shreveport, LA 2 pm
Adam Pajan; St. Philip's Episcopal, Ardmore, OK 2 pm

Choral Evensong; St. Paul's United Methodist, Houston, TX 4 pm Michael Kleinschmidt; Trinity Lutheran,

Lynnwood, WA 7 pm Choral Evensong; Christ Episcopal, Ta-

coma, WA 5 pm

Jonathan Dimmock; Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

Cathedral Choir School, Archdiocesan Children's Choir, St. Brigid School Honor Choir; Cathedral of St. Mary of the As-sumption, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

# 20 MAY

Stefan Engels; St. Rita Catholic Church, Dallas, TX 4:15 pm

Dorothy Young Riess; Doc Rando Hall, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV 7:30 pm

Vivaldi, *Gloria*, Vaughan Williams, *Benedicite*; St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN 7:30 pm

# Calendar

Katya Kolesnikova; Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

22 MAY

Todd Wilson; Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas, TX 2:30 pm

Houston Chamber Choir: Cullen Theater. Wortham Theater Center, Houston, TX 4 pm Daryl Robinson; American Lutheran Church, Prescott, AZ 3 pm Katya Kolesnikova; Legion of Honor

Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm Jin Kyung Lim; Cathedral of St. Mary of

the Assumption, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

John Walko; Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

29 MAY

The Chenaults; Cathedral Church of St.

John, Albuquerque, NM 3 pm John Walko; Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

Christoph Tietze; St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

Aaron David Miller & Damin Spritzer, works of Mozart and Pärt; Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles, CA 7:30 pm

Kathrine Handford; Memorial Chapel, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI 12:15 pm

3 JUNE

Stefan Engels, with orchestra, Saint-Saëns, *Symphony No. 3*; Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas, TX 7:30 pm

David Christopher; Trinity Episcopal, Reno, NV 12 noon

Stefan Engels, with orchestra, Saint-Saëns, Symphony No. 3; Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas, TX 7:30 pm

David Hegarty; Legion of Honor Muse-um, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

James Welch; Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz, CA 7 pm

5 JUNE

Christopher Ganza; Chapel, St. Mary's

Hospital, Rochester, MN 3 pm Bach, *Cantata* 76; Mount Olive Lutheran, Minneapolis, MN 4 pm

Gail Archer; St. Matthew's By-the-Bridge

Episcopal, Iowa Falls, IA 4 pm

Stefan Engels, with orchestra, Saint-Saëns, Symphony No. 3; Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas, TX 7:30 pm

David Hegarty; Legion of Honor Muse-um, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

David Jonies; Sinsinawa Mound, Sinsinawa, WI 7 pm

11 JUNE

Gail Archer; Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

Gail Archer; Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

David Jonies: Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City, IA 7 pm

Roderick Demmings; Trinity Episcopal, Reno, NV 12 noon

18 JUNE

Jonathan Dimmock; Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

•Daryl Robinson; Edythe Bates Old Recital Hall, Rice University, Houston, TX 2 pm, 3:30 pm

Jonathan Dimmock; Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

•David Goode; Foundry United Method-

ist, Houston, TX 1:30 and 3:30 pm
•Marie-Bernadette Dufourcet; St. John the Divine Episcopal, Houston, TX 2 pm,

•Michel Bouvard; Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston, TX 8 pm

•Raúl Prieto Ramírez, with piano; Grace Presbyterian, Houston, TX 2 pm

•Catherine Rodland, with viola; Epiphany Episcopal, Houston, TX 2 pm, 4 pm

•Jonathan Rudy; Belin Chapel, Houston Baptist University, Houston, TX 2 pm, 4 pm •David Cherwien, hymn festival; St. Luke's United Methodist, Houston, TX 4 pm

Richard Elliott, with brass; First Presbyterian, Houston, TX 8:15 pm, 9:30 pm
 Mary Preston, with Houston Chamber Choir, St. Paul's United Methodist, Houston,

TX 8:15 pm, 9:30 pm

22 JUNF

•Choir of St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue; Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston, TX 8:30 pm

•Diane Meredith Belcher; Edythe Bates Old Recital Hall, Rice University, Houston, TX 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm

•Joby Bell; Palmer Memorial Episcopal,

Houston, TX 1:30 pm, 3:40 pm

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Choral Evensong; St. Paul United Methodist. Houston, TX 4 pm

John Walko; Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco, CA 4 pm

Paul Jacobs; First United Methodist, Eugene, OR 7:30 pm

## INTERNATIONAL

15 MAY

Olivier Latry; Münster, Ingolstadt, Ger-

Andrew Lucas; St. Paul's Cathedral, London, UK 4:45 pm

Peter Stevens; Westminster Cathedral, London, UK 4:45 pm

16 MAY

Florian Schachner; St. Justinus, Frank-

furt, Germany 5 pm **Boyd Jones**; Bürgermeister Smidt Gedächtnis Kirche, Bremerhaven, many 6 pm

Wolfgang Seifen; Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtnis Kirche, Berlin, Germany 8 pm

17 MAY

Marie-Bernadette **Dufourcet-Hakim**; Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtnis Kirche, Berlin, Germany 8 pm

**18 MAY** 

Boyd Jones; Paulus Kirche, Buchholz, Germany 7:30 pm

William Whitehead; Kathedrale, Dres-

den, Germany 8 pm **Lionel Rogg**; Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächt-nis Kirche, Berlin, Germany 8 pm

19 MAY

REPAIRING

Sietze de Vries: Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtnis Kirche, Berlin, Germany 8 pm Dominik Susteck; Abteikirche, Köln, Germany 8 pm

Anne Page; Reading Town Hall, Reading, UK 1 pm

20 MAY

Andreas Boltz, Johannes von Erdmann, Martin Lücker, & Martin Sander, Reger organ works: Dom. Frankfurt, Germany 6 pm

Gail Archer; Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Florence, Italy 9 pm

21 MAY

Martin Sander: Marktkirche, Hannover, Germany 6 pm

Jones; Blankeneser Kirche am Markt, Blankenese, Germany 8 pm

Stephen Hamilton: Notre Dame de Paris, Paris, France 8 pm

Choral Evensong; Southwell Minster, Southwell, UK 5:45 pm

22 MAY

Huw Williams; St. Paul's Cathedral, London, UK 4:45 pm

Boyd Jones; Christus Kirche, Wandsbek Markt, Germany 7:30 pm

Boyd Jones; Martin Luther Kirche, Emden. Germany 8 pm

Andreas Jacob; Frauenkirche, Dresden, Germany 8 pm

David Graham; St. John's Smith Square, London, UK 1:05 pm

28 MAY

Stephen Hamilton: Bloomsbury Central Baptist, London, UK 4 pm

**29 MAY** 

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31 MAY

Boyd Jones; Dom, Wetzlar, Germany

Roderich Krelle; Kreuzkirche, Dresden, Germany 8 pm

**Boyd Jones**; Evangelische Stadtkirche, Bad Reichenhall, Germany 6 pm

Mario Duella, with bass; Chiesa di San Vittore, Isola Bella, Italy 4:30 pm

Mario Duella, with bass: Cattedrale di Santo Stefano, Biella, Italy 9 pm

Stefan Bleicher; Klosterkirche, Fürsten-feldbuck, Germany 12:10 pm Neil Chippington; St. Paul's Cathedral, London, UK 4:45 pm

Daniel Cook; Westminster Abbey, London, UK 5:45 pm

6 JUNE

Margaret Phillips; Royal Festival Hall, London, UK 7:30 pm

Daniel Glaus; Münster, Bern, Switzer-

Philip Crozier; St. James United Church. Montreal, QC, Canada12:30 pm

Martin Bernreuther; Kathedrale, Dresden, Germany 8 pm
Stephen Hamilton; St. Peter Cathedral,

Regensburg, Germany 8 pm

10 JUNE

Livia Vanoni: Cattedrale di Santo Stefano, Biella, Italy 9 pm

Livia Vanoni; Chiesa Parrocchiale SS. Ambrogio e Theodulo, Stresa, Italy 9:15 pm

12 JUNE

Albrecht Koch; Klosterkirche, Fürstenfeldbuck, Germany 12:10 pm

Ourania Gassiou; St. Paul's Cathedral,

London, UK 4:45 pm
Elmar Lehnen; Westminster Abbey, Lon-

don, UK 5:45 pm

14 JUNE

Stephen Cleobury; Münster, Bern, Swit-

zerland 8 pm
Suzanne Ozorak; St. James United
Church, Montreal, QC, Canada12:30 pm

Arvid Gast; Frauenkirche, Dresden,

16 JUNE

David Titterington; St. John's Smith Square, London, UK 1:05 pm Stephanie Burgoyne & William Vandertuin; St. Peter's Anglican, Mississauga, ON, Canada 12:15 pm

**Ernst Wally**; Maria Himmelfahrt, Bad Tölz, Germany 7:30 pm

18 JUNE

Ulfert Smidt; Marktkirche, Hannover, Germany 6 pm

19 JUNE

Beate Kruppke; Kirche "Zur frohen Botschaft," Berlin-Karlshorst, Germany 1 pm Bernhard Buttmann; St. Ulrich, Augsburg, Germany 7:30 pm

Thomas Hevwood: St. Nikolaus Kirche. Frankfurt, Germany 6 pm

Sarah Svendsen; St. Paul's Cathedral,

London, UK 4:45 pm

Daniel Cook; Westminster Cathedral, London, UK 4:45 pm

James O'Donnell; Westminster Abbey,

London, UK 5:45 pm

21 JUNE

Daniel Glaus, with percussion; Münster,

Bern, Switzerland 8 pm
Chelsea Barton; St. James United
Church, Montreal, QC, Canada12:30 pm

Stephanie Burgoyne & William Vandertuin; St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, London, ON, Canada 12:15 pm

Roland Marla Stangler; Kreuzkirche, Dresden, Germany 8 pm

25 JUNE

Martin Baker; Maria Himmelfahrt, Landsberg, Germany 11:15 am

Bernhard Buttmann; St. Sebald, Nürnberg, Germany 7:30 pm

Andrew Senn & Edward Landin; Saint

Laurent, Dorlisheim, France 2 pm

26 JUNE

Avramenko: Klosterkirche. Evgeny Fürstenfeldbuck, Germany 12:10 pm

Andrew Senn & Edward Landin; St. Thomas, Strasbourg, France 5 pm

Simon Morley; Westminster Abbey, London, UK 5:45 pm

**28 JUNE** 

Johan Vexo; Münster, Bern, Switzerland

29 JUNE

Stanislav Surin; Kathedrale, Dresden,

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MICHEL BOUVARD. Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle, WA, January 30: Plein Ieu du Veni Creator. Récit de Tierce en taille, Basse de Trompette, Fugue à 5, Point d'orgue sur les grands jeux (Hymne A Solis Ortus), de Grigny; Grande pièce sympho-nique, Franck; Variations sur un Noël basque, Bouvard; Litanies, Alain; Prélude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain, op. 7, Duruflé.

DAVID BUICE, harpsichord and lautenwerk, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, January 23: Praeludium in g, Buxtehude; Fantasia in a Aeolian, Sweelinck; Toccata in g, Frescobaldi; Toccata in a, Froberger; Prelude non mesuré in a à l'Imitation de Monsieur Froberger, Couperin; Praeludium in g, Böhm; Chorale Fantasia in G on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, Buxtehude; Toccata in D, Bach.

CHARLES CALLAHAN, Church of the Gesu, Milwaukee, WI, January 15: Bouree in the olden style, Sabin; Aria da Chiesa, Anonymous; Adagio and Rondo, Fiocco; Fantasia con Imitazione, Bach; Melody in G, Grand Triumphal Chorus, Guilmant; Vision, Rheinberger; Intermezzo, Rogers; Harmonies du Soir, Karg-Elert; Scherzo-Pastorale, Federlein; Adoration, Price; Three Pieces, Callahan.

DOUGLAS CLEVELAND, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, January 22: *Grand Dialogue in C*, Marchand; Tierce en taille (Homage to François Couperin), Dahl; Prelude and Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552, Bach; Scherzetto, Petite Prelude, Jongen; Prelude on The Lone Wild Bird, Baker; Four Concert Etudes, Briggs.

DAVID CREAN, St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York, NY, January 10: Prelude and Fugue in b, BWV 544, Bach; Pastorale, Roger-Ducasse; Chorale Prelude on Iam Sol Recedit, Simonds: Comes Autumn Time. Sowerby.

PHILIP CROZIER, Grand Séminaire de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada, October 18: Suite du deuxième ton, Bédard; Aria in F, BWV 587, Bach; Benedictus, Plein chant de l'Agnus Dei en Basse et en Taille alternativement, Troisième Couplet de l'Agnus (Messe pour les Paroisses), Couperin; Joseph est bien marié, Dandrieu; Nun lob mein Seel den Herren, BuxWV 213, Buxtehude; Duo: Gloria, Offertoire (Premier livre d'orgue: Messe Cuncti-

potens genitor Deus), de Grigny: Voluntary for Double Organ, Z 719, Purcell; Capriccio sopra la Girolmeta (*Messa della Madonna*), Frescobaldi; Tierce en Taille en D, 189 (*Livre d'Orgue* de Montréal), Anonymous; Symphonie sur le bémol fa (Troisième Livre d'Orgue), Lebègue.

ROBERT DELCAMP, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Omaha, NE, January 21: March upon a Theme of Handel, op. 15, no. 2, Allegretto in b, op. 19, no. 1, Guilmant; Concerto no. 13, Handel; Archangel Suite, Phillips; Choral in b, Franck; Noël nouvelet, Archer; Prelude on Nettleton, Phillips; Variations on Lasst uns erfreuen, Bédard.

ISABELLE DEMERS. Baylor University. Waco, TX, January 26: Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, BWV 903, Bach, transcr. Reger; Six Trios, op. 47, Improvisation (Sonata No. 2 in d, op. 60), Reger; Five Inventions, Bach, transcr. Reger; Fantasy on the Choral Hallelu-jah! Gott zu loben, bleibe meine Seelenfreude, op. 52, no. 3, Reger.

PETER DUBOIS, Christ Church, St. Peter's Parish, Easton, MD, January 31: Concert Piece, op. 52a, Peeters; Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599, Bach; Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her, Walcha; Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Brahms; Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein, BWV 734, Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 667, Bach, Variations de Concert, op. 1, Bonnet; Postlude pour l'office de Complies, JA 29, Alain, Toccata and Fugue in F, BWV 540, Bach; Scherzo (Symphonie IV, op. 13), Widor; Suite, op. 5, Duruflé.

SAM EATHERTON, MITCHELL WON, and JILLIAN GARDNER, Baylor University, Waco, TX, January 24: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, Vom Himmel hoch, Jesus ist kommen, Valet will ich dir geben, Herzlich tut mich verlangen. Es ist das Heil uns kommen her, Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (52 Chorale Preludes, op. 67), Reger; Benedictus (12 Stücke für die Orgel, op. 59), Reger; Night on Bald Mountain, Mussorgsky, transcr. Szathmáry; Sonata No. 5 in C, BWV 529, Bach; Introduktion, Passacaglia (Monologe für die Orgel), op. 63, Reger.

JOHN FENSTERMAKER, with JAMES GBUREK, harpsichord and accordion, Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church, Naples,

FL. December 15: In dulci jubilo. Zachau: Improvisation on God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen, Roberts; Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Brahms; Noël nouvelet, Quelle est cette Odeur agréable?, Touro-Louro-Touro, Dors, ma Colombe, Pat-a-pan (French Carol Miniatures), arr. Hopson; The Nutcracker Suite, Tchaikovsky, arr. Fenstermaker; Christmas Accordion Lagniappe, Gburek.

CHRISTOPHER HENLEY, National City Christian Church, Washington, DC, December 18: Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547, Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599, Von Himmel Kam der Angel Schar, BWV 607, Bach; Pastorale (Sonata No. 1, op. 42), Guilmant; Andante con moto (Sonata No. 3 in A, op. 65, no. 3), Mendelssohn.

RICHARD BARRICK HOSKINS, Cathedral of the Holy Name, Chicago, IL, December 6: Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux (Messe pour les Paroisses), Couperin; Magnificat, Et exultavit Spiritus meus (*Livre d'Orgue pour le Mag-nificat*), Roth; *Fantasy in G*, BWV 572, Bach.

CHRISTOPHER HOULIHAN, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen, MA, October 23: Prelude and Fugue in a, WoO 9, O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, op. 122, no. 11, Brahms; Prelude and Fugue in B-flat, H. Martin; Prelude and Fugue in e, BWV 548, Bach; Symphony No. 4 in g, op. 32, Vierne.

DAVID JONIES, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, MI, October 30: Toccata in C, Sowerby; Pavane—Dance Liturgique, Proulx; Organ Concerto in B-flat, op. 4, no. 2, Handel, transcr. Dupré; Salve Regina (*Orgelmusik*, op. 39a), Piechler; Improvisation; *Symphonie VI*, op. 42, Widor.

KATHERINE MELOAN, with Thomas Sexton, trumpet, Fordham United Methodist Church, Bronx, NY, September 27: Litanies, Alain; Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645, Auf meinen lieben Gott, BWV 646, Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541, Bach; Sinfonies de Fanfares, Mouret, arr. Gardner; Anitra's Dance (Peer Gynt, op. 23), Grieg, arr. Anitra's Dance (*Feer Gynt*, op. 23), Grieg, arr. Hickman; Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy (*The Nutcracker Suite*, op. 71a), Tchaikovsky, arr. Hohman; *Maple Leaf Rag*, Joplin, arr. Biggs; *Adagio in g*, Albinoni, arr. Wolff; Final (*Symphonie pour Grand Orgue*, *No. 1*), Vierne.

MYRON PATTERSON, Holy Family Catholic Church, Ogden, UT, December 20: Trumpet Jubilation, Frey; Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659, Bach; Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying, Hobby; Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Brahms; Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Burkhardt; Air, Gavotte, Wesley; Noel with variations: Joseph est bien marié, Balbastre; Prelude on Greensleeves, Purvis; La Nativité, Langlais; Toccata pour Orgue, Dubois; Improvisation on submitted themes.

JAY PETERSON, Cathedral of the Holy Name, Chicago, IL, December 20: Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545, Bach; Pastorale, op. 19, Franck; Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203. Buxtehude.

STEPHEN SCHNURR, Cathedral of the Holy Name, Chicago, IL, December 13: Praeludium in g, BuxWV 148, Buxtehude; Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661, Bach; Praeludium in e, Bruhns.

BENJAMIN SHEEN, St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York, NY, October 25: Fantasia and Fugue in c, BWV 537, Bach; Rhapsody in D-flat, op. 17, no. 1, Howells; Naïades (*Pièces de Fantaisie*, op. 55), Vierne; *Sonata on the 94th Psalm*, Reubke.

CARLO TUNESI, St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York, NY, December 6: Sonata in d, op. 65, no. 6, Mendelssohn; Etude Symphonique, op. 78, Bossi; Benedictus, op. 59, no. 9, Reger; Prelude and Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552, Bach.

JAMES WELCH, Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, UT, December 28: Carillon on a Ukrai-nian Carol, Near; Allegro (Trio Sonata in Eflat), Bach; Joshua Fit de Battle ob Jericho, Sowande; Prelude in e, Bales; Pastoral Dance on Simple Gifts, Clarke; Toccata in f, Driffill.

RUDOLF ZUIDERVELD, First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, IL, December 23: Magnificat primi toni, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Buxtehude; Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her (2 settings), Pachelbel; Lasst uns das Kindelein wiegen, Murschhauser; Nun freuet euch, lieben Christen g'mein, 734, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 658 and 661, Bach.



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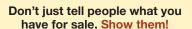


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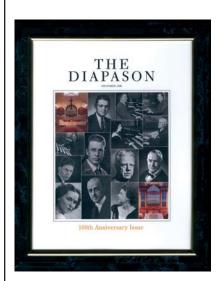
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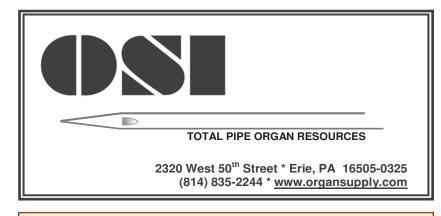
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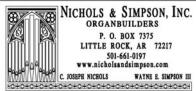
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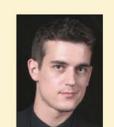
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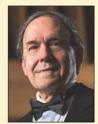
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