



## Worcester Chapter American Guild of Organists

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### THE WORCESTER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Announces the release of the compact disc recording,

#### **GREAT ORGANS OF WORCESTER**

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The Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to announce the completion and release of the compact disc recording, *Great Organs of Worcester*. Featuring sixteen of the city's finest instruments, the CD will be available in October and may be ordered directly from the Chapter's web site, [www.worcesterago.org](http://www.worcesterago.org). It will also be available at Tatnuck Booksellers, Borders, the Mechanics Hall Gift Shop, and the Bookstores at Assumption College and College of the Holy Cross.

The 2-CD set is the brainchild of Frank Corbin, current Dean of the Chapter and College Organist & Director of Music at Assumption College. In December of 2004, he and Chapter member, Nancy Avila co-authored a grant proposal to The George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation. Three weeks later, the Chapter received a check fully funding the project, and making it possible for all CD sales' proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund of the Worcester Chapter AGO.

To mark the release of the CD, the Chapter is pulling out all the stops by hosting a Celebration Week, October 23rd to 30th. Five events will showcase the organ in a variety of settings. There will be opportunities for everyone to experience the instrument in all its glory and to learn more about the organ and its music through fun and accessible programs. The CD will be available for purchase at all of the week's events.

#### **1) BRETT MAGUIRE, Concert Organist - Sunday, October 23, 3:00pm** **College of the Holy Cross, Saint Joseph Memorial Chapel**

Brett Maguire, the 2002 Organ Scholar at College of the Holy Cross, is the First Prize and Prize of the Audience Winner of the 2005 Andre Marchal International Organ Competition, Biarritz, France; he is the first American to ever win this prestigious competition. The concert is free and open to the public. For additional information call 508-793-2296.

#### **2) JOHN SCOTT, Concert Organist - Tuesday, October 25, 7:30pm** **All Saints Church**

World-renowned concert organist, John Scott will perform on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 7:30pm at All Saints Church, 10 Irving Street in Worcester. Mr. Scott is the recently appointed Organist and Choir Master of St. Thomas Church, New York, and formerly organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Tickets are \$10-Regular, \$8-Seniors, \$5-Students. To order tickets, visit the Chapter's web site, [www.worcesterago.org](http://www.worcesterago.org) or call All Saints Church, 508-752-3766.

#### **3) ENCOUNTER WITH A PIPE ORGAN - Thursday, October 27, 11:30am** **Assumption College, Chapel of the Holy Spirit**

On Thursday, October 27, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Flagg Street School will be welcomed to an Encounter with a Pipe Organ at Assumption College where college organist Frank Corbin will demonstrate the 60-stop instrument in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. [www.assumption.edu](http://www.assumption.edu)

**4) PEDALS, PIPES, and PIZZA - Saturday, October 29, 10:00am to 3:30pm  
Pakachoag Church/Pakachoag Community Music School**

On Saturday, October 29, registrants for this popular introductory workshop for young people will be introduced to the organ, using the magnificent new Dobson organ at Pakachoag Church. The day's events will include an organ crawl to three other Worcester area instruments. For registration form, visit [www.worcesterago.org](http://www.worcesterago.org) or call Pakachoag Community Music School: 508-791-8159.

**5) HALLOWEEN BASH AT MECHANICS HALL - Sunday, October 30, 2:30pm  
featuring The 1927 Classic Silent Film, "Phantom of the Opera"  
with Organ Accompaniment by David Peckham**

On Sunday, October 30, Mechanics Hall will be the site of a spectacular Halloween party. Those who produced the "Great Organs of Worcester" CD will be recognized, followed by a showing of the silent movie, "Phantom of the Opera," to be accompanied by David Peckham on the historic 1864 E. and G.G. Hook Organ, "The Worcester Organ." Proceeds from ticket sales will go to benefit the endowment fund for maintenance of the Hook organ. Creative costumes encouraged. Tickets: \$10-Adults, \$5-Children. Contact Mechanics Hall Box Office: [www.mechanicshall.org](http://www.mechanicshall.org) or call 508-752-0888.

Not only does the two-disc compilation capture the sounds of the many different styles of instruments to which Worcester is home, it is also a wonderful record of the musical life of the community for the past 25 years. In addition to the performances recorded especially for this project, many recordings of live performances from the extensive archives of Dr. Charles A. Paquette have been included.

The Chapter is indeed extremely grateful to Dr. Paquette, who has donated his services free of charge to engineer, record and compile this extraordinary collection. Many thanks are also due Joseph Chilorio who engineered and provided the archival recordings of the Worcester Memorial Auditorium and Mechanics Hall organs.

The disc, containing over two and one half hours of music is as beautiful visually as it is aurally. Multi-talented Chapter member, Will Sherwood, Director of Music at First Unitarian Church, designed the graphics and program booklet, featuring his stunning photography of the Mechanics Hall organ façade for the cover.

The Worcester Chapter AGO owes a huge thank you to all the artists who donated their time and talents in bringing this project to fruition. Not only is this a recording of great music on great instruments, it is an historic civic document of which the entire city of Worcester can be proud.

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON MUSIC, ARTISTS, and INSTRUMENTS featured on THE CD:  
GREAT ORGANS OF WORCESTER**

**PROGRAM**

**CD 1**

**All Saints Church - Peter Stoltzfus Berton**

1 Leo Sowerby: Requiescat in Pace, H. 159

**Assumption College - Frank Corbin**

2 Julius Reubke: Fugue (Allegro) from Sonata on the 94th Psalm  
3 Samuel Barber, arr William Strickland: Adagio for Strings, Op. 11  
(live recital performances, 11/16/95 & 4/29/90)

**Cathedral of St Paul - Jonathan Sittard**

4 Herbert Howells: Master Tallis's Testament

**College of the Holy Cross - Brett Maguire**

5 Georg Boehm: Praeludium in D minor (live recital performance, 2/3/02)

**First Baptist Church - William Ness**

6 William Bolcom: Free Fantasy on O Zion Haste and How Firm a Foundation  
7 Olivier Messiaen: Transport de joie from L'Ascension  
(live recital performances, 11/12/04)

**First Unitarian Church - Will Sherwood with Bruce Hopkins, trumpet**

8 J. S. Bach: Concerto in D major, BWV 972

9 Charles Callahan: Sicilienne von Paradis

**Mechanics Hall - James David Christie**

Alexandre Guilmant: Sonata I in D minor (live recital performance, 9/16/84)

10 Pastorale

11 Final

**Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church - Barclay Wood**

12-20 Pierre Phalèse: Suite of Dances (ca. 1583)

(live recital performance, 12/7/90)

Almande Poussinghe – Schiarazula Marazula – Ballo Anglese and Saltarello –

Ungaresca and Saltarello – Ballo Milanese – Premiere Branle de Gay –

Branle 2 – Branle 5 – Almande Poussinghe (reprise)

**CD 2**

**Pakachoag Church, UCC - Patricia Snyder**

Felix Mendelssohn: Sonata VI in D minor

1 Choral – Andante sostenuto – Allegro molto

2 Fuga: sostenuto e legato

3 Finale: Andante

**St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church - Lois Toepfner**

4 Dan Locklair: In Mystery and Wonder (The Casavant Dyptich): I. Aria

(live recital performance, 11/7/04)

**St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church - Jonathan Bezdegian**

5 J. S. Bach: "Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele" (18 Leipzig Chorales), BWV 654

**Trinity Lutheran Church - Donald Meineke**

6 Dietrich Buxtehude: Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203

**United Congregational Church - Lucia Clemente-Falco**

7 Mark C. Jones: Trumpet Tune in D major

Louis Vierne:

8 Berceuse, Op.31, No. 18 (24 Pièces en Style Libre)

9 Communion, Op. 8

**Wesley United Methodist Church - Scott Lamlein**

10 Paul Halley: Outer Hebrides: A Fantasia on Three Celtic Melodies

**Worcester Art Museum - Mark Dwyer (11); William Self (12)**

11 Louis Couperin: Chaconne in G minor

12 Joseph Bonnet: Romance sans Paroles

(live recital performances, 11/22/92)

**Worcester Memorial Auditorium - Earl Miller**

13 Maurice Ravel: Pavane pour une infante défunte

14 Isaac van Vleck Flager: Alpine Fantasy and Storm

(live recital performances, 6/27/83)

## **FEATURED INSTRUMENTS**

### **All Saints Church**

10 Irving Street, Worcester  
The Rice Memorial Organ  
Aeolian Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA, Op. 909,  
1933, 1943, 1951, 1963, 1976, 2000

### **Assumption College – Chapel of the Holy Spirit**

The Gilbert and Anna Chabot Memorial Organ  
Russell & Co., Cambridgeport, VT, Op. 18, 1995

### **Cathedral of Saint Paul**

38 High Street, Worcester  
Russell & Co., Cambridgeport, VT, Op. 38, 2000

### **College of the Holy Cross – Saint Joseph Memorial Chapel**

1 College Street, Worcester  
Taylor and Boody, 1985

### **First Baptist Church**

111 Park Avenue, Worcester  
Reuter Organ Co., Lawrence, KA, Op. 1378, 1962  
*Tonal revisions:* Theodore Gilbert, Wilbraham, MA, 1997  
*Console & digital voices:* Russell & Co., Cambridgeport, VT, 1997

### **First Unitarian Church**

90 Main Street, Worcester  
Aeolian Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA  
Op. 1433, 1964  
*Tonal revisions, digital voices, and refurbishing:*  
Theodore Gilbert, Wilbraham, MA  
Russell & Co., Cambridgeport, VT, 2004

### **Mechanics Hall**

321 Main Street, Worcester  
E. & G. G. Hook, Boston, MA  
Op. 334, 1864  
*Restoration:* Fritz Noack, Op. 92, 1982

### **Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church**

1222 Main Street, Worcester  
J.W. Walker & Sons, Ltd., Brandon, Suffolk, UK, 1984

### **Pakachoag Church, UCC**

203 Pakachoag Street, Auburn  
Dobson Organ Co., Lake City, IO, Op.69, 1997

### **Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church**

35 Hamilton Street, Worcester  
Casavant Frères, St. Hyacinthe, Québec, Op. 1239, 1928

### **Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church**

929 Main Street, Worcester  
Casavant Frères, St. Hyacinthe, Québec, No. 2934, 1967

### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

73, Lancaster Street, Worcester  
Noack, 1969, 2005

**United Congregational Church**

6 Institute Road  
Schantz, Berkshire, Op. 144, 1987

**Wesley United Methodist Church**

114 Main Street, Worcester  
The George Clifton Bryant Memorial Organ  
Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA, Op. 615, 1927  
Aeolian Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA, Op. 615-A, 615-B, 1955  
Berkshire Organ Company, Inc., 1972  
*Console Refurbishing:* Messrs. Czelusniak et Dugal, Inc.,  
Northampton, MA, 2000

**Worcester Art Museum**

55 Salisbury Street, Worcester  
The Morgan Memorial Organ  
Aeolian Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA, Op. 1036, 1942

**Worcester Memorial Auditorium**

Lincoln Square, Worcester  
W.W. Kimball Company, Chicago, IL, Op. 7119, 1933