Recital

Heather Marie Harrington, Organist

Pines Presbyterian Church

12751 Kimberley Lane, Houston, Texas 77079

Sunday, 27 August 2000, Half-past three o'clock

Programme

Magnificat primi toni BuxWV 203

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

"Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr" BWV 662

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

à 2 claviers et pédale il canto fermo nel soprano

Suite du deuxième ton plein-jeu

Louis Clérambault (1676-1749)

duo trio

basse de cromorne

flutes

récit de nazard

caprice sur les grands jeux

Intermission

Epiphania Domini (L'Epiphanie), Op.55 Charles Tournemire (from L'Orgue Mystique)

(1870-1939)

V. Fantasie

Le Tombeau d'Olivier Messiaen (1933)

II. Je rends grâce a mon Dieu

Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

Mosafque (1977)

IV. Complainte de Pontkalleg

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Hommage à Frescobaldi (1951) VII. Thème et Variations

Jean Langlais

Incantation pour un jour Saint (1949)

Jean Langlais

About the Performer

Heather Marie Harrington is a student of Marie-Louise Langlais at the Conservatoire Superieur de Paris-CNR in Paris, France. She is also an assisting organist and singer in the Cathedral and Evensong Choirs at the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris.

Heather was born in 1975 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. In 1978, she and her family moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where she began her musical studies. She was the organist at Grace Episcopal Church in Muskogee while in high school.

She attended Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music (organ performance) with a sacred music minor. At Bethany, she studied organ with David Eaton and Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra and was the organist at First Presbyterian Church in McPherson, Kansas.

Next she attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earned a Master of Music degree in May, 1999. She studied organ with George Ritchie and was a graduate teaching assistant in organ, accompanying, and music history. She was the accompanist for the children's choir and a member of the adult choir at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In August, 1999, she participated in the International Organ and Clavichord Improvisation Academy in Smarano, Italy. In March, 2000, she was awarded third prize at the Sixth International Lorraine Organ Competition (Superior Division) in Freyming-Merlebach, France.

She is a member of the European and Tulsa Chapters of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, and Sigma Alpha Iota.

On October 30th., 1999, she began her celebration of the All-Saints Weekend in Paris by attending a recital on the Cavaille-Coll organ of a little-known Paris church. Trapped in the rain with no umbrella in an exposed stairwell while waiting for the church door to be unlocked, she fell into conversation with the Music Director of Pines Presbyterian Church and her husband, also English-speaking and umbrella-less, who had just arrived in Paris to hear the Cavaille-Coll organs that same weekend. The impromptu trio ended up attending most of the recitals that weekend together, and the rest is history.

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