



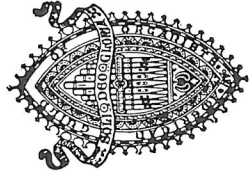
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Long Beach Chapter

*presents*

**Dennis Bergin**  
*Organ Recital*



Covenant Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, April 11, 1978 — 8:00 P.M.

Long Beach, California

Prelude and Fugue in D Major ..... *Dietrich Buxtehude* (1637-1707)

Buxtehude was organist at the Marienkirche in Lübeck. His organ compositions exerted a considerable influence on the young J. S. Bach. The Prelude and Fugue in D Major is a sectional work with a fanfare-like prelude, a charming fugue with a distinct repeated note subject, and an exuberant closing section.

Organ Chorales ..... *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)

Bach's organ settings of Lutheran chorale melodies are closely allied to the spirit and meaning embodied in the texts of the chorales. It seems fitting, then to include the texts given below with the musical presentation of these three chorales in order to understand more fully Bach's musical statements of the Christian faith.

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (Clavierübung, Pt. III) BWV 671

Kyrie! O God, Holy Ghost!  
Keep us firm of faith and true to Thee,  
And when at last we die,  
Joyful let us leave this Vale of Sorrows!

(From the Latin, c. 12th century)

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 731

Blessed Jesus, at Thy word  
We are gathered all to hear Thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,  
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

(Tobias Clausnitzer, 1667)

Trio super: Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr!  
(Eighteen Chorales) BWV 664

All glory be to God on high,  
Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh,  
The strife at last is ended.  
And peace shall reign on earth again,  
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

(Nikolaus Decius, 1525)

Prelude and Fugue in C Major (9/8) BWV 547

This Prelude and Fugue dates from Bach's years in Leipzig at the St. Thomaskirche and consists of a joyful, festive prelude in a 9/8 meter followed by a majestic five-part fugue in which the subject is stated in its original as well as inverted forms more than fifty times.

Toccata Satanique ..... *William Albricht* (b. 1944)

William Albricht is on the music faculty at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and is especially well known for his organ compositions. The "Toccata Satanique" is the second of three pieces from his *Organbook II*. Albricht describes this Toccata as "a matinee performance by the devil at the console. With its constant devil's-trill-tremolo and joyful demony, the movement may well be an attempt to exorcise the fiendish virtuoso toccatas of Mulet, Widor, et al., that seem to haunt all organists."

Symphonie III, Op. 28 ..... *Louis Vierne* (1870-1937)

Vierne was organist at Notre-Dame in Paris for 37 years until his death in 1937. His six organ symphonies are his most important compositions, being largely inspired by the Cavaille-Coll organ at his disposal at Notre-Dame. His Third Symphony was published in 1912 and is dedicated to his student, Marcel Dupré. The lovely Adagio movement is cast in a simple three-part design and exhibits the complexities of Vierne's chromatic harmony.

Phantasia und Fuge über den Namen BACH

Op. 46 ..... *Max Regger* (1873-1916)

Regger was a prominent, late 19th century German composer who is best known today for his many masterful organ compositions. One of the finest is the Fantasy and Fugue on BACH which was published in 1900 and dedicated to Josef Rheinberger. This work is one of the strongest of the many treatments the B-A-C-H theme (B-flat, A, C, B natural in German notation) has received. The BACH motif is heard in almost every measure of the Fantasy in various guises including augmentation, diminution, inversion, canon, and hocket. The five-part double fugue contrasts a quiet main subject based on the BACH motif with a "running" second subject. Toward the end of the Fugue, these two themes are combined and the work closes powerfully with the return of the beginning chords of the Fantasy.



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