



# THE Pipeline

A NEWSLETTER FROM

**C. B. Fisk, Inc.**

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## Notations

With three ongoing projects, this has been an especially busy summer for C.B. Fisk. Opus 121 for Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, was delivered in July. The installation, with Andrew Gingery as Project Manager, is now complete and voicing is well underway. A new feature was the installation of a webcam on the site, set up to take pictures of the work in process at seven-second intervals.

It gave observers back at the shop – and on our website – an immediate overview of the installation of the organ, which looks stunning in the room. It also allowed the people here to email reminders to the crew, such as "Put on your hardhats!"

The voicers have reported on the wonderful acoustics of the room and are especially pleased with the response of the 32' Bourdon. William Thomas, Chairman of the Department of Music, and his colleagues in the department have been especially helpful and hospitable to the people from the shop who have been working there. Charles Tompkins, the University Organist and Professor of Music at Furman, will play the Dedication Recital in April.

In addition to the voicing team at Furman, we continue to have two shifts of voicers working on Opus 120 in Lausanne, which has certainly taken some precision scheduling! The voicing there is going very well and from all reports the organ sounds splendid in the ringing acoustics of the cathedral. Work there will continue through the autumn. A series of dedication recitals will begin in December.

Meanwhile, back at the shop work is progressing on Opus 122, a two-manual twenty-six stop instrument for Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Shoreview, Minnesota. We have once again enjoyed working with Dana Kirkegaard, acoustician on the project, and with David Engen, consultant, who also watches over Opus 78. The instrument's asymmetrical case, located on the choir platform just off the main axis of the room, has its console at the end of the

case, providing sight lines for the sixty-voice choir. Project Manager Steve Malioneck is overseeing the assembly of the organ in our Erecting Room in anticipation of the Open House November 1. The organ is scheduled to be shipped right after Christmas.

House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, home of our Opus 78, hosted a conference on "The Life and Music of Louis Vierne" in July, with a stellar international faculty. Our own Gregory Bover presented a paper on C. B. Fisk's research on and restoration of the church's 1878 Merklin organ and the 1855 organ from Aubusson, which had been purchased sight-unseen in France. They turned out to be real treasures and our study of these organs gave us insight into organbuilding practices in nineteenth century France. The organs are now permanently installed at House of Hope where they add to the rich musical program there.

Time flies! It's hard to believe that Opus 85 at Memorial Church, Stanford University, and Opus 83, at Downtown United Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York, are celebrating their 20th anniversaries this year. And Opus 101 at Caruth Auditorium, Southern Methodist University and Opus 107 at the Dover Church in Dover, Massachusetts, are celebrating their 10th. All four are planning special events; see our calendar for details.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the festivities to remember Charles Fisk on February 7. We have already received a few letters and stories and they are posted on our website. More are sure to come as the date draws near.

Look in at [www.cbfish.com](http://www.cbfish.com) where you'll also find an up-to-the-minute calendar of C. B. Fisk organ happenings.

Join us for an  
Open House

C.B. Fisk  
Opus 122

for

Shepherd of the Hills  
Lutheran Church  
Shoreview, Minnesota

◆  
Saturday, November 1  
2-6 pm

*Virginia Lee Fisk*

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## New Releases of Fisk Organs on Compact Disc

### Opus 100, Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas

#### A Copland Portrait

#### Organ Symphony

Wayne Marshall, Organist  
Dallas Symphony Orchestra,  
Andrew Litton, conducting  
Delos 3321

#### Organ Classics

James Diaz, Organist  
Winner, Dallas International  
Organ Competition  
Cook, Reincken, Bach, Dupré,  
Langlais, Vierne, and Franck.  
Delos 3325

#### Mahler

#### Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection"

Mary Preston, Organist  
Dallas Symphony Orchestra,  
Andrew Litton, conducting  
Delos 3237

### Opus 110, Minato Mirai Hall, Yokohama, Japan

#### Toccata!

Hatsumi Miura  
Organist  
Great Organs  
of Japan  
Volume 2  
Loft LRCD 105



J.S. Bach  
Krebs  
Beethoven  
Yamada  
Bovet  
Alain  
Guilmant  
Widor

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## Happenings & Festivities

### Charles Brenton Fisk

1925-1983

#### *A Fond Remembrance*

February 7, 2:00 pm, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston MA  
Organ music and remembrances, refreshments, and conversation.

See [www.cbfish.com](http://www.cbfish.com) for writings and photos  
from colleagues, organists, friends, and family.

### Opus 121

Charles Ezra Daniel Chapel, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina

#### *Inaugural Recital*

April 18, 3:00 pm

Charles Boyd Tompkins, University Organist and Professor of Music  
for tickets call 864-294-2086

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# C.B. FISK OPUS 120 LA CATHÉDRALE DE LAUSANNE



photo: Claude Bormand

## INAUGURAL CONCERTS

**December 3** 8:00 pm l'Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne, dir. Jean Balissat. Jean-Christophe Geiser, Organist. Two commissioned concertos, Poulenc Organ Concerto, and works of J.S. Bach.

**December 5** 8:00 pm Jean-Christophe Geiser, Recital

**December 11 and 12** 8:00 pm Jean-Christophe Geiser, organ, with Pro Arte Choir and Faller Choir, Pascal Mayer, Dir. Works of Benjamin Britten for choir and organ.

**December 15** 8:00 pm André Luy, Honorary Organist of the Cathedral

**December 17** 8:00 pm Olivier Latty, Notre-Dame de Paris

**December 20** 8:00 pm Heinz Balli, Bern Cathedral

**December 25** 5:00 pm Jean-Christophe Geiser, Recital

**December 31** 11:00 pm Jean-Christophe Geiser, Recital

**January 30** 8:00 pm Francois Delor, Cathedral of Geneva

**February 6** 8:00 pm Kåre Nordstoge, Cathedral of Oslo

**February 20** 8:00 pm Felix Pachlatko, Cathedral of Basel

**February 27** 8:00 pm Michael Pohl, Berliner Dom

*Consult C. B. Fisk online calendar for more recitals and to confirm times.*

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# LA CATHÉDRALE DE LAUSANNE

## GRAND ORGUE Manual II

Principal 32' *extension*  
Montre 16'  
Bourdon 16'  
Montre 8'  
Gambe 8'  
Flûte harmonique 8'  
Bourdon 8'  
Prestant 4'  
Octave 4'  
Quinte 2 2/3'  
Doublette 2'  
Terz 1 3/5'  
Fourniture VII  
Cymbale V  
Mixtur VI-IX  
Bombarde 16'  
Trompette 8'  
Clairon 4'  
Trommet 16'  
Trommet 8'

## POSITIF-DE-DOS Manual I

Quintadehn 16'  
Prinzpal 8'  
Gedackt 8'  
Oktave 4'  
Rohrflöte 4'  
Grosse Tierce 3 1/5'  
Nasard 2 2/3'  
Doublette 2'  
Quarte de Nasard 2'  
Tierce 1 3/5'  
Larigot 1 1/3'  
Piccolo 1'  
Plein jeu V  
Scharff IV  
Dulcian 16'  
Cromorne 8'

## POSITIF EXPRESSIF Manual III

Salicional 8'  
Unda maris 8' (C0)  
Flûte harmonique 8'  
Bourdon 8'  
Voix éolienne 8' (C0)  
Fugara 4'  
Zartflöte 4'  
Viole 2'  
Sesquialtera II  
Harmonia aetheria V  
Cor anglais 16'  
Basson 8'  
Clairon 4'

## RÉCIT EXPRESSIF Manual IV

Bourdon 16'  
Diapason 8'  
Viole de gambe 8'  
Voix céleste 8'  
Flûte traversière 8'  
Bourdon 8'  
Prestant 4'  
Flûte octaviante 4'  
Quinte 2 2/3'  
Octavin 2'  
Tierce 1 3/5'  
Plein jeu IV  
Bombarde 16'  
Trompette harmonique 8'  
Clairon harmonique 4'  
Basson-Hautbois 8'  
Clarinette 8'  
Voix humaine 8'

## BOMBARDES Manual V

Montre 8'  
Flûte creuse 8' *from previous instrument*  
Flûte ouverte 4'  
Grand Cornet V  
Trompette 8'  
Clairon 4'  
Trompette en chamade 8'  
Clairon en chamade 4'

## PÉDALE

Principal 32' *from Grand Orgue*  
Bourdon 32' *from previous instrument*  
Grosse Quinte 21 1/3' *extension*  
Contrebasse 16'  
Montre 16' *extension*  
Principal 16' *from previous instrument*  
Violonbasse 16'  
Bourdon 16' *extension*  
Basse Quinte 10 2/3' *extension*  
Octave 8'  
Violoncelle 8' *from Grand Orgue*  
Flûte 8' *extension*  
Bourdon 8' *extension*  
Quinte 5 1/3'  
Octave 4'  
Flûte 4' *extension*  
Mixture IV  
Contre-Bombarde 32' *extension*  
Bombarde classique 16'  
Bombarde 16' *from Grand Orgue*  
Trompette 8' *alternates with Grand Orgue*  
Clairon 4' *alternates with Grand Orgue*  
Posaune 16'  
Trommet 16' *alternates with Grand Orgue*  
Trommet 8' *alternates with Grand Orgue*

## FERNWERK

11 Stops *prepared*

## COUPLERS

Positif-de-dos to Grand Orgue  
Positif expressif to Grand Orgue  
Récit expressif to Grand Orgue  
Bombardes to Grand Orgue  
Pédale to Grand Orgue  
Octave grave Grand Orgue  
Octave grave Positif expressif  
Positif-de-dos to Positif expressif  
Récit expressif to Positif expressif  
Bombardes to Positif expressif  
Grand Orgue to Pédale  
Positif-de-dos to Pédale  
Positif expressif to Pédale  
Récit expressif to Pédale  
Bombardes to Pédale

## ACCESSORIES

Positif expressif Tremblant  
Positif-de-dos Tremblant doux  
Récit expressif Tremblant rapide  
Récit expressif Tremblant  
Rossignol  
Balanced Pedals for Récit expressif  
Balanced Pedals for Positif expressif  
Pédale Divide  
Crescendo Pedal  
Sostenuto to each division  
Vent Flexible  
Accouplement non lié  
(*non through coupling*)

## Servopneumatic Levers

Grand Orgue  
Positif expressif

## Key Action

Direct mechanical (tracker)  
Secondary remote electric console

## Stop Action

Solenoids, electronically controlled.

## Combination Action

12 General thumb pistons under Manual I  
4 Assignable reversibles  
300 levels  
Sequencer  
Midi interface

**6,737 pipes**  
**124 ranks**



# CONCERTS + AND + RECITALS + ON + FISK + ORGANS

## ANN ARBOR, MI, OPUS 87, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

October 5 – 8 43rd Conference on Organ Music:

## BOSTON, MA, OPUS 44, KING'S CHAPEL

October 19, 5:00 "Berlioz Before & Beyond" Historical Brass with James Busby, Organist, and King's Chapel Choir

February 15, 5:00 Christine Ribbeck Vitale, Violin, Rafael Popper-Keizer, Cello, with Heinrich Christensen, Organ. Works of Rheinberger, Ravel, Dupré

### King's Chapel Music at Noon Series (Tuesdays at 12:15)

October 21 Mark Keane (Ireland)

October 28 Susan Consoli, Soprano with Heinrich Christensen

November 25 Dong-Ill Shin, Organ

January 20 Aaron Engebret, Baritone with Heinrich Christensen

February 3 Maria Jane Loizou, Soprano with Heinrich Christensen

March 16 Iain Quinn, Organ Recital

March 23 St. John's Preparatory School Chorus, Michael Hamill, Director

March 30 Mara Luzzo, Soprano with Heinrich Christensen

April 6 Laura Mennill, Soprano, Karen Gardner, Contralto

April 27 Arcadian Winds, Woodwind Quintet with Heinrich Christensen

## BOSTON, MA, OPUS 55, OLD WEST CHURCH

### International Artist Series

October 17, 8:00 Recital: Hatsumi Miura. Works of Buxtehude, Brahms, Franck, Pinkham, Kondo, Krebs, and Bach

March 21, 3:00 Christa Rakich and Peter Sykes, All Bach Recital

April 23, 8:00 Jean-Pierre Leguay, Notre Dame, Paris; with Boston AGO

### Workshops at 10 am

October 18 "Japan Pioneers American Vision for Organs," Hatsumi Miura

November 8 "What's in a Name? – Expectations of Genre in Three Works of J. S. Bach" Gregory Crowell

February 21 Barbara Owen Discusses Works of Brahms

March 20 Masterclasses: Peter Sykes and Christa Rakich

### Tuesdays with Sebastian 8:00 pm [www.tuesdayswithsebastian.info](http://www.tuesdayswithsebastian.info)

October 7 Christa Rakich and Peter Sykes

November 4 Peter Sykes December 2 Christa Rakich

## BOSTON, MA, OPUS 103, THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, ASHMOOT

Choral Services on Sundays at 4:00 by the All Saints' Choir of Men and Boys

November 2 Solemn Evensong and Benediction

December 21 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

January 11 The Baptism of the Lord: Choral Evensong

February 1 Candlemas: Solemn Evensong, Procession and Benediction

March 7 A Meditation on the Passion of Christ, with Carols

April 30, 7:30 John Scott, St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Recital

## BUFFALO, NY, OPUS 95, UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, SLEE HALL 8:00

February 6 Timothy Olsen, Recital. Works of Franck, Bizet, and Reger

February 21 Eastman School of Music Organists Day

April 2 David Fuller, Recital April 23 Ken Cowan, Recital

## BURLINGTON, VT, OPUS 68, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

### Noontime Recital Series November 5, December 3

David Neiweem, University Organist

## CLAREMONT, CA, OPUS 117, POMONA COLLEGE, LITTLE BRIDGES HALL

February 8, 3:00 James David Christie, Recital. Works of Marchand, Sweelinck, J.S. Bach, Ropartz, Alain, and Guilment

April 4, 3:00 William Peterson, Recital. Work of J.S. Bach

## DALLAS, TX, OPUS 100, MEYERSON SYMPHONY CENTER

October 9, 10, 11; 8:00 Mary Preston, Organist. Berlioz *Te Deum* with DSO and Symphony Chorus, Andrew Litton conducting

October 14, 8:00 Mary Preston, Organist, Dallas Wind Symphony, Jerry Junkin, Director, Saint-Saens Symphony 3

October 26, 8:00 Mary Preston, Organist, *Spooktacular*

November 22, 23, 2:30 Mary Preston, Organist. Bernstein *Mass* with DSO and Symphony Chorus, William Eddins, conducting

December 11-21 Christmas Celebrations, Mary Preston, Organist

March 18, 19, 20 Mary Preston, Organist. Mendelsohn *Elijah* with DSO and Chorus, Claus Peter Flor conductor

### Lecture Demonstrations with Mary Preston 12:30

October 13, November 14, Feb 13, March 16, April 23, May 10, June 7

## DAYTON, OH, OPUS 94, ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 21, 4:00 Lee Garrett, Recital

## DOVER, MA, OPUS 107, THE DOVER CHURCH

October 26, 4:00 10th Anniversary Concert, Oberlin Alumni recital

## EVANSVILLE, IN, OPUS 98, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1 RSCM Festival with combined choirs, James Rightmyer and Robert Nicholls, Directors

November 2, 10:30 am All Saints' worship with combined choirs

November 30, 7:00 Advent Lessons & Carols, Robert Nicholls, Organist

March 27, time tba Martin Jean, Recital. University of Evansville Messiaen Festival

## GAINESVILLE, FL, OPUS 119, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 5, 4:00 Miriam Zach, Recital

November 22, 8:00 & Gainesville Chamber Orchestra with Evans Haille,

November 23, 4:00 Conductor; Mark Coffey Organist Rheinberger & Poulenc Concertos

January 25, 4:00 Michael Corzine, Recital

March 28, 4:00 Olivier Latty, Recital

## GLOUCESTER, MA, OPUS 97, ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 7, 4:00 Advent Choir Festival, David Kazimir, Organist.

March 21, 4:00 Passiontide Music, David Kazimir, Organist

## GREENVILLE, SC, OPUS 121, FURMAN UNIVERSITY

April 18, 3:00 Charles Boyd Tompkins • tickets 864.294.2086

## GREENSBORO, NC, OPUS 82, CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 14, 8:00 Diane Meredith Belcher, Recital

January 16, 8:00 Matthew Michael Brown, Recital

April 2, 8:00 David Higgs, Recital

## HOUSTON, TX, OPUS 109, RICE UNIVERSITY, MARY BATES OLDS HALL

October 19, 7:00 Janice Beck, Recital

## LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, OPUS 120

See details of inaugural events on page 3

## MACON, GA, OPUS 115, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 13, 7:30 Calvert Johnson, Recital. Works of African and African Diaspora Composers

## MARBLEHEAD, MA, OPUS 69, ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

November 9, 5:00 William Crane. Bach, Couperin, Langlais, Alain, and Barber

February 15, 5:00 Barbara Bruns. Buxtehude, Bach, Marchand, Franck, & Dupré

April 18, 5:00 Douglas Major. Bach, Walther, Vienné, and a world

premiere of Major's *Cape Ann Portraits*

May 16, 5:00 Michael Kleinschmidt. Bach, d'Grigny, Locklair, Dupré,

Mozart, and Saint-Saens

### Evensong on the first Sunday of the month at 5:00

## OBERLIN, OH, OPUS 116, OBERLIN CONSERVATORY, FINNEY CHAPEL

April 18, 4:30 Jean-Pierre Leguay, Recital

## RICHMOND, VA, OPUS 112, ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 2, 7:30 John and Margaret Mueller, Recital. Works of Marchand,

J.S. Bach, Eben, Alain, and Franck

December 7, 5:00 Advent Lessons and Carols

March 14, 7:30 Gail Archer, Recital

## ST. PAUL, MN, OPUS 78, HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Music at Four 2003-2004

February 29 Martin Hodel, Trumpet and John Ferguson, Organ, works of Eben

March 21 Nancy Lancaster, Recital. All-Bach program.

April 25 Kimberly Marshall. A Dance Through Time. Dance history through organ repertoire using Fisk and Merklin organs

December 21, 9:00, 11:00 am Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 10:00 Recital of Seasonal Organ Music, Nancy Lancaster

March 7, 9:00, 11:00 am Duruflé *Requiem*

## SEATTLE, WA, OPUS 114, WATJEN CONCERT ORGAN, BENAROYA HALL

### Fluke/Gabelein Organ Recital Series

November 10, 7:30 David Higgs March 1, 7:30 Gillian Weir

April 26, 7:30 Joseph Adam

## SOUDERTON, PA, OPUS 51, ZION MENNONITE CHURCH

October 12, 3:00 Young Musicians Community Orchestra, Stanley Yoder, Director; Marian Archibald, Organist. Handel Concerto

October 18, 7:30 Stefan Engels (Co-sponsored by the Philadelphia AGO)

October 19, 3:00 Pine Forge Academy Concert Choir, Jason Ferdinand, Director; Neil Thomas, Organist

November 22, 7:30 Marilyn Mason, Recital

December 14, 4:00 Community Concert with Brass Quartet, Jon Leight, Director. Nancy Constanzer, Organist

### January 6, 13, 20, and 27 Tuesday at Noon Organ Recitals

April 24, 7:30 Gordon Turk, Recital.

## STANFORD, CA, OPUS 85, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, MEMORIAL CHURCH

April 24, 8:00 Robert Huw Morgan, Organist. Works of J. S. Bach

## WELLESLEY, MA, OPUS 72, WELLESLEY COLLEGE, HOUGHTON CHAPEL

November 9, 7:00 Hans Davidsson, Recital

## WESTERLEY, RI, OPUS 45, CHRIST CHURCH

November 2, 4:00 Pierre Pincemaille, Saint-Denis, Paris. Recital

November 30, 5:00 Advent Lessons & Carols, George Kent, Organist

December 28, 5:00 Christmas Lessons & Carols, George Kent

## YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, OPUS 110, MINATO MIRAI HALL

### Dollar Concerts at 12:10

October 22 Yuko Sakiyama and Junko Itou

November 26 Eri Niiyama December 17 Yuri Tashiro

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## PROFILE: RICK ISAACS

A Political Science graduate of Hobart College who embraced peace, love, and flower power, Rick Isaacs decided early on to make things with his hands that could do no harm. As a boy he had his own workbench between his brother's and his father's in their Buffalo basement and his mother "patiently tolerated all the banging and explosions that rang from below while all three of us constructed and deconstructed our projects," says Rick.

His youthful affinity for music led Rick to sing in choirs (and experience pipe organs) under the late Reed Jerome and then David Fuller (now Professor Emeritus of SUNY, Buffalo – Opus 95). It was Fuller who first set Rick's sights on organbuilding, and Rick initially learned the craft in the workshop of Fritz Noack. By his second year at Noack he had become foreman in the woodshop, and by 1972 he was drafting mechanical designs for the organs there.

Rick left organbuilding in 1973 to work for GenRad (then Grason Stadler) making audiometric equipment. Though he had had no formal training in engineering, his four years building organs (the most complicated mechanism known to man until the 19th century) gave Rick no doubt that he could handle a hi-tech engineering job. He stayed in the business (which had moved him to England) until 1996 when a spate of layoffs prompted him to consider, once more, what to do with the rest of his life. After a short stint consulting with Rolls Royce on the engineering of their custom cars, he gratefully returned to organbuilding, this time at C. B. Fisk.



photo: Naomi Hamada

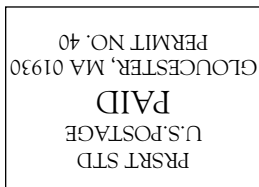
We had just installed Opus 110 in Yokohama and were building the organ for St. James's in Richmond when Rick came on board. He started out making panels for the case of Opus 112, and after the usual rounds working in all parts of the shop, found his niche as an important member of the design team, with a specialty in key action and CAD. "We take the impossible and make it work," says Rick. "Here we are in the woods in Gloucester, a team of seemingly ordinary people making things that no one of us could ever carry off on our own! It isn't 'group-think,' it's just an amazing synthesis that is greater than the sum of its parts."

Ever boyish and full of fun, Rick revels in his work. "I love the installations and the travel, but it's such a wonderful place to work, such a wonderful life to live here, that I'm always happy to be home." Home is his apartment at Fisk designer Charles Nazarian's Sunset Barn, facing out on

Ipswich Bay where Rick might be kayaking, closely watched from the window by two kittens rescued from the wilds behind our shop.

"If we do our job right, the next generation will know how to do theirs right. The legacies of what we've learned from Charlie, from Fritz, from each other...that's what makes this such a great career. We have no professional engineers here, but the engineering is about as good as it gets. That's a testament to the value of a liberal arts education. We just keep learning."

~ Kathleen Adams, Ed.



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