

## Pipeline

A NEWSLETTER FROM

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### **Notations**

ndian summer has come to Cape Ann. Hot days and cool nights accompany the Schooner Festival, the Fishbox Derby, and the beginning of the school year.

The voicing of Opus 126 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, North Carolina is virtually complete and returning voicers have raved about the organ, the warm acoustics and the stunning contemporary space. The dedication of the instrument will take place in late October and early November. Janette Fishell, the Principal Organist at St. Paul's, and her husband, Colin Andrew, played a duo recital on our Opus 120 in Lausanne last summer, reporting that the organ was "both tonally thrilling and mechanically sound." They were "especially taken by the sensitivity and responsiveness of the key action." The only problem they had forgotten to bring an encore!

In the meantime voicing has also been moving along at St. John's Episcopal Church, our Opus 127 in Tallahassee, Florida. This, too, has proven to be a wonderful space for worship and for music and will surely become the premier venue for music in the area. Betsy Calhoun is the Music Director and she leads an outstanding music program. Here in our workshop we are setting up our next project, Opus 132 for the chapel of Kobe International University, Japan, which will be shipped in November. We look forward to having another instrument in

Japan and to working with our friend, "Dola" (Katsuhiko Kawachi), who maintains our Opus 110 in Yokohama.

The Organ Historical Society at its convention this summer presented a Festschrift dedicated to Barbara Owen, with articles by

numerous scholars of the organ (see New Releases). The Preface, which we were honored to write, recalls her early days in our then four-employee shop, and her contributions to the development of

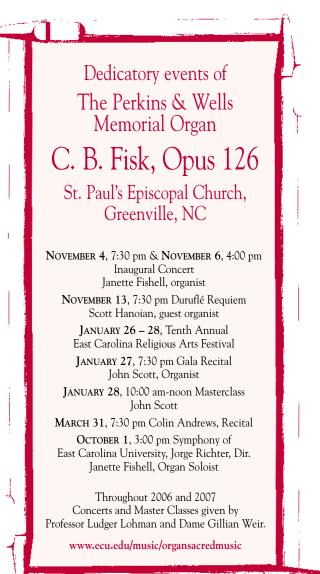
our company. We join the OHS in praising her "for her devotion to the study of the best of American pipe organs, educating people about them, their maintenance, restoration and preservation."

In April, Steve Dieck attended a farewell party in Charlestown, WV for Carol Eich, who has retired from her position as organist at First Presbyterian Church. Carol was instrumental in the commissioning of our Opus 79, which was delivered in 1980. A special Sunday service and reception honored Carol's tenure as organist at the church. She plans to continue teaching at West Virginia State University and her former student, Fred Gaul, has taken over her duties at First Presbyterian.

Our Gloucester Lyceum recently invited Greg Bover to speak about the design and construction of Opus 120, our organ in Lausanne, Switzerland. It was a fascinating talk accompanied by eighty digital slides taken during all phases of the project. Greg has received several requests to give the presentation at AGO meetings around the country and at the Seattle Convention of the American Institute of Organbuilders (AIO). For more information e-mail Greg at gregbover@cbfisk.com.

We were saddened to learn that sculptor, James McClellan had died. His beautiful carvings for the organ case at Old West Church in Boston added to the organ's elegance and retained its historic integrity. Only two years ago the Cape Ann

Historical Museum honored Jim, at age 93, with a retrospective exhibition of his carvings and sculptures. Much of his work is now in the permanent collection there.



Virginia Lee Jisk

# LITTERAE ORGANI: ESSAYS IN HONOR of BARBARA OWEN

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Barbara Owen "Caticature" www.ohscatalog.com

### NEW RELEASES

### OPUS 72 Wellesley College, Houghton Chapel

GAIL ARCHER, ORGANIST The Orpheus of Amsterdam Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck and his Pupils

Music of Sweelinck, Scheidt, Scheidemann CALA Records 88043 www.calarecords.com

### **OPUS** 103

### The Parish of All Saints, Ashmont (Boston)

JEREMY BRUNS, ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER The Choir of Men and Boys, Nancy Granert, Accompanist

> His Beauty Doth All things Excel Music for the Christmas Season

Jeremy Bruns plays two J. S. Bach organ solos on Opus 103 Nancy Granert accompanies the Choir of Men & Boys on the Æolian-Skinner at the Church of the Advent, Boston Pro Organo CD 7179 www.zarex.com

### **OPUS** 78

#### House of Hope Presbyterian Church

GEORGE RITCHIE, ORGANIST J.S. Bach Organ Works, Vol. 6 Youthful Brilliance

Martin Pasi's organ for Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Omaha is also featured in this volume.

2 CD's Raven OAR-740

more info at www.cbfisk.com

### Take me out to the ballgame...

A June outing to Fenway Park with staff members and families included a visit to the inner sanctum of Red Sox organist, Josh Kantor. Below left, Mike Kraft takes a turn at the Lowry after the game. Bottom right, later on, Josh Kantor visits the shop and examines a pipe with Stephen Kowalyshyn.





### OPUS 124 Dedication Choral Festival

A beautiful late spring weekend in Virginia found choristers from hither and yon gathered to celebrate the completion of Opus 124 at Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Conductor James H. Litton led us in "Trinity Sunday" Choral Eucharist in the morning and, after lunch and a little rest, Evensong. Dr. Litton is retired director of The American Boy Choir and the sometime choirmaster at Washington National Cathedral, at Trinity Church, Princeton and at St. Bartholomew, New York City.

The Christ Church Choir had invited Fisk family members David Kazimir, Patrick Fischer, Mark Nelson, David Oliver, and Anja, Felix and Ken Palmowski-Wolfe to join the choristers for the Festival. After the Friday and Saturday rehearsals, the fellowship, and the gracious Southern hospitality of Nancy Ford and other church members, we were ready for a glorious Sunday of music. We were delighted that the Rector, Rev'd. Deborah Hunley (alto), sang with us. Anthems by Sowerby, Mozart, Tallis, Hassler, Byrd, Dirksen and Gardiner were sung. The morning Eucharist included a new hymn, "Here from the World" sung to the tune "Christ Church Roanoke" written by church member Michael Sitton. Evensong featured the festival setting of the Stanford Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A Major.

Dr. Litton continuously encouraged the singers while providing wonderful commentaries on the music, drawing from his personal experience. Still lingering with me is his story of an elderly woman in a rural outpost of middle America, whose hope was kindled by the sublime singing of his American Boy Choir, notwithstanding the accompaniment of an antique upright piano that badly needed refurbishing.

At the heart of the event was the presence of Opus 124 at the back of the chancel and Tom Baugh's effective accompaniments, imaginative hymn support, and heroic Voluntaries. Long a dream of the church and of Tom, this instrument clearly has already been woven into the cultural and religious fabric of the community.

~ Mark Nelson

### C. B. FISK OPUS 123



St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church • Chicago, Illinois

### SPECIFICATION FOR OPUS 123

#### GREAT, 58 notes

Prestant 16' Octave 8' Spire Flute 8' Octave 4'

Open Flute 4' Fifteenth 2'

Mixture IV-VI Trompette 8'

### PEDAL, 30 notes

Contrebasse 16'
Prestant 16' from Gt
Soubasse 16'
Octave 8'
Bourdon 8' from Soubasse
Superoctave 4' from Octave
Trombone 16'
Trumpet 8' from Trombone

#### COUPLERS:

Swell to Great Great to Pedal Swell to Pedal 4'

#### ACCESSORIES:

Tremulant Flexible Wind Balanced Swell Pedal Cymbelstern

Organist Richard Hoskins greets our readers. The skep is a symbol of Saint John Chrysostomos.

Photo: Andrew Gingery

24 voices, 33 ranks, 1,729 pipes

Direct mechanical action, except for certain large bass pipes

The organ cases are African mahogany

The console is quarter-sawn white oak

The front pipes are polished hammered lead

Keydesk: 58 keys CC-a<sub>3</sub>, naturals of cowbone, sharps of ebony

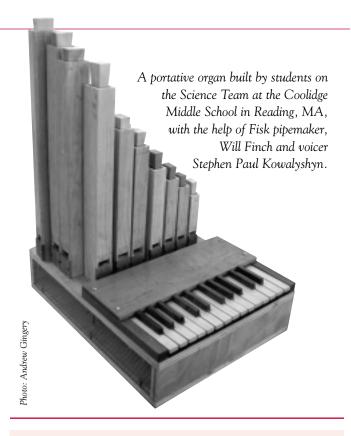
Pedalboard: 30 keys CC-f<sub>1</sub>

Solid State Organ Systems Multi-Level Combination Action Electronically controlled Solenoid Stop action

#### SWELL, 58 notes

Viole de gambe 8'
Voix céleste 8'
Flûte traversière 8'
Bourdon 8'
Principal 4'
Flûte octaviante 4'
Octavin 2'
Cornet II
Plein jeu IV
Bombarde 16'
Trompette 8'
Hautbois 8'





### Open House See! Hear! Play! Opus 132

for

Kobe International University
Kobe, Japan
Saturday, October 22
2 -6 pm
at our workshop

### **Announcing**

Opus 131 / Opus 6 a collaboration between

### C. B. Fisk & Schreiner Pipe Organs

for the new Chapel at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The two-manual organ of 18 voices will be dedicated in a Service of Evensong
February 26, 2006 at 5:00 PM

for information: 336.723.4391

### CONCERTS \* AND \* RECITALS \* ON \* FISK \* ORGANS

Ann Arbor, MI, Opus 87, University of Michigan	GREENVILLE, SC, OPUS 121, FURMAN UNIVERSITY
BLANCHE ANDERSON MOORE HALL October 9 – 12 45th Conference on Organ Music	Hartness Organ Dedication Series January 20, 8:00 pm Todd Wilson, Recital
Guests: Christoph Wolff, Felix Friedrich, U of M faculty	March 21, 8:00 pm Charles Tompkins, Organist with Gary Malvern, Trumpet.
and graduate students	Music of Torelli, Bach, and Petr Eben's Windows
BOSTON, MA, OPUS 44, KING'S CHAPEL	Ipswich, MA, Opus 62, Ascension Memorial Church
King's Chapel Concert Series, Sundays at 5:00 pm	October 20, 7:30pm The Choir of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, England: Michael Nicholas, Conductor; David Kazimir, Organ
October 2 Bach and Brahms: Grand Motets, KC Choir & Soloists, Heinrich Christensen, Dir., Kyle Haugen, Organ	October 23, 4:30 pm Stephen Patchel, Recital following Evensong
October 23 Fairy Tales: Celebration of the Bicentennial of Hans Christian	November 11, 7:00 pm Fauré Requiem, David Kazimir, Conductor; Michael
Andersen, Newly commissioned works by James Woodman,	Kraft, Organist
with Heinrich Christensen, Organ November 27 From Annunciation to Nativity: Music for the Advent Season,	December 18, 4:30 pm Advent Lessons and Carols, David Kazimir, Organist February 26, 4:30 pm David Kazimir, Recital following Evensong
KC Choir and Soloists; Heinrich Christensen, Director	March 26, 4:30 pm Meditation on the Passion of Christ, Choir of
January 29 Songs of Consolation, Mary Sullivan, Soprano; Heinrich	Ascension Church, David Kazimir, Organist
Christensen, Organ February 25 Five Centuries of Scandinavian Organ Music –	Lausanne, Switzerland, Opus 120, Lausanne Cathedral
Lecture: Heinrich Christensen	October 7, 8:00pm Concert in Memorian Edmond Kaiser. Ensemble
March 26 Can Spring Be Far Behind? KC Choir and Soloists;	vocal féminin Polhymnia; Franck Marcon, Conductor; Jean-Christophe Geiser, Organ
Heinrich Christensen, Organ	October 14, 7:00pm Marathon d'Orgue: Wolfgang Rosenmüller; Mark
King's Chapel Music at Noon Series (Concerts at 12:15 pm) October 4 Steffen Schwarz November 22 Paul Cienniwa	Fitze; Benjamin Righetti; Wolfgang Rosenmüller
October 18 Larry Carson January 3 Angelo Castaldo	December 25, 5:00 pm Jean-Christophe Geiser, Organ. Music of J. S. Bach, Sejan, Saint-Saëns, Bruhns.
November 1 Heinrich Christensen  January 17 Heinrich Christensen	December 31, 10:45pm Jean-Christophe Geiser, Organ
November 8 Anthony Pinel February 21 Margaret Angelini	MACON, GA, OPUS 115, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BOSTON, MA, OPUS 55, OLD WEST CHURCH International Artist Series / with Boston AGO Centennial Celebration	October 17, 7:30 pm Gloucester Cathedral Choir. Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb.
November 4, 8:00 pm Jon Gillock, Lecture: César Franck and the Origins of	Robert Houssart, Organist, improvises and plays J. S. Bach December 18, 11:00 am Lessons & Carols, Robert Parris, Organist & Conductor
the French Romantic School	
November 11, 8:00 pm Jon Gillock, Recital	MARBLEHEAD, MA, OPUS 69, ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH Recitals Sundays at 5:00 pm
February 24, 8:00 pm Heinrich Christensen, Recital. Music of Buxtehude, Moller, Laukvik, Rosenberg, and Nielsen	October 23 Maxine Thevenot February 19 Abbey Siegfried
Buffalo, NY, Opus 95, University at Buffalo, Slee Hall	November 20 Brian Jones March 19 Douglas Major
December 2, 8:00 pm Choristers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Andrew Cantrill,	OBERLIN, OH, OPUS 116, OBERLIN CONSERVATORY, FINNEY CHAPEL
Conductor, with Andrew Scanlon, Organist.	February 14, 7:00 pm Ben van Oosten, Master Class February 15, 8:00 pm Ben van Oosten, Recital
February 3, 8:00 pm Eastman Organists Day March 3, 8:00 pm Carlo Curley	PITTSBURG, KS, OPUS 106, PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
March 31, 8:00 pm Roland Martin, Part II of Couperin's complete organ music	10th Anniversary Celebration of Opus 106
CAMBRIDGE, MA, OPUS 46, HARVARD UNIVERSITY	February 17, 7:30 pm Clive Driskill-Smith, organ; Joseph Gramley, percussion
MEMORIAL CHURCH	March 31, 7:30 pm James David Christie, Recital
October 31, Midnight Hallowe'en Organ Recital November 1, 6:00 pm Evensong, Edward Jones, Choirmaster; Harry Huff,	RICHMOND, VA, OPUS 112, ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Organist. Music of Wood, Stanford, and Ireland	November 6, 7:00 pm Eric Plutz, Recital December 4, 5:00pm Advent Lessons and Carols
December 18, 5:00 pm & December 19, 8:00 pm	ROANOKE, VA, OPUS 124, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Carols. Edward Jones, Choirmaster; Harry Huff, Organist	March 5, 4:00 pm Thomas Baugh, Recital. All-Bach Concert
CHICAGO, IL, OPUS 123, St. CHRYSOSTOM'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Celebrating our new Fisk! A Year of Chicago Organists	St. Paul, MN, Opus 78, House of Hope Presbyterian Church
October 2, 2:30 pm Richard Hoskins, Recital. Works of Bach, Distler,	October 9, 4:00 pm Christopher Anderson, Recital
Duruflé, Dupré, Vierne	December 24, 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Recital, Nancy Lancaster, Organist 11:00 pm Festive Service, with Choir.
November 20, 2:30 pm Roger Stanley, Recital December 4, 5:15pm Advent Lessons and Carols: Richard Hoskins, Organ	January 27, 8:00 pm Olivier Latry, Recital
January 8, 5:15pm Epiphany Lessons and Carols; Richard Hoskins, Organ	March 26, 4:00 pm Nancy Lancaster, Recital
January 22, 2:30 pm Margaret Kemper, Recital	SEATTLE, WA, OPUS 114, THE SEATTLE SYMPHONY
February, 26, 2:30 pm James Brown, Recital March 29 & April 5, 7:00 pm David Schrader, Recital.	WATJEN CONCERT ORGAN, BENAROYA HALL
Dupré's Les Chemins de la Croix with narrator	Fluke/Gabelein Organ Recital Series, Mondays at 7:30 pm October 10 Jane Parker-Smith, Recital; Lanquetuit, Liszt /Guillou, Antalffy-
CLAREMONT, CA, OPUS 117, POMONA COLLEGE, BRIDGES HALL	Zsiross, Kromolieki, Widor, Jongen, Elgar, Ireland, Wolf-G. Leidel
February 5, 3:00 pm Robert Parkins, Recital	January 16 Thomas Murray, Recital
April 2, 3:00 pm William Peterson, Recital	Souderton, PA, Opus 51, Zion Mennonite Church
DAYTON, OH, OPUS 94, St. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH November 20, 7:00 pm Yun Kim, Recital, followed by Solemn Evensong by	November 6, 3:00 pm Felix Hell, Recital  December 11, 4:00 pm Community Christmas Concert, Mark Cole, Organist.
Choir of St. George's. Richard Benedum, conductor	January Tuesday at Noon Recitals
GAINESVILLE, FL, OPUS 119, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Philadelphia AGO Organists, TBA
November 20, 4:00 pm Craig Cramer, Recital	Wellesley, MA, Opus 72, Wellesley College
December 11, 5:00pm Advent Lessons and Carols  March 12, 4:00 pm. Pater Planyagely, Posited	HOUGHTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL October 30, 7:00 pm Claudio Astronio, Recital
March 12, 4:00 pm Peter Planyavsky, Recital June 4, 4:00 pm Mark Coffey, Recital	YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, OPUS 110, MINATO MIRAI HALL
GLOUCESTER, MA, OPUS 97, St. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH	Recital Series
December 4, 4:00 pm Advent Festival Service, Youth and Adult Choirs,	October 12, 2:00 pm Daniel Roth December 19, 2:00 pm Ales Barta
with Robert Squires, Guitar. Mark Nelson, Music	November 17, 2:00 pm Winifred Boenig February 28, 7:00 pm Naomi Matsui
Director and Organist. Music of Wood, Tallis, Hampton, Thomas, and Twynham.	Dollar Concerts at 12:10 October 26 Motoko Murozumi January 25 Megumi Yoshida
Greensboro, NC, Opus 82, Christ United Methodist Church	November 16 Chiharu Unai February 22 Andrew Sheranian
October 14, 8:00 pm Andre Lash, Recital. Music of Bruhns, Bach, Hakim,	December 14 Yuri Tashiro March 22 Ryoki Yamaguchi
Vierne, Langlais, and composers of the Spanish baroque	December 14 at 2:30 pm Hatsumi Miura & Nobuko Miyashita
January 13, 8:00 pm Paul Jacobs, Recital. Music of Bach, Handel, Brahms, and Reger	PIPEDREAMS Michael Barone on Minnesota Public Radio Streaming
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### PROFILE: SCOTT HALKEY

cott Halkey came to C. B. Fisk in April, 1992, just as we were working on Opus 101 for Southern Methodist University in Dallas. After learning the intricacies of stop action first hand, he went on the road with the newly made instrument, helping to install it in the city where our Opus 100 also resides. He remembers hearing David Higgs play the Meyerson instrument, and the feeling of certainty that he had made the right move.

Scott hails from a mostly Bohemian family (originally known as Havelka) that settled in Illinois and Wisconsin. In his teens he studied classical guitar at Lyon & Healy in Chicago and took a shine to the Hammond organ in his living room, inspired by a neighbor who could really rock it. After high school, he found himself in nearby LaGrange, Illinois, making generators for locomotives, learning the working parts of heavy machinery.

For four years Scott served in the Air Force as a surgeon's assistant, spending his days in the OR at Dow AFB in Bangor, Maine. (He's the only one on our staff who has ever held a beating, human heart in his hand.) On his return to Illinois, Scott worked for a publisher, sub-contracting press time to newspapers and other high volume circulars. Eventually he took a position with Mercury Marine where he soon settled in to the materials lab, working in metallurgy while pursuing his degree in Manufacturing Engineering at Moraine Park Technical Institute. During his career there he spent five years as chief inspector of the foundries. The merging of several companies by Mercury's owner resulted in many positions disappearing. Scott saw it as an opportunity for change, and on a trip east, he stopped in at the shop. The organ for Stanford University was in the erecting room, and Scott indicated his interest in a position here. We had no openings at the time, but we knew that he was a promising candidate.



Scott Halkey and Mary Dakin at their workbench

It was nine years later when Scott finally came for a tryout, accompanied by his soon-to-be wife, Mary Dakin. By then he had carefully rebuilt three reed organs and a 13-stop player pipe organ that had kept him up night after night until he lost track of time. He had come to realize that he had a passion for this kind of work with his hands. At the shop his mechanical know-how and ease working with small parts led to his appointment as Purchaser for the company. The mezzanine / stockroom of our shop is Scott's domain: a model of organization with quantity and quality holding equal sway as he keeps our Inventory under control. But ask him about his work - ask him about anything - and you'll get a very funny answer, in the style of, say, Groucho!

We missed both Scott and Mary when they took a two-year hiatus to be with Mary's children and grandson on the west coast. There Scott was trained to grade diamonds for the Gemological Institute of America, and, on days off, was a docent for the Museum of Making Music, and its

major instrument collection (see www.museumofmakingmusic.org). But they missed us too, and when the time was right, Scott returned to his Fisk "family" and to the collegial working method he so greatly appreciated after his years in the corporate world.

For several years now, Scott has been mastering the art of bookbinding at the North Bennet Street School in Boston and conducting book restoration workshops at the Rockport Library where Mary works. Often on Fridays Mary comes to the shop and helps Scott make action parts. Drawing on her skills as a librarian, she has also created an archive here which, for a forty-year-old company, is quite sizeable. Mary plays recorder and piano and they live in Rockport with Marshall and Lily, two cats who throw chaos into their otherwise orderly lives.

~ Kathleen Adams, Editor

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