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PROGRAM No. 1219 5/7/2012

Longwood Revisited...after a meticulous multi-year restoration, the 10,000-pipes of the 1930 Aeolian organ in the conservatory ballroom at the former Pierre du Pont estate in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania sound more magnificent than ever.

VICTOR HERBERT: American Fantasy

FIRMIN SWINNEN: Aria

DAVID ROSE: Holiday for Strings –Michael Stairs

(DTR 8605)

SAMUEL BARBER: To Longwood Gardens

FIRMIN SWINNEN: The Storm (improvisation) – Firmin Swinnen, organist (via organ-roll)


ROBERT ELMORE: Fantasy on Nursery Tunes

RICHARD WAGNER (arr. Gibson-Lemare-Conte): Liebestod, ft Tristan und Isolde

FIRMIN SWINNEN: Longwood Sketches (In the shadow of the old trees; Rosebuds; Dewdrops; Shadow of the old trees)

RICHARD STRAUSS (arr. Conte): Love Trio, ft Der Rosenkaivaler

Unless otherwise indicated, Peter Richard Conte plays all selections, and appears in a Friday evening concert in the Longwood Ballroom on May 11, 2012, showcasing the world’s largest ‘residence organ’. During the summer months, the Aeolian pipe organ is played every day, and major organ events resume come autumn. Plan ahead to attend the first Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition, which takes place June 22, 2013.

PROGRAM No. 1220 5/14/2012

Double Duty...a collaboration with Ken Double, President of the American Theatre Organ Society for a sampler of the popular-organ art.

We’ll feature instruments by Wurlitzer, Kimball, Barton and Möller, some found in their original theatre installations but others relocated to different theatre homes, to other civic spaces, to a seminary and a high-school installation, the private home studios of the rich (and semi-famous), a university ‘exercise hall’, and a pizza parlor.

Performers include Ron Rhode (Orpheum Theatre, Phoenix), Simon Gledhill (Detroit Fox), Lew Williams (Pasadena Civic Auditorium, Jesse Crawford (Paramount Studio, NYC), George Wright (Wright Studio and San Francisco Fox Theatre), John Seng (Mundelein Seminary, Chicago), Mark Herman (Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, IN), Tom Hazleton (San Sylmar/Nethercutt Collection), Jelani Eddington (San Filippo Music Salon, Barrington, IL), Clark Wilson (Joliet Theatre, Joliet, IL), Dan Bellomy (Brooklyn Paramount/Long Island University), Lyn Larsen (Plummer Auditorium, Fullerton, CA), Charlie Balogh (Organ Stop Pizza, Mesa, AZ), and Ken Double (Dickinson High School, Wilmington, DE).

For an intense and enjoyable immersion in the theatre organ mystique, you might wish to attend this year’s annual American Theatre Organ Society Convention in and around Los Angeles, July 3-6, 2012.

PROGRAM No. 1221 5/21/2012

At the Walt Disney Concert Hall (encore): solo performances of music from France, and a pair of American concertos 2004 AGO national convention, featuring the eye- and ear-catching Glatter-Götz/Rosas organs.

LOUIS MARCHAND: 5 Verses for the Te Deum.

GUILLAUME CALAVIERE: Piece d’orgue.

LOUIS VIERNÉ: Final, ft Organ Symphony No. 2, op. 20 –Olivier Latry (r. 5/8/05)

LEO SOWERY: Organ Concerto No. 1 in C – Robert Parris, organist; Los Angeles Philharmonic/Alexander Mickelthwate, conductor (r. 7/8/04)

Filler – LANGLAIS: Theme and Variations (Latry, r. 5/8/05)

THIERRY ESCAICH: Eaux natales et Vers l’Espérance, ft Trois poemes –Olivier Latry (r. 5/8/05)

JAMES HOPKINS: Concerto of Los Angeles (premiere) –Cherry Rhodes, organist; Los Angeles Philharmonic/Alexander Mickelthwate, conductor (r. 7/8/04)

OLIVIER LATRY: Improvisation on Disney Themes –Olivier Latry (r. 5/8/05)

Filler – HOPKINS (see above)

The pipe organ at Walt Disney Concert Hall, with its unusual and visually memorable façade of wildly splayed pipes, was created in collaboration by architect Frank Gehry, tonal designer Manuel Rosales, and organ builder Caspar Glatter-Götz, and inaugurated in September 2004. Latry’s performances were part of the instrument’s first successful season, but the concerto performances, part of the American Guild of Organists National Convention in Los Angeles that summer, organized by the Los Angeles AGO Chapter, provided an official-unofficial ‘private prelude’ for this remarkable instrument. This is the first broadcasts of these performances.

The next National Convention of the American Guild of Organists takes place July 1-6, 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee, during which the Schoenstein pipe organ in the Laura Turner Concert Hall of Nashville’s Schermerhorn Symphony Center will be featured in concerts by Roberto Sierra and Stephen Paulus. You are invited to attend!

This is an ‘encore’ broadcast of Program #1016, originally aired during the week of 4/19/2010.

PROGRAM No. 1222 5/28/2012

Historic Chicago...intriguing pipe organs revive the aura of past centuries while making beautiful sounds in the Windy City for the Organ Historical Society.


DUDLEY BUCK: Scherzo, ft Grand Sonata, Op. 22 –David Schrader (1883 Johnson/St. Paul Catholic Church, Valparaiso, IN)

W. H. MONK (adapted): Hymn, Praise to God, immortal praise –Timothy Smith (1909 Van Dinter/Holy Trinity Catholic Church)

WILLIAM H. CLARKE: Pastoral in A. HORATIO W. PARKER: Pastoral Interlude, Op. 32, no. 4 – Susan Werner Friesen (1904 Wisconsin/Saint Mary Catholic Church, Buffalo Grove)


GUSTAV MERKEL: Fantasy in e, op. 133, no. 4 –James Hammann (1920 Kimball/St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church)


TRADITIONAL: The Star-spangled Banner – William Aylesworth (1878 Hook & Hastings/Scottish Rite Cathedral)

JAN PIETERSZON SWEELINCK: Variations, Onder een linde groen –Jason Alden (1879 Steinmeyer/Holy Family Catholic Church)

WILLIAM WALOND: Voluntary in d –Ruth Tweenet (19065 Lyon & Healy/St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Evanston)


CLARENCE EDDY: Fugue in a –Stephen Schnurr (1891 Roosevelt/First Congregational Church, Michigan City, IN)

FRANK FERKO: Fugue on Saint Anne –Derek Nickels (1928 Skinner/University Church)

WILLIAM ALBRIGHT:甜美的十六分音符：Robertita BITGOOD: On an Ancient Alleluia –Sally Cherrington Beggs (1892 Hutchings/St. Joseph Catholic Church)

GEORG SCHUMANN: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern –Kirstin Farmer (1898 Lyon & Healy/Lake View Presbyterian Church)


Unless otherwise indicated, all instruments are within the City of Chicago, recorded in 2002 during an Organ Historical Society National Convention. A more complete documentation of these and other instruments is available as OHS CD-02.