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Presents...

Dr. David Arcus

ORGANIST

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

7:30 P.M.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL • PEORIA, ILLINOIS

P R O G R A M

DAVID ARCUS *Toccata on NUN DANKET* (1987)
b. 1959

DAN LOCKLAIR *The Aeolian Sonata* (2002)
b. 1949 II. Shalom (*Peace*)
III. Laudate Dominum (*Praise Ye the Lord*)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH *Meine Seele erhebt den Herren* BWV 648
1685-1750 *Fuga sopra il Magnificat* BWV 733

JOSEF RHEINBERGER *Sonata No. 3 in G Major* Op. 33
1839-1901 Con moto
Intermezzo: Andante con moto
Fugue: non troppo allegro

I N T E R V A L

DAVID ARCUS *Symphony of Dances* (2005)
First Dance
Slow Dance
Intermezzo
Last Dance

LOUIS VIERNE *Pièces de Fantaisie* Op. 54, No. 2
1870-1937 Impromptu

ROBERT SCHUMANN *Sketch in D Flat Major* Op. 58, No. 4
1810-1856

MARCEL DUPRÉ *Sketch in b flat minor* Op. 41, No. 2
1886-1971

DAVID ARCUS **Improvisation on a submitted theme**

Anative of Kingston, New York, David Arcus is Duke University Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist, where he plays for nearly two hundred services a year held in Duke Chapel, a North Carolina landmark, and serves as accompanist for the Duke Chapel Choir. He is also Organist of Duke Divinity School, where he has taught courses in church music and hymnody.

Dr. Arcus holds the B. Mus. degree from Oberlin Conservatory and the M. Mus. and Mus. A. D. degrees from the Yale University School of Music. Active as a recitalist, he has concertized in the United States, Great Britain, France, and Germany, including Washington National Cathedral, London's St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Leeds Town Hall, Bamberg's Kaiserdom, and Paris's St. Sulpice. He is in frequent demand as an organ clinician, having taught recently at the national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists. He appears annually on the Duke Chapel Organ Recital Series in Duke Chapel. Dr. Arcus has recorded for Gothic Records, and his performances have been heard on the nationally broadcast radio program "Pipedreams." He frequently includes music by contemporary composers in his recitals and has premiered works by composers such as Aaron Jay Kernis, Dan Locklair, Richard Townley, and Peter Paul Olejar. He has performed with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra and accompanied the Duke Chapel Choir on tours to Great Britain, Poland, The Czech Republic, Spain, and The People's Republic of China. During the 2008-09 academic year he inaugurated both the new Richards, Fowkes & Co., organ for Goodson Chapel of Duke Divinity School and the newly-restored Aeolian organ in Duke Chapel.

A composer himself, Dr. Arcus has received numerous commissions and awards. He was named winner of the 2000 Holtkamp-AGO Competition in Organ Composition, and performed his winning entry, the *Song of Ruth and Naomi*, at the 2000 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Seattle. In December of 2001, he premiered his *Symphony No. 2 for Solo Organ*, commissioned for the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Benjamin N. Duke Memorial Organ (Flentrop) in Duke Chapel. His organ composition *Ancient Wonders* was recently published by Wayne Leupold Editions. Additional commissions include compositions for The Raleigh Oratorio Society, The Cathedral Church of St. John, Albuquerque, the Southeast (IV) Region of the AGO, and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Durham.

Recognized internationally as an improviser at the organ, Dr. Arcus was selected as the only American to participate in the International Organ Improvisation Competition of the 1990 Haarlem Organ Festival. He won second prize at the 1994 National Improvisation Competition of the American Guild of Organists National Convention in Dallas. Additional awards include winner of the Lloyd Morisset Contemporary Keyboard Improvisation Competition (Oberlin, 1980), Charles Ives Organ Scholarship (Yale, 1982) and Yale-AGO Organ Composition Competition (1991, Toccata-Fantasia on *Hymn to Joy*, published by Concordia).

David Arcus is married to the Rev. Robin J. Townsley Arcus, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. They reside in Durham, North Carolina.

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