

Organ Recital at First Baptist Church - Peoria, IL
Sunday, May 21, 2006
3:30 p.m.

Joshua Russell, organ Anna Russell, piano

Program

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Andante in F Major, KV 616	W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Choral No. 3 in A Minor	César Franck (1822-1890)
Rhapsody for Organ and Piano	Clifford Demarest (1874-1946)
Majestic Praise: Hymn Medley for Piano and Organ	arr. Dick Bolks
Concert Variations on the Austrian Hymn	John Knowles Paine (1839-1906)

Joshua Russell is an active performer throughout the Midwest, frequently performing as a pianist, organist, and conductor. He was the winner of the 2005/2006 Music Teachers National Association piano competition in the state of Iowa, and in 2004, he performed at the San Gennaro Festival of Los Angeles, in Hollywood, California. In 2001, he traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where he was assistant conductor of the “*Petits Chanteurs*” boy choir, and served as the staff pianist for the *École Sainte Trinite* Summer Music Camp for Haitian youth.

In 2004, he performed as organist with the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As an organist, Joshua frequently collaborates with choirs and has performed a number of works with choirs in the United States and Europe.

In addition to performing, Joshua maintains an active teaching schedule. He was invited to be a presenter at the 2005 Iowa Music Teachers State Conference, and recently published an article regarding educational philosophies in the *Iowa Music Teacher* magazine.

Joshua Russell is currently a doctoral student at the University of Iowa, where he is studying piano performance and pedagogy with Ksenia Nosikova, as well as organ with Delbert Disselhorst. In 2004, he received his Masters Degree from the University of Iowa, and in 2001, he graduated *summa cum laude* from Bradley University, where he was a student of Edward Kaizer.

Anna Russell graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, where she was a student of Dr. Edward Kaizer. She has performed frequently throughout the Midwest and was the 2003-2004 winner of the Bradley University Concerto-Aria Competition. During her studies, she won numerous awards for musicianship, including the Danelia Janssen award for her work as a solo pianist. She is currently the pianist for two Iowa City area choirs.

Joshua and Anna have performed frequently together as duo-pianists and as an organ/piano duo. They appeared as the featured guests for the University of Iowa’s 2004 presentation of “Cocoa and Carols,” a popular annual holiday concert in Iowa City, and their performance for the 2005 Green-Castle Aero Club Scholarship Concert, in Oxford, Iowa, has been broadcast throughout Eastern Iowa.

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