

**Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue  
New York City**

Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Organist and Director of Music*  
Benjamin Sheen, *Associate Organist*  
Nicholas Quardokus, *Assistant Organist*



**Sunday Evening Organ Recital Series**

**NICHOLAS QUARDOKUS**

Assistant Organist, Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue

Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

**Organ Music for Advent**

*On the Taylor & Boody organ:*

Partita on 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme', Op. 8, no. 2

*Hugo Distler*  
(1908-1942)

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

*Nicolaus Bruhns*  
(1665-1697)

*On the Miller-Scott organ:*

Chorale Fantasia on 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme', Op. 52, no. 2

*Max Reger*  
(1873-1916)

**NICHOLAS QUARDOKUS** has held the position of Assistant Organist at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue since September 2019. Prior to his appointment here, Nicholas worked at St. Paul's Parish K Street, Washington D.C., where he was an Organ Scholar assisting in playing, conducting, and chorister training for weekly services. In addition to duties at St. Paul's, he was a part-time organist at Washington National Cathedral. He has held similar posts at Yale Divinity School's Marquand Chapel, Trinity Church on-the-Green, New Haven, CT, and Trinity Church, Indianapolis. He earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. His principal teachers have included Janette Fishell and Martin Jean (organ), Elisabeth Wright and Arthur Haas (harpsichord), and Jeffrey Brillhart (improvisation).

Nicholas has garnered top prizes in competitions around the country, winning first prize at the 2014 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition in Wethersfield, Connecticut. In 2013, he took first prize in the American Guild of Organists Regional Competition for Young Organists. As a solo recitalist, he has performed throughout the Eastern United States, including appearances at conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Kennedy Center, and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. His solo performances have been broadcast on public radio's *Harmonia Early Music* and *Pipedreams*. He was the featured organist in the 2018 German documentary *The Unanswered Ives*, which is to be broadcast on French and German television. He has appeared with the Cathedral Choral Society, the Orchestra of St. Luke's, and the Washington Master Chorale.

Upcoming Organ Recitals at Saint Thomas Church

**Sunday, December 8 at 5.15 p.m.**

JENNIFER PASCUAL

New York City, NY

Works by *J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Cabanilles, Arauxo, Yon, Hakim, Langlais, Rowley, Hailstork* and *Franck*

**Sunday, December 15 at 5.15 p.m.**

BENJAMIN SHEEN

Associate Organist

Works by *Elgar, Debussy, Dupré, Hancock* and *J. Strauss*

For further information, please visit the Organ Recitals page on the church website:

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