Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue New York City

Dr. Jeremy Filsell, Organist and Director of Music Nicolas Haigh, Associate Organist Maks Adach, Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist



Sunday Recital Series

Clara Gerdes, organ New York, NY

Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 5.15p.m.

Trio Sonata No. 2 in d, BWV 527

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

II. Cantilène *from* Troisième symphonie pour grand orgue, Op. 28

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

Scherzo, Op. 2 Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Trois Impressions, Op. 72

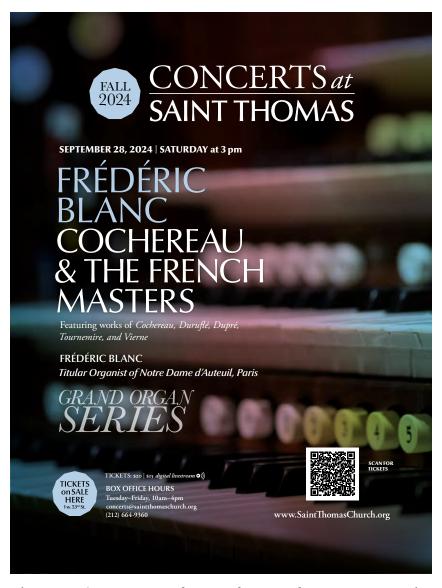
i. Harmonies du Soir – ii. Clair de Lune

Siegfried Karg-Elert

(1877-1933)

Paean Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

CLARA is a 2021 graduate of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music where she studied with Martin Jean. She completed her undergraduate degree in organ performance from the Curtis Institute of Music where she studied with Alan Morrison. She received first prizes in the Fort Wayne, Albert Schweitzer, AGO-Quimby Mid-Atlantic Regional and UNCSA School of the Arts organ competition and was the recipient of the 2020 Baker Prize in Organ Performance and the 2021 Julia Sherman Award for Excellence in Organ Playing from Yale. She has performed around the United States at a number of notable churches and concert halls and as the featured recitalist at the Church Music Association of America annual conference, the American Guild of Organists 2018 National Convention in Kansas City, and at Spoleto, Oregon Bach Festival, Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts and most recently the Uncommon Music Festival in Sitka, Alaska. Clara is an avid accompanist and collaborator, and has accompanied the choirs of St Joseph's Seminary, Westminster Choir College, St Bartholomew's Church NYC and a number of other institutions in liturgical and concert settings. She lives in New York City with her husband and her son.



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Sunday, October 6 at 5.15 p.m.

Balínt Karosi, clarinet & organ | Jeremy Filsell, piano & organ Works by Reger

Sunday, October 13 at 5.15 p.m.

RYLAND ANGEL & MARGARET CARPENTER HAIGH, vocalists | NICOLAS HAIGH, organ Works by Couperin, Kennedy, and Langlais

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