SPENCERVILLE EVENSONG CONCERT SERIES

Joy-Leilani Garbutt, organ April 20, 2013

PROGRAM

Litanies

Le Jardin Suspendu

Choral No. 1 in E Major

La Nativité du Seigneur (*The Birth of Christ*) Dieu Parmi Nous (God Among Us)

INTERMISSION

Prelude and Fugue in g minor, Op. 7

Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp minor, Op. 28 IV. Adagio V. Finale

An offering will be collected following the concert this afternoon, the proceeds of which will benefit the expenses of the series. Thank you for your generosity.

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Jehan ALAIN (1911-1940)

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César Franck (1822-1890)

Olivier Messiaen

(1908-1992)

ABOUT THE PERFORMER

Joy-Leilani Garbutt was raised in Fresno, California. She started piano at an early age and organ a few years later. As a young student, she toured throughout California as part of a youth keyboard group, playing piano, harpsichord and organ. After high school, she moved to Maryland to begin studies at Columbia Union College where she excelled in both music and pre-med courses, graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music. She then earned her Master of Music degree in organ performance from Northwestern University where she studied organ with Douglass Cleveland.

During several months of organ study with François Délor in Geneva, Switzerland, following her Masters, she began to develop a passion for French music from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, an interest that has only strengthened through the years and that was the inspiration for this afternoon's concert program. Returning to the United States, she attended Harvard University where she earned her Master of Education Degree in Arts in Education.

As a church musician, Joy has served for eight years as Director of Music at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Rockville, Maryland, where she has developed a thriving music program, particularly focussed on children and youth participation. She has also served for a number of years as organist of the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as maintaining an active studio of private music students.

In October, 2012, she married Mark Willey. They live in downtown Silver Spring with their cat, Madeleine (named after Marie-Madeleine Duruflé).

Next Concert May 18, 4 p.m. Tenor Javier Gonzalez and friends

From Biebl to Whitaker and Hal Johnson to Gawthrop, the world of choral repertoire spans a great variety of composers and unique stylistic portraits of sound and color. Many of these beloved arrangements of spirituals, motets and hymn tunes will come to life once again as various talented singers from Washington DC, Los Angeles, and elsewhere around the country come together to form a powerful men's ensemble to be heard one time only on May 18 for the Spencerville Concert series.