

Music at Central presents Dr. Charles Callahan

EVENT DATE/TIME May 6, 2012
3:00 pm until 5:30 pm

DESCRIPTION



Charles Callahan is one of America's leading organist-composers. A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, he is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, where he had the distinction of being the last pupil of legendary organ instructor Alexander McCurdy. Well-known as an improviser, he made his debut in this realm at the International Eucharistic Congress in 1976. In 1977, the Belgian ministry of Culture awarded him a grant to study with the renowned organist-composer, Flor Peeters. Upon returning to the United States, Dr. Callahan earned his graduate degrees from the Catholic University of America. In addition, he has studied organ with Theodore Marier, George Faxon, Clarence Watters, William Watkins and Daniel Roth.

Dr. Callahan has conducted frequent European organ concert tours, performing in such notable sites as Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral. His early performing career was highlighted by appearances with the Philadelphia Orchestra, at the White House, and by his complete Franck organ works series given in 1979 at Washington D.C.'s John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Dr. Callahan has served as organist, teacher, conductor and composer-in-residence at Middlebury College in Vermont and Rollins College in Florida. Since 1986, he has been involved in the design of many important new American pipe organs, and he has become one of the most recognizable names in American church music, with scores of choral and instrumental compositions now in print from leading publishers. His orchestral music has been premiered by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, and his numerous commissions include works written for the Harvard University Choir and the choir of St. Patrick's Cathedral. In recognition of his service to the Catholic Church and his commissioned compositions for Papal visits to the United States, he was awarded in 1999 the Papal Honor of Knighthood in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

In addition to compositions and performances, Charles Callahan is a noted educator and author. His two books on American organ building, "The American Classic Organ", and "Aeolian-Skinner Remembered" have become standard reference works.

He has established his studio and home in rural Vermont.

For more about Dr. Callahan see: www.vermontorganacademy.

COST Free and open to the public - Reception follows

LOCATION Central Baptist Church
Union Square
Norwich, CT

ADDITIONAL INFO

Sponsor	In part by the New London County American Guild of Organist
Phone	860-889-8313
Contact name	David Warfield

Website

<http://www.centralbaptistnorwich.com>

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information. However, you should always call ahead to confirm dates, times, location, and other information.