**Significant 20th and 21st Century Composers for the Organ**

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Focus for this workshop:
- Composers who have written both church music and concert music  
  - hymn/chant settings or original material  
  - concert repertoire with multiple movements that are appropriate for church  
  - NOT composers who can be found easily at Morningstar, Augsburg, Lorenz, etc.  
- Variety in difficulty level and season  
- Relatively accessible in style/harmony

Workshop Selections

Denis Bédard  Suite for Organ (Prelude – Lamento – Toccata)  
Raymond Daveluy  Mélodie  
Rachel Laurin  Petite Suite sur un Motet de Gerald Bales  
               (Fantaisie – Cantabile – Toccatina)  
Gilles Maurice Leclerc  Epilogue  
Maurice Duruflé  Prélude sur l’Introit de l’Epiphanie  
Jean Langlais  Mon âme cherche une fin paisible, from Neuf Pièces  
               Pasticcio, from Organ Book (Ten Pieces)  
Helmut Walcha  Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten  
               Ein feste burg  
Kenneth Leighton  Rockingham  
               Fanfare  
Herbert Sumson  The Holly and the Ivy  
Godwin Sadoh  Nigerian Suite No. 1 (II. Ore Ofe Jesu, III. Nigerian Toccata)  
Carson Cooman  Diptych (Aria serena – Rondo festivo)  
Daniel Gawthrop  Elegy from Sketchbook I  
               Covington Toccata
Adolphus Hailstork  Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Calvin Hampton  O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
America the Beautiful

Dan Locklair  Rubrics (I. Hallelujah has been restored, IV. The peace may be exchanged)

Joel Martinson  Postlude for a Festival Day

Aaron David Miller  Chorale Prelude on Rejoice, Rejoice

Gerald Near  Nun danket alle Gott

Craig Phillips  If You Will Only Let God Guide You
Joy to the World

Brenda Portman  It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Fanfare from Triptych on Helmsley

CANADIAN

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)
https://www.cheldar.com/CheldarEnglish/EngCatOrgSolo.htm
Suite for Organ, Meditation on O filii et filiae, Six Gregorian Paraphrases, Deux Noels, Three Postludes, Variations on Amazing Grace, many more
Éditions Cheldar

Barrie Cabena (b. 1933)
Fanfare, 22 sonatas, 75 homage pieces, 30 chorale preludes and hymn-based works
Canadian Music Centre

Rachel Laurin (b. 1961)
http://www.rachellaurin.com/#!organ/c9od
5 volumes of Twelve Short Pieces (particularly Volume 1), Petite Suite sur un Motet de Gerald Bales (3 mvts), Four Pilgrimages in Lorraine, Epilogue
Wayne Leupold Editions

Gilles Maurice Leclerc (b. 1960)
http://www.gmlmusic.org/
Deux Versets on “Liebster Jesu,” Epilogue, 4 Short Preludes, Prelude on Slane, Recit de tierce en taille, Six Interludes pour orgue, Three Choral Preludes
Healey Willan (1880-1968)
https://www.musiccentre.ca/node/37320/sheet_music
C. F. Peters

FRENCH

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehan_Alain
Postlude pour l’Office de Complies, Le jardin suspendu, Deux Chorals, Litanies, Variations on a theme of Clement Jannequin

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
79 Chorales, 15 Pieces Founded on Antiphons, 3 Elevations, 8 Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes, etc.

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice_Duruflé
Prélude sur l’Introit de l’Epiphanie, Fugue sur le theme du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons, Méditation, Prélude, adagio et choral varié sur le theme du “Veni Creator,” movements from Suite

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
http://www.jeanlanglais.com/_Partitions.php?type=opo
many suites or sets of pieces – Neuf Pièces, Organ Book, Vingt-Quatre Pièces pour harmonium ou orgue (2 sets)

Gaston Litaize (1909-1991)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaston_Litaize
Douze Pièces: Prelude, Lied (for prelude), Toccata sur Veni Creator (postlude) - difficult

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
Le Banquet céleste, individual movements from L’Ascension, La Nativité, Livre du Saint Sacrement

Daniel Roth (b. 1942)
many works based on Gregorian chant
BELGIAN

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)
Little Organ Book, 322 chorale preludes for organ including 30 Chorale Preludes on Well-Known Hymn Tunes, 30 Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Hymns; Aria, Festival Voluntary

GERMAN

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)
2 chorale partitas, 7 chorale preludes (Kleine Orgelchoral Bearbeitung, Op. 8 No. 3, available at free-scores.com), pieces for small organ (30 Spielstücke für die Kleinorgel, Op. 18 No. 1, available at free-scores.com), a trio sonata

Joseph Ahrens (1904-1997)
3 volumes of chorale settings (Das Heilige Jahr), 3 volumes of Gregorian settings (Cantiones Gregorianae), partita on Lobe den Herren and other chorale melodies, various other pieces

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)
Partita on Veni Creator Spiritus, Kleine Praeludien und Intermezzi, Six Organ Chorales on Old German Sacred Folksongs

Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)
http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/instruments/organ-solo/ernst-pepping/900142+1800798
partitas on various chorales, several volumes of chorale preludes, preludes, postludes, fugues, many on Sheet Music Plus

Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)
Four volumes of chorale preludes published by C. F. Peters, many are useful as teaching pieces with only one or two pedal notes, others are more difficult
BRITISH

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
http://www.musicsalesclassical.com/composer/works/734/27
Psalm-Preludes, Rhapsodies, Six Pieces (including Master Tallis’ Testament, Saraband for the Morning of Easter), various other pieces

Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herbert_Sumson
Four Preludes on Well-Known Carols, various other pieces

Alec Wyton (1921-2007)
Fanfare, Fanfare on Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Fanfare on Victory, Wedding Blessings (book of short hymn settings)

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)
http://www.percywhitlock.org.uk/information_works.php
The Complete Shorter Organ Music (Five Short Pieces, Four Extemporisations, Six Hymn-Preludes, Three Reflections), Plymouth Suite, Seven Sketches on Verses of the Psalms, A Percy Whitlock Organ Album

David Briggs (b. 1962)
http://www.david-briggs.org/compositions
Sortie on In dulci jubilo, Elegy, Chorale Variations: Lobe den Herren, Variations on Greensleeves – all difficult

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)
A Leighton Organ Album, Fanfare, Six Fantasies on Hymn Tunes

NIGERIAN

Godwin Sadoh (b. 1965)
Nigerian Suite No. 1 and No. 2, Impressions from an African Moonlight (five pieces), Twenty-five Preludes on Yoruba Church Hymns for Solo Organ, Five African Marches Wayne Leupold Editions
AMERICAN

Samuel Adler (b. 1928)
http://www.wayneleupold.com/the-complete-works-for-solo-organ-volume-4-adler.html
four volumes of organ music, medium to difficult

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
http://www.musicsalesclassical.com/composer/work/46225
Wondrous Love: Variations on a Shape-Note Hymn, Chorale Prelude on “Silent Night”, Chorale for a New Organ

William Bolcom (b. 1938)
http://www.ohscatalog.org/wibocogopr.html
Chorale Prelude on Abide With Me, Gospel Preludes Books 1-4 (shorter selections: Sweet Hour of Prayer, Blessed Assurance, Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult)

David Conte (b. 1955)
http://www.davidconte.net/Instrumental.html
Soliloquy, Meditation on Silent Night, Fantasia and Fugue on Leoni

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)
http://carsoncooman.com/genre/organ/
Nine volumes of organ music published by Wayne Leupold, many hymn based pieces at various publishers

Robin Dinda (b. 1959)
http://www.robindinda.com/compositions
8 volumes of Seasonal Hymn Preludes with Wayne Leupold Editions, and many other pieces

Frank Ferko (b. 1950)
http://www.frankferko.com/
Mass for Dedication, Livre d’Orgue, Variations on Veni Creator Spiritus, Toccata on Psalm 96, Music for Elizabeth Chapel, Visions of Eternity, Missa O Ecclesia: Communion, The Hildegard Organ Cycle, some out of print hymn preludes
E. C. Schirmer

Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)
http://www.dunstanhouse.com/goods_category/organ/
Chorale, Exultate, Arioso, Caprice, Four Trio Preludes, Good King Wenceslas, Like A Fire, Nocturne, Partita on Hyfrydol, O Jerusalem, Ritual Flourish, Sacred Dance, The Covington Toccata, Toccata Brevis, Sketchbook Three
Dunstan House
Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)
https://memim.com/adolphus-hailstork.html
Toccata on Veni Emmanuel, various spirituals, preludes & postludes

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)
Music for Organ: Eleven Organ Solos

Gerrre Hancock (1934-2012)
many hymn settings, some available at Sheet Music Plus

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)
http://www.locklair.com/compositions/organ
many multi-movement organ works including Rubrics, Windows of Comfort, Salem Sonata, St. John’s Suite, etc., some use chimes

Joel Martinson (b. 1960)
http://www.joelmartinson.com/compositions/organ.html
Aria on a Chaconne, Epithalamium Suite – Intrada, Pastorale, Fugue; Twelve Organ Trios, several partitas, Sortie, Toccata a la Gigue, Festival Intrada, Postlude for a Festival Day
Kessler Park Press

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)
http://aarondavidmiller.com/publications.html
Improvisations for the Church Year Vol. 1 and 2, Organ Fantasies Based on Hymn Tunes, Triptych for Lent and Easter, Four Trumpet Tunes, etc.

Gerald Near (b. 1942)
http://www.morningstarmusic.com/composers/n/near
3 sets of Chantworks, 3 sets of Choraleworks, Two Preludes for Evening Service, St. Augustine’s Organ Book (10 preludes on Gregorian chant melodies), Deo Gracias: Six Preludes and a Postlude for Organ on well-known hymns, A Gregorian Liturgical Year Vol. 1-3, etc.,
A Prelude for Easter Morning

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)
http://stephenpaulus.com/collections/organ (lists all compositions involving organ, including choral – Organ Book Vol. I and II contains most of the organ solo music
Triptych: Still Be My Vision
Paulus Publications
Craig Phillips (b. 1961)
http://www.craigphillipscomposer.com/Organ.html
Selah Music Publishing, a few others (info on his website)

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)
http://www.danielpinkham.net/catalogPage.html#organSolo
3 Organbooks, Saints' Days: Twelve Preludes for Organ, Five Voluntaries, Celebrations (4 mvts), Collects: Six Preludes for Organ Solo, Music for a Quiet Sunday: Short Pieces for the Church Service, etc.

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)
http://brendaportman.com
several books of organ music – And Again I Say Rejoice: Festive Postludes for Organ, Peace Like a River: Preludes and Meditations for Organ, To Hear the Angels Sing (Christmas book - coming soon), Horizons (book of concert pieces - coming soon), various short pieces in publications such as Lorenz’s The Organist, Organ Portfolio, Sacred Organ Journal

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)
http://www.nedrorem.com/index1.html
3 Organbooks, Views from the Oldest House: “The Nest in Old North Church” (prelude), Elms (offertory), A Quaker Reader: “There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil"

Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)
https://www.moravianmusic.org/media/Sandresky-Collection.pdf
Ten volumes of solo organ music with Wayne Leupold: many appropriate for church services, some concert music

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leo_Sowerby
Meditations on Communion Hymns, Ten Preludes on Hymn Tunes, Advent to Whitsuntide
Organ Historical Society: 4 volumes of The Organ Music of Leo Sowerby

James Woodman (b. 1957)
http://www.thorpemusic.com/woodma01.html
Six Little Partitas Books I and II (seasonal church repertoire), In dulci jubilo: Four Variations for Organ, Fairest Lord Jesus: Five Variations for Organ, Partita on Spanish Hymn, For All the Saints: Music for Funerals and Memorial Services, All Creatures of Our God and King
Thorpe Music Publishing Company
Other Resources
Organ collections from Morningstar, Lorenz, GIA, Augsburg, etc.
The Organists’ Companion from Wayne Leupold Editions (subscription)
The Organist, Organ Portfolio, and Sacred Organ Journal from Lorenz (subscription)
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Oxford book of Christmas organ music
Royal Canadian College of Organists: Te Deum Laudamus – 2 volumes of music in memory of Gerald Bales (contains Rachel Laurin’s Petite Suite and many other useful pieces)
Bayoubüchlein: collection of chorale preludes based on newer hymn tunes, compiled for 2016 AGO convention in Houston (Selah)

Other Names in Church Organ Repertoire

Other Names in Concert Organ Repertoire