

Lunchtime Organ Recital

Friday, November 25th, 2022

Noon

First Congregational Church

282 Rock St. Fall River

Dr. Handel Cecilio, Organist

performing on the 1911 Ernest Skinner organ with 3 manuals and 1555 pipes

CONCERT OPENING

- Prelude in Classical Style Gordon Young (1919-1998)

BAROQUE COMPOSERS

- Suite in D major Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)
Special participation of the trumpeter Robbie LePage
Overture – Gigue – Aire (Menuetto) – March (Bourrée)
- Fantasie und Fugue in a-moll, BWV 561 Johann Sebastian BACH (1685-1750)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD!

- Now thank we all our God! (Tune: Nun danket Alle Gott by Martin Rinkart)
no. 283
- Give of your best to the Master (Howard B. Grose) see attached
- Great is Thy faithfulness (Thomas O. Chisholm) no. 47

BRAZILIAN COMPOSERS

- Toccata for Organ (Opus 208) Amaral Vieira (1952)
Allegro nom molto – Adagio – Allegro com Spirito
- Preludes I & II (notebook 1) Claudio Santoro (1919-1989)
Transcribed by Handel Cecilio (2022) - World premiere
- Baion for Organ (Four hands version) Handel Cecilio (1963)
Special participation of the organist Judith Conrad
- Royal Fanfare (Trumpet solo version) Handel Cecilio (1963)
Special participation of the trumpeter Robbie LePage
Allegro com brilho – Andante – Allegro – Allegro Maestoso

About Organist Handel Cecilio

Born in Brazil, Dr. Cecilio holds a master's degree and a doctorate from the State University of Campinas - UNICAMP, in Brazil, and The University of Coimbra, in Portugal. In addition to his work as a recitalist organist, he was professor at the State University of Minas Gerais UEMG and at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Minas Gerais (teaching liturgy and music) and he is a composer and musicologist. He wrote some compositions for solo organ and organ and trumpets. It is finalizing the first Brazilian Suite for Organ, from which the "Baion for Organ" will be played at this recital. As a musicologist, he has researched about the history of the pipe organs since the discovery of Brazil, and he published his doctoral thesis entitled "*The organistic art in the Benedictine Monasteries of Brazilian Colonial and Imperial Periods: their organs, organists and organ builders*"; in addition to some academic articles. Dr. Handel was organist in some churches in Brazil and Portugal and is currently organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Belo Horizonte.

He received some decorations such as "Friend of the Brazilian Navy" by the Friend of the Navy Society - SAMAR in the River Captaincy of Minas Gerais; also received of "The Medal of Merit Carlos Gomes" of the Order of Cultural Merit (Brazilian Society of Arts, Culture and Education); and in September 2022 he joined the Brazilian Academy of Music as an Immortal of Brazilian Classical Music, in the chair number 14 whose patron is the Priest Pedro da Fonseca, the first Brazilian organist,. On this same occasion, also received the title the "Commendation Dom Pedro I", in the celebrations of 200 years of independence of Brazil.

He was a professor of music and liturgy at the Baptist Seminary of Minas Gerais, where he was the coordinator of the sacred music course. He was a professor at the State University of Minas Gerais, and the principal and the coordinator, and teacher in free music courses, in which INTER-MEZZO - Music Education Center Ltd. Intermezzo grew both in number of students, expanded into the sector of providing musical services at social events, with musical groups and a large ballroom.

As a concert performer, he has performed throughout Brazil, Europe, and the USA. According to Brazilian pianist and composer Amaral Vieira, dr. Handel is the "ambassador of Brazilian composers". In Belo Horizonte, he performed with the Minas Gerais Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Choir of Palace of Arts, and with the Minas Gerais Philharmonic Orchestra, with which he played Symphony n° 3, in C minor, Op. 78, by Camille Saint-Saëns, in December 2021.
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A light lunch will be served in front of the church after the concert

The next Lunchtime Organ concert will be Friday December 16th at noon;
It will be a Christmas Carol Sing, with Robbie LePage, trumpeter.
There will be a Messiah Sing at the church on Sunday Afternoon January 8th at 3 o'clock, all singers and instrumentalists welcome.

For further information call the church at (508)672-5862 or email judithconrad@mindspring.com