Dedicatory Concert GERRE HANCOCK, Organist

Friday, 21 February 1997 • Eight o'clock in the Evening

Choral in A Minor

Cesar Franck 1822-1890

From the Six Chorales (Schubler)
O Whither Shall I Flee, BWV 646
Art thou, Lord Jesus, from Earth Now Descending, BWV 650
My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord, BWV 648

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Piece d'Orgue, BWV 572 Tres vitement Gravement Lentement Johann Sebastian Bach

Fantasia and Fugue on B-A-C-H

Max Reger 1873-1916

Improvisation on a submitted theme

DR. GERRE HANCOCK



Gerre Hancock is widely acclaimed as one of America's legendary concert organists and church musicians. His consumate skill is clearly apparent in every concert appearance. Possessing a masterly interpretive ability, he is an artist of taste, warmth, perception and style. A featured recitalist and lecturer at more than a dozen regional conventions of the America Guild of Organists and at national conventions of the Guild in Philadelphia, Cleveland, Boston, Washington, D.C., Detroit, Houston and New York City, he also represented the AGO as recitalist at the Centenary Anniversary of the Royal College of Organists in London. He is considered to be the finest organ improvisateur in America and has appeared in concert throughout the United States and Europe, occasionally performing in duo recitals with his wife, Judith Hancock. A Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, Dr. Hancock was a member of its National Council and is a founder and past present of the Association of

Anglican Musicians. Educated at the University of Texas and the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, he also studied in Paris as a recipient of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship and was a finalist at the Munich International Music Competitions. In 1981 he was appointed a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music and in 1986 was awarded the Doctor of Music degree by Nashotah House Seminary. Listed in "Who's Who in America," Dr. Hancock studied the organ with E. William Doty, Robert Baker, Jean Langlais and Marie-Claire Alain. After serving as Assistant Organist at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City, Dr. Hancock was appointed Organist and Choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati where he also served on the Artist Faculty of the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. In 1971 he returned to New York to begin a long and distinguished tenure as Organist and Master of the Choristers at St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue. In addition to his church duties, he also serves on the faculties of The Julliard School and the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale.

IMPROVISATION

Improvisation has long been a subject of consuming interest to Gerre Hancock, who was fortunate to have studied the subject with Nadia Boulanger, Jean Langlais and M. Searle Wright. A large portion of the organ music for the services at St. Thomas Church includes improvisation on various themes presented within the course of each day's liturgies and Dr. Hancock enjoys improvising in the various classical forms, with particular emphasis on fugal counterpoint. Oxford University recently published Dr. Hancock's comprehensive textbook, *Improvising: How to Master the Art*, and his concerts regularly include improvisation from themes presented just prior to this part of the program, as will be the case during his concert at Saint Paul's Church.

The Story of Opus 2900



The 1966 Console

Casavant's Opus 2900 is the fifth organ built for Saint Paul's Church and was installed in 1966 at a cost of almost \$70,000. It is presently valued at \$600,000. By 1988 the humidity and high temperatures which characterize Augusta in the summer months had encouraged the growth of mold and mildew on many of the organ's components. Additionally, the mechanical and pneumatic devices controlling the organ were showing serious wear and causing expensive repairs, holes had appeared in some of the pedalboard sharps, and the entire instrument was covered with a thick layer of dust.

Saint Paul's Church faced not only the situation with the organ but also the need to repaint both the interior and exterior of the church and parish house, replace the mechanical systems in both

buildings, and replace the lighting control and public address systems in the nave. In the midst of these pressing needs, the parish was also without a permanent rector. Challenges such as these would be daunting for the strongest of churches. During the previous two and a half centuries, however, Saint Paul's Church had survived fire and floods and she would emerge into the last decade of the 20th century with the aforementioned difficulties resolved, prepared to take on the challenges of the next millennium.

In 1990, the Reverend Donald Allston Fishburne was instituted as rector. Within a brief time the buildings were painted and the lighting control and public address systems were replaced. The organ, heating and air conditioning projects were larger in scope and would require the expenditure of almost \$750,000. Both items were related because the antiquated mechanical systems had contributed to the problems with the organ. The parish leadership began the VISION 2000 campaign to raise the required money.

An Organ Committee was appointed, chaired by J. Richard Blanchard, and Keith Shafer served as consultant. Three nationally recognized organ companies including Casavant were invited to make proposals and Mr. Shafer solicited the opinions of a number of his colleagues about the work which would be required to restore and rebuild the Saint Paul's organ.

The Organ Committee and Vestry were unanimous in their endorsement of the work to be performed by the original builder, Casavant Frères. The project involved the complete removal of the organ from its chamber so that it could be cleaned, restored and rebuilt at the Casavant factory in Québec. Those components which had worn out were replaced. Because the original instrument was built prior to the advent of the computer age, the latest controls and switching systems replaced

the out-dated mechanical and pneumatic systems used in 1966. The sound of the organ was changed significantly to make it more suitable for accompanying the music of the Episcopal liturgy. Wind pressures were increased, pipe toes were coned and the cut-ups of the mouths were raised, resulting in improved fundamental tone. The console was restored and is now moveable throughout the chancel. Finally, the appearance of the organ was enhanced with the addition of new casework. The beautifully carved pipe shades in the cases and the mouths of the facade pipes were covered with German gold leaf, accenting the brass elements in the chancel. Preparation has been made in the console for the future addition of the State Trumpet stop, a set of 61 brass, horizontally mounted trumpets to be placed high above the doors leading into the rear gallery.



The 1996 Console

The new heating and air conditioning system presently being completed will protect the parish's investment in the organ by keeping heat and humidity within the appropriate ranges. The organ is now capable of fulfilling its role in the worship life of Saint Paul's Church and serving as a resource for concerts and events benefiting the entire Augusta community.

The restoration and rebuilding now completed call to mind the words of the psalmist, "Praise God in his holy temple, let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!"

Casavant Frères

Joseph Casavant was Canada's first noteworthy organbuilder. The copy of the 1766 treatise by Dom Bedos de Celles which he used as the guide for his first instrument remains today in the archives of the firm established by his sons, a company which has, in the ensuing 118 years, been acclaimed as one of the finest organbuilders in the world.

When Joseph Casavant died in 1874, his two sons, Claver and Samuel, who had already shown an interest in organbuilding, realized that they must acquire wider experience if they were to carry on their father's work. In 1875, Claver left Quebec for France, to be followed soon after by his younger brother, Samuel. Claver worked for John Abbey in Versailles, and both he and Samuel spent time with Cavaille-Coll. Samuel's son, Aristide, was named after the famous French

organbuilder.



30 years of dust and dirt

The two brothers travelled throughout Europe, visiting builders and inspecting significant organs, and on their return to St. Hyacinthe in 1879 they established themselves as Casavant Frères on the site where the present factory stands. Their first contract was for an organ for La Chapelle Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes in Montréal. Claver was twenty-four and Samuel not yet twenty-one. Further contracts followed, notable among which was an instrument for the new Seminary in St. Hyacinthe and their first three-manual organ, built for the local cathedral. This instrument, in continuous service since 1885, featured the first adjustable capture combination action mechanism installed in an organ.

The instrument which firmly established Casavant Frères as organbuilders of international repute was completed in 1891 for the Church of Notre-Dame in Montreal, a four-manual instrument of eighty-two stops. This organ, which celebrated its centennial in 1991, included adjustable combinations and speaking pipes of thirty-two foot length in the

facade. The early organs, all installed in Québec, were soon followed by others throughout Canada. The first instrument built for the United States was installed in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1895. During their career the brothers received world-wide recognition for their work, including being awarded the Grand Prix at the International Exhibition in Antwerp, in 1930.

In addition to the many fine organs on the North American continent, others have been built for France, the West Indies, South and Central America, South Africa, Australia and Japan. Voluminous archives, preserved by the company, abound in letters and testimonials from famous organists, including Guilmant, Vierne, Widor, Bonnet, and many others who played or inaugurated Casavant organs. Visitors have



The same windchest, cleaned

always been welcomed at the factory and individuals such as Marcel Dupre and Henry Willis have been photographed in St. Hyacinthe with the Casavant brothers and other guests.

On the basis of the innovative technical achievements of Claver and Samuel Casavant, and under the artistic and administrative guidance of succeeding directors, the company continues to build fine instruments for churches, concert halls, and teaching institutions around the world. Among the most recent are Opus 3700, installed in 1993 at the Temple Complex of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Independence, Missouri, which has been designated by a well-known critic as "one of the most glorious organs in North America," and Opus 3750, a 128 stop instrument given in memory of the mother of the renowned American pianist, Van Cliburn, to the Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. The "Rildia Bee O'Bryan Cliburn Organ," dedicated in October, is one of the largest church organs in the United States.

During their lifetime, the brothers Casavant established the finest tradition of craftsmanship among their employees and a strong organization to carry on those traditions. The artistic integrity and painstaking care given to every instrument are evident to all who enjoy the music of the "king of instruments" and has made Casavant Frères one of the pre-eminent organbuilders in the world.

CASAVANT OPUS 2900

Original 1966 Specification

GREAT
16' Quintaton
8' Principal
8' Rohrgedackt
4' Octave
4' Spitzflöte
2' Blockflöte
2 2/3' Rauschquinte II

CHOIR 8' Gemshorn 8' Singend Gedackt 4' Prestant 4' Koppelflöte 2' Octave 1 1/3' Quintflöte 1/2' Zimbel III 8' Krummhorn Tremulant

SWELL

1 1/3' Mixtur IV

8' Bourdon
8' Viole de Gambe
8' Viole Celeste
4' Principal
4' Flute Creuse
2 2/3' Nasard
2' Flute des Bois
1 3/5' Tierce
2/3' Cymbale IV
16' Basson
8' Trompette
4' Hautbois
Tremulant
Swell to Swell 16'

Swell Unison Off

Swell to Swell 4'

PEDAL 6' Principal

16' Principa
16' Subbass
16' Quintaton (Great)
8' Octave
8' Gedack
4' Choralbass
2' Mixtur II
16' Posaune
16' Basson (Swell)
4' Schalme

COUPLERS
Great to Pedal 8'
Swell to Pedal 8'

Swell to Great 8'

Choir to Great 8'

Swell to Choir 8'

Swell to Choir 8'

COMBINATION ACTION

Great 1-4: Thumb Swell 1-5: Thumb Choir 1-4: Thumb Pedal 1-4: Thumb & Toe General 1-6: Thumb & Toe

Choir to Pedal 8' Choir to Pedal 4'

REVERSIBLES
Great to Pedal: Thumb & Toe
Swell to Pedal: Thumb & Toe
Choir to Pedal: Thumb & Toe
Swell to Great: Thumb
Swell to Choir: Thumb

Full Organ: Thumb & Toe

CASAVANT OPUS 2900

1996 Restoration and Rebuilding MANUAL II: GREAT (Unenclosed) MAN

16' Principal
8' Open Diapason
8' Chimney Flute
4' Octave
4' Spire Flute
2' Block Flute
2 2/3' Grave Mixture II
1 1/3' Mixture IV
16' Double Trumpet
8' Trumpet
8' Tuba (Choir/Unenclosed)
8' State Trumpet (Preparation)

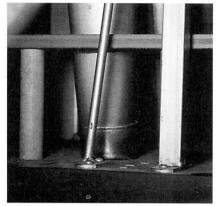
MANUAL I: CHOIR (Unenclosed) 16' Lieblich Gedackt 8' Open Diapason

8' Stopped Diapason
8' Harmonic Flute
4' Octave
4' Spindle Flute
2' Fifteenth
1 1/3' Larigot
1' Mixture III
8' Hautboy (Swell)
8' Clarinet
8' Tuba
8' State Trumpet
Tremulant

16' Choir to ChoirChoir Unison Off4' Choir to Choir

MANUAL III: SWELL (Enclosed)	SOLO (Enclosed/Floating)
16' Lieblich Gedackt (Choir)	8' Erzahler
8' Open Diapason	8' Erzahler Celeste
8' Bourdon	8' Cor Anglais
8' Viola 8' Voix Celeste	8' French Horn
4' Principal	8' Corno di Bassetto
4' Open Flute	Harp Chimes
2 2/3' Nazard	Tremulant
2' Recorder	
1 3/5' Tierce 2' Mixture III-IV	ON TABLETO
16' Fagotto	ON TABLETS
8' Cornopean	Cymbelstern (10 Bells) Tower Bells (11 Bells)
8' Hautboy	Midi I
4' Clarion	Midi II
Tremulant	Midi III
16' Swell to Swell	Midi IV
Swell Unison Off 4' Swell to Swell	
4 Swell to Swell	
PEDAL (Unenclosed)	COUPLERS
32' Violone	Great to Pedal 8'
32' Contra Bourdon	Great to Pedal 4'
16' Principal	Swell to Pedal 8'
16' Subbass 16' Lieblich Gedackt (Choir)	Swell to Pedal 4'
8' Octave	Choir to Pedal 8' Choir to Pedal 4'
8' Stopped Flute	Solo to Pedal 8'
4' Choral Bass	Solo to Pedal 4'
2' Mixture III	Swell to Great 16'
32' Ophicleide	Swell to Great 8'
16' Trombone 16' Fagotto (Swell)	Swell to Great 4'
8' Trumpet (Great)	Choir to Great 16' Choir to Great 8'
8' Tuba (Choir)	Choir to Great 4'
8' State Trumpet (Great)	Solo to Great 8'
4' Trumpet (Great)	Swell to Choir 16'
4' Shalmey	Swell to Choir 8'
CONTROLS IN VENCUEEV	Swell to Choir 4'
CONTROLS IN KEYCHEEK	Solo to Choir 8' Solo to Swell 8'
Great/Choir Reverse Nave Shutters Off	Solo to Swell o
Crescendo on Solo Pedal*	
Midi Volume on Solo Pedal*	
*Substitutes these functions in place of Solo I	Pedal
ADJUS	STABLE COMBINATIONS
	tem/Electronic/64 Levels of Memory
Great	1-6 Thumb
Swell Choir	1-6 Thumb
Solo	1-6 Thumb 1-3 Thumb
Pedal	1-6 Thumb and Toe
General	1-6 Thumb and Toe
Tutti I	Thumb and Toe
Tutti II List Up	Thumb and Toe Thumb and Toe
List Op List Down	Thumb and Toe
General Previous	Thumb
General Next	Thumb
	REVERSIBLES
Great to Pedal	Thumb and Toe
Swell to Pedal	Thumb and Toe
Choir to Pedal	Thumb and Toe
Swell to Great Choir to Great	Thumb Thumb
Swell to Choir	Thumb
Violone 32'	Toe
Contra Bourdon 32'	Toe
Ophicleide	Toe

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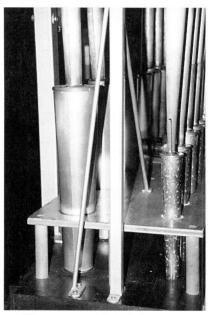
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