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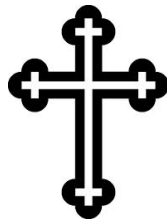
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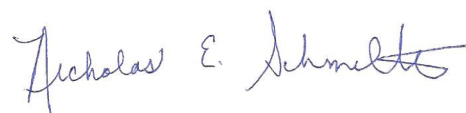
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Minister of Music



ANNOUNCING THE COMPLETION OF
SKINNER ORGAN COMPANY OPUS 751-C, 2013
SCOTT SMITH PIPE ORGANS OPUS 3

First Congregational Church
Saginaw, Michigan



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“Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord!” (Psalm 150)



William A. Johnson built a two-manual pipe organ speaking into the south transept in 1869. The instrument was made up of over 1,500 pipes. It was replaced prior to the 1890s, when the First Congregational Church's organist performed Friday noonday recitals weekly for residents of East Saginaw's Jefferson Avenue district, a major thoroughfare in the city known as the lumber capital of the world.

Ernest M. Skinner of Boston built a new organ for First Congregational Church of Saginaw in 1928-1929. After several alterations and an extensive fundraising campaign it was renovated (2012-2014) by Scott Smith Pipe Organs of Lansing. Artisans from throughout the United States of America employed period-sensitive methods and materials.

The organ's main divisions are located on the building's central axis. The expressive Swell and Choir Organs are placed high above the sanctuary floor in the rear of the organ chamber. The Great and Pedal Organs fill the foremost positions near the grille. The Echo Organ is located in the east gallery. Its casework was designed to blend with existing architecture. The movable console, built entirely new, is located on the sanctuary floor.

Skinner Organ Co., Opus 751-C Scott Smith Pipe Organs, Opus 3

The Pipe Organ

Skinner Organ Co., Opus 751-C

Scott Smith Pipe Organs, Opus 3

GREAT ORGAN

16	Bourdon
16	Dulciana (Ch.)
8	Stentorphone
8	First Diapason
8	Second Diapason
8	Flute Harmonique
8	Gedackt (ext.)
8	Erzähler
4	Octave
4	Flute
2 2/3	Twelfth
2	Fifteenth
	IV Mixture 15.19.22.26
8	Cornopean
8	Tuba (Ch.)
8	Chamade (Ech.)
	Chimes
	Tremolo
	Sub Octave
	Unison Off
	Super Octave

SWELL ORGAN (Enclosed)

8	Diapason
8	Gedeckt
8	Salicional
8	Voix Celeste
4	Octave
4	Flute Triangulaire
2	Piccolo
	IV Mixture 15.17.19.22
16	Waldhorn
8	Trumpet
8	Oboe d'Amour
8	Vox Humana
4	Clarion
	Tremolo
	Sub Octave

CHOIR ORGAN (Enclosed)

16	Dulciana
8	Cello
8	Concert Flute
8	Dulciana (ext.)
8	Unda Maris
4	Flute d'Amore
2 2/3	Nazard
8	Tuba (10")
8	French Horn (10")
8	Corno di Bassetto
	Tremolo
	Sub Octave
	Unison Off
	Super Octave

ECHO ORGAN (Enclosed)

16	Waldhorn (Sw.)
8	Tuba (Ch.)
8	French Horn (Ch.)
8	Stentorphone (Gt.)
8	Cor de Nuit
8	Vox Humana
8	Chamade
	Chimes
	Tremolo
	Sub Octave
	Unison Off
	Super Octave

PEDAL ORGAN

32	Resultant I
32	Resultant II
16	Diapason
16	Bourdon
16	Lieblich (Gt.)
16	Dulciana (Ch.)
10 2/3	Quintbass

Unison Off
Super Octave

8 Octave (ext.)
8 Gedeckt (ext.)
8 Dulciana (Ch.)
5 1/3 Quint (ext.)
4 Super Octave (ext.)
4 Flute (ext.)
4 Dulciana (Ch.)
16 Trombone (10'')
16 Waldhorn (Sw.)
8 Tromba (ext.)
8 Waldhorn (Sw.)
8 Chamade (Ech.)
4 Clarion (Ch.)
4 Waldhorn (Sw.)
Chimes
Super Octave

COUPLERS

Choir to Pedal 8, 4
Great to Pedal 8, 4
Swell to Pedal 8, 4
Echo to Pedal 8, 4
Pedal Divide
Pedal to Great 8
Choir to Great 16, 8, 4
Swell to Great 16, 8, 4
Echo to Great 16, 8, 4
Great to Choir 8
Swell to Choir 16, 8, 4
Echo to Choir 8
Choir to Swell 16, 8, 4
Echo to Swell 8
Great to Choir Transfer

TOE STUDS

General 1-21
Pedal 1-7

PIANO PEDALS (Reversible)

Choir to Great
Swell to Great
Echo to Great
Great to Pedal
Choir to Pedal
Swell to Pedal
Echo to Pedal
Sforzando

PISTONS

General 1-21
Great 1-8, Cancel
Choir 1-8, Cancel
Swell 1-8, Cancel
Echo 1-8, Cancel
Pedal 1-7, Cancel
Couplers 1-4, Cancel
General Cancel
Setter
Sforzando
Great to Pedal
Choir to Pedal
Swell to Pedal
Swell to Choir
Echo to Choir
Choir to Great
Swell to Great
Echo to Great
Choir to Swell
Echo to Swell
Sequencer Up
Sequencer Down
Crescendo A
Crescendo B
All Swells to Master

INDICATOR LIGHTS

Wind (Current)
Sforzando
Great to Choir Transfer
Crescendo
All Swells to Master



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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – Organ Introduction

Tuesday, March 4 (and three consecutive Tuesdays concluding on March 18), 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Organ Recital Tonal Tours, Nicholas Schmelter

Friday, March 7 (and all consecutive Fridays concluding on April 11), 12:15 p.m.

Music for Holy Week and Good Friday, Exultate Deo Chamber Choir

Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.

The Opening Recital of the Dedicatory Festival, Frederick Swann

Friday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

A Service of Dedication

Sunday, May 18, 4:00 p.m.

The Recital of the Minister of Music, Organ Fund Benefit, Nicholas Schmelter

Friday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.

The Recital of the Artist in Residence, Dr. Steven Egler

Friday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.

The Commissioned Music and Poetry

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Psalm 100, Dr. Page Long

Introduction and Passacaglia, Robert Powell

I Will Pour Out My Spirit, Philip Rice

Invocation, Bernard Wayne Sanders

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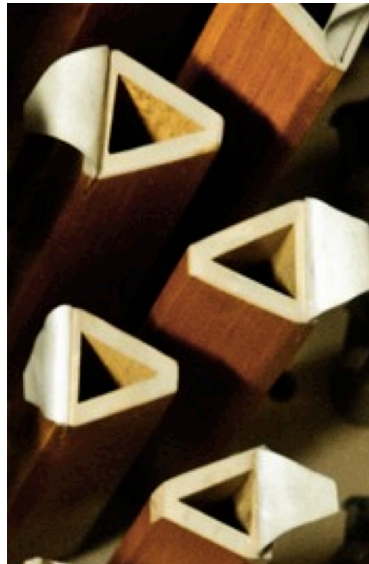
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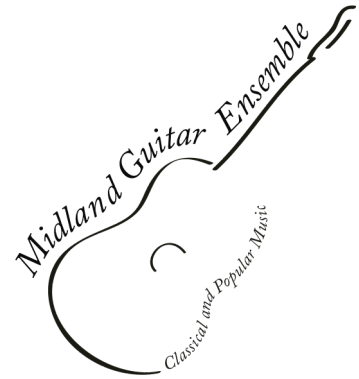
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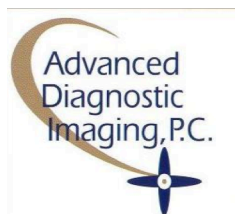
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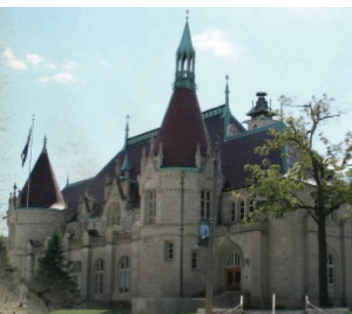
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