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performed on the historic Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1216

#### Seattle First Baptist Church

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# history

### of the Opus 1216 Organ

he Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1216 is one of the last instruments built by G. Donald Harrison, President and Tonal Director of the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company from 1933-1956. He is considered to be among the most respected organ builders in the United States, and his instruments still rank among America's finest. They include the organs at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and Riverside Church in New York; Boston's Church of the Advent, Church of Christ Scientist and Boston Symphony Hall; San Francisco's Grace Cathedral; and the Salt Lake City Mormon Tabernacle.

The 3-manual, 35-rank Opus 1216 was installed in the First Methodist Church, Tacoma, Washington in 1953. Being one of only a few Aeolian-Skinners in the Northwest, it attracted renowned performers such as Marcel Dupre, E. Power Biggs, Virgil Fox, Catharine Crozier and Alexander Schreiner.

The organ remained unaltered tonally throughout its fifty-three year life at First United Methodist, and was removed shortly before the demolition of that church in 2006. It was purchased by the respected Bond Organ Builders of Portland, Oregon. In excellent condition, the instrument required only minimal restoration before it was installed at Seattle First Baptist Church. Upgrades included releathering and the addition of solid-state combination action.

The Opus 1216 fulfills G. Donald Harrison's conception of the "American Classic" organ: an instrument of great versatility, whose warm strings and flute tones, bright mixtures and reeds may be used to play with equal beauty and integrity the music of many styles and eras.

### Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1216 Stoplist

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GREAT 16' 8' 8' 4' 4' 2' III-V	(unenclosed) Quintaton Montre Bourdon Principal Flute Harmonique Fifteenth Fourniture Chimes Great 4'	61 pipes 61 pipes 61 pipes 61 pipes 61 pipes 61 pipes 61 pipes 257 pipes
SWELL 8' 8' 8' 4' 2' 111 16' 8' 4'	(expressive) Viola Pomposa Rohr Gedeckt Viola Celeste Spitzflote Octavin Plein Jeu Fagotto L/2 Trompette Hautbois Tremulant Swell 16' Swell Unison Off Swell 4'	68 pipes 68 pipes 68 pipes 68 pipes 61 pipes 183 pipes 68 pipes 68 pipes 68 pipes
CHOIR 8' 8' 8' 4' 2-2/3' 2' 8'	(expressive) Spitz Gamba Cor de Nuit Kleine Erzahler II Koppelflote Nasat Blockflote English Horn Tremulant Choir 16' Choir Unison Off Choir 4'	68 pipes 68 pipes 124 pipes 68 pipes 61 pipes 61 pipes 68 pipes
16' 16' 16' 8' 8' 4' III 16' 16' 8' 4'	(unexpressive) Contre Basse (wood) Quintaton Rohr Bordun Principal Rohr Gedeckt Choral Bass Mixture Posaune Fagotto Trumpet Clarion  FRS (by tilting tablet)	Great 12 pipes, Swell extension 32 pipes Swell 32 pipes 96 pipes 32 pipes Swell 12 pipes, extension 12 pipes, extension
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Swell to Great 4' Choir to Great 4' Swell to Choir 4' mternationally acclaimed organist **Douglas Cleveland** was raised in Olympia, Washington, a sixth generation Washingtonian. While a high school student he studied with Edward Hansen in Seattle and performed numerous concerts throughout the Pacific Northwest. He continued studies at the Eastman School of Music, Indiana University and Oxford University. While at Indiana he received a Lilly grant to study advanced choral conducting with David Hill at Winchester Cathedral. He also served as assistant organist and choirmaster at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral in Indianapolis from 1991 to 1994. From 1999 to 2004 Mr. Cleveland was Assistant Professor of Organ and Church Music at Northwestern University, where he received the Searle Award for Teaching Excellence. He also served as Organist and Choirmaster at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Evanston. Mr. Cleveland has been a visiting faculty member at St. Olaf College and the University of Washington.

Mr. Cleveland gained international prominence when he won first prize in the 1994 American Guild of Organists' National Young Artist Competition in Dallas. Since then he has performed in 48 of the United States, and in venues such as Westminster Abbey; Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris; Berlin Cathedral; St. Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne, Australia; Stockholm Cathedral and the Cathedral in Lausanne, Switzerland. He has also performed in many of the world's great concert halls including the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, Seattle's Benaroya Hall, Symphony Hall in Chicago, Minato Mirei Concert Hall in Yokohama, Japan and the Milwaukee Symphony Hall. He has performed with several symphony orchestras including the Chicago Symphony, the St. Louis Symphony, the Milwaukee Symphony, the Northwestern University Symphony and the National Symphony for an audience of over 4,000 at the Washington National Cathedral. He has performed frequently with Paul Hillier's "Theater of Voices" vocal ensemble and several noted early music ensembles. Many of his performances have been broadcast on NPR, the BBC and the radio program "The Organ Loft."

Mr. Cleveland has recorded four CDs, which have received critical acclaim in Fanfare Magazine, CD Review, the Association of Anglican Musicians journal, the Living Church, The American Organist, The Diapason and The Organists' Review.

Mr. Cleveland is currently Music Director at Plymouth Congregational Church in Seattle, and maintains a full concert recital and touring schedule.

### Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1216 **Dedication Recital**

### Douglas Cleveland, Organist

21 October 2007, 5:00 p.m.

Carillon-Sortie Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

Concerto in D Minor (after Antonio Vivaldi) J.S. Bach

(1685-1750)

(b. 1961)

Air with Variations (1935) Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Scherzetto, Op. 108 Joseph Jongen Petite Prelude, Op. 109 (1873 - 1935)

Toccata, Op. 104

Allegretto grazioso Frank Bridge (1879 - 1941)

Four Concert Etudes David Briggs Introduction

Etude 1: Octaves H

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III. Etude 2: Accordes Alternées

IV. Etude 3: Sarabande avec double pedale

V. Etude 4: Tierces

Please join us in a reception downstairs in Fellowship Hall where Mr. Cleveland's recordings are available for sale.

## calendar of organ events

Sunday, October 21, 2007

11:00 am

Dedicatory Worship Service

5:00 pm

Dedicatory Recital by Douglas Cleveland

Organist/Choral Director,

Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle, WA

Sunday, November 11, 2007

3:00 pm

Recital by Jeff Orr

Director of Music, Mason United Methodist Church, Tacoma, WA

Friday, January 11, 2008

7:30 pm

Recital by David Briggs (cosponsored by the Seattle Chapter

of the American Guild of Organists)

former Director of Music and Organist Emeritus,

Gloucester Cathedral, England

Sunday, January 13, 2008

11:00 am

Morning Worship

Music Leadership by David Briggs

Sunday, March 30, 2008

3:00 pm

Recital by Leonard Danek

Associate Professor of Music, Northwestern College, St. Paul, MN

Friday, May 16, 2008

7:30 pm

Recital by Fred Swann (cosponsored by the Seattle Chapter

of the American Guild of Organists)

former Organist and Director of Music, Riverside Church, New York, NY; Organist Emeritus, Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, CA

Friday, July 18, 2008

11:00 am

Recital by Douglas Cleveland

for the National Convention of the Organ Historical Society

### choral concerts

Saturday, December 15, 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 16, 1:00 pm

Festive Christmas Concert with the 50-voice Sanctuary Choir,
orchestra, organ and bells featuring Heinrich Schutz' Christmas Oratorio

Friday, March 21, 7:30 pm

Solemn Good Friday service featuring Allergi's masterpiece Miserere

Sunday, June 15, 11:00 am

Music Festival Sunday with the energetic rhythms of Ramirez' Missa Criolla

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