

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church of Cape Elizabeth, Maine invites all to the dedication of its newly installed pipe organ with a pair of recitals by internationally celebrated organists.

The new organ was commissioned in 2020 and, at 25 ranks and 19 stops, is the largest new pipe organ installed in southern Maine since 2004. Its installation this month is the culmination of four years of prayerful study and planning, which also brought structural and acoustic improvements to the nave and chancel.

Our dedication concerts will take place on Friday, June 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 5th, at 2:30 p.m. at the church, 885 Shore Road. A talk at 1:30 p.m. from our organ builder, Jonathan Ortloff, will precede Sunday's concert. Friday's recitalist will be Christopher Jacobson of Duke University. Maine's own international organ star, Katelyn Emerson, will play Sunday's concert.

Christopher is responsible for the organ playing at Duke Chapel and Divinity School worship services. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music where he studied organ with David Higgs, St. Olaf College, and was a treble chorister under James Litton in the American Boychoir. He has played organ recitals throughout North America, Europe, and Australia, and performed the complete organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach and Maurice Duruflé several times across the United States. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and was formerly associate organist and choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, South Carolina, and assistant organist at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. More information is available here: <https://chapel.duke.edu/staff/christopher-jacobson-frco>

Katelyn Emerson is an organist, lecturer, and teacher, internationally renowned for performances throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. Upcoming and past recital venues have taken her all over the world — from Hallgrímskirkja in Reykjavík, Iceland and Krasnoyarsk Philharmonic Hall in Russia, to France, Germany, Belgium, Japan - and even our own Merrill Auditorium! Prizewinner of competitions on three continents, Katelyn garners acclaim from listeners new to classical music and audiences of organ aficionados and colleagues alike. She holds a Bachelor of Music in organ and a Bachelor of Arts in French as well as minors in music history and historical performance (fortepiano) from Oberlin College and Conservatory (Ohio, USA). More information is available here: <https://www.katelynemerson.com/biography>.

The organ was designed and built by the Ortloff Organ Company of Needham, Massachusetts. Jonathan Ortloff is a lifelong musician who holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and the University of Rochester in organ performance and engineering. He apprenticed under organbuilder and pipemaker Stephen Russell for nine years, playing major roles in the design, construction, and installation of over a dozen instruments.

Tickets are \$12 per person for each concert. Children under 12 are free. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.stalbansmaine.org/concerts> or scan this code.



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