



Music at Mid-day

Second and Fourth Fridays, January – June (except in Lent) at 12:30 p.m.

May 2, 2025

Ken Lord and Sarah Simko, organ

Cathédrales (*from Pièces de fantaisie*)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Dr. Lord

Adagio (*from Symphonie III, op. 28*)

Vierne

St. Patrick's Breastplate (*from Sonata Celtica*)

Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924)

Dr. Simko

About the Artists

Kenneth Lord currently serves as an organist for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ann Arbor. Beginning with his first organist appointment for his congregation in Utah at age 16, more than a half century ago, he has in the intervening years played for churches in South Africa, Ohio, New York, Georgia, and California, before moving to Michigan in 2018. He previously studied organ with Nellie DeVroom (Utah) and Joseph Peeples (California) and is now a student of Dr. Sarah Simko. Dr. Lord holds baccalaureate and master's degrees in English and Communication from the University of Utah and a PhD in Marketing from The Ohio State University. He retired last summer as Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University.

Sarah Simko earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance at the University of Michigan where she studied with James Kibbie. She is an Adjunct Faculty Instructor at Madonna University. She completed her Master of Music degree at the University of Michigan and her Bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music.

Dr. Simko is the recipient of a Graduate Award from the Presser Foundation, to be used in creating a comprehensive set of recordings of organ music by living American female composers. The goal of this project is to expand the accessibility of a rich, and overlooked body of repertoire. More information, including purchasing information for this series of three CDs, can be found under the "Living Voices" tab on her website, sarahsimko.com.

Dr. Simko currently serves as the Cathedral's Associate Organist and Communications Coordinator. Previous positions include Choral Accompanist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor; Interim Director of Music at University Presbyterian Church, Rochester Hills; and Senior Organ Scholar at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. She has also served Bethany Presbyterian Church, Greece, New York, as the organ scholar. Ms. Simko has given recitals at such notable venues as Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen, Massachusetts; St. Paul's Cathedral (Anglican), London, Ontario, Canada; Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit; the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal), Detroit; Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor; among others.

Upcoming Music at Mid-day programs

May 23 Jeremy David Tarrant
100th program in this series.
The audience is invited to tea in the Parlor following this performance.

June 13 Rudy DeVos

June 27 Jeremy David Tarrant



Upcoming Concerts

Sunday, May 18, 5:00 p.m.

Spring Choral Concert and Ice Cream Social

Join us for this Spring tradition of an evening of choral music sung by the Cathedral Choir, followed by an Ice Cream Social on the lawn.

Friday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.

Sarah Simko, organist

The Cathedral's Associate Organist presents an evening of music on the grand pipe organ.

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