

'B4 Bach's Birthday' Bash 2010

The Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents an Ecumenical Sequence of **five free organ concerts in Minneapolis**. Celebrate the coming of spring with music by Johann Sebastian Bach, the greatest of all Baroque composers, on the day before his 325th Birthday.

Building on the remarkable success of a similar event last year in Saint Paul, we've moved the action to Minneapolis this year, to showcase the remarkable pipe organs in five different churches (Episcopal, Unitarian, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Lutheran).

The concert again will take place on a Saturday, **March 20, 2010**, thus '*B4 Bach's Birthday' Bash*...he was born on 3/21/1685). Other Twin Cities organizations have caught the Bach spark, too, creating an expanded weekend of activities of additional Bach-related activities scheduled between March 18-22 (see MPR Calendar).

The five Saturday organ concerts are free, and the first of them will be **broadcast live** on the network stations of Classical Minnesota Public Radio (KSJN-99.5 in the Twin Cities).

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9:00AM-10:00AM - Cathedral of Saint Mark (519 Oak Grove Street)
Performers include Raymond Johnston, organist
The St. Mark's Cathedral Choir/Raymond Johnston, dir.
Paul Boehnke, Tami Morse, harpsichords
The Bach Society Chorus/Paul Boehnke, director

10:30AM-11:30AM - First Unitarian Society, Minneapolis (900 Mount Curve Avenue)
Dee Ann Crossley, organist
Helen Garvey Jensen, piano

LUNCH BREAK

1:00PM-2:00PM - Saint Olaf Roman Catholic Church (215 Eighth Street South)
Michael Ferguson and Lawrence Lawyer, organists

2:30PM-3:30PM - Westminster Presbyterian Church Chapel (1200 Marquette Avenue)
Melanie Ohnstad and Andrew Hackett, organists
Karen Wasiluk, flute

4:00PM-5:00PM - Central Lutheran Church (333 12th Street South)
Carolyn Diamond, Roger Ruckert, and Aaron David Miller, organists

Come to one event, or come to them all. Bring your friends and support your colleagues. Bach on the organ doesn't get any better than this!

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