

Before Bach's Birthday Bash
March 19, 2022 – Hour 4, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Saint Paul, Minnesota

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church

797 Summit Avenue

[1979 Fisk](#), mechanical key and stop action (4 manuals, 63 stops, 97 ranks)

Also, Bösendorfer Imperial grand piano

BACH: Prelude and Fugue in f, BWV 534

BACH: Chorale prelude, *Wir glauben all*, BWV 740 (played between prelude and fugue)

—Ju Young Lee, organ

BACH: Three Settings of *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*

Bicinium setting, BWV 711

Trio super, BWV 664

Full four-part setting, BWV 715

—Mark Overman, organ

BACH: *O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde gross*, BWV 622

—Wolfgang Rübsam, organ

REGER: Toccata and Fugue in d, Op. 129, nos. 1/2

—Stephen Self, organ

Biographies

Ju Young Lee is an organist, pianist, and conductor from South Korea who earned her B.A. in organ performance and church music under Dr. Myung-Ja Cho and an M.M. in choral conducting under Dr. JW Park at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. She has been involved with many choirs as a conductor, music director, accompanist, and singer in South Korea and the U.S. As a lecturer, she taught at the Gangreung-Wonju National University, Korea Open University, and Kwangshin University in South Korea. She was a visiting scholar in the choral activities of the music department at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls. Currently, Ju Young Lee is in the third year of studies toward the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance at the University of Minnesota, studying with University Organist Dean Billmeyer. She is interim organist at the Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina.

Mark Overman earned his Bachelor's degree at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, a student of Garth Peacock, and continued his studies for a M.M. and D.M.A. at the University of Michigan as a student of Robert Clark. He was one of a group of former students to assist Professor Clark recording the historic Hildebrandt instrument in Naumburg, Germany, which occasion afforded the opportunity to hear and play other historic organs in the region. In the Twin Cities, Mark has subbed at several area churches and performed on some group recitals.

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Wolfgang RübSam, internationally known for his many recordings and his work as a pedagogue in organ performance studies, moved to the Twin Cities area in 2019 and was appointed organist at Saint Louis King of France Church, Saint Paul, in June 2020. At present he is Visiting Professor of Organ at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Stephen Self is Director of Traditional Music at Wayzata Community Church where he plays the seventy-rank Hendrickson pipe organ. He holds doctoral degrees in musicology and organ performance and is a member of the Minnesota Bar. In addition to his activities as an organist, Stephen also plays solo and collaborative piano recitals. He has worked with members of the Minnesota Orchestra and Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, and he is a member of various chamber ensembles.

Before Bach's Birthday Bash
March 19, 2022 – Hour 5, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
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Also, Bösendorfer Imperial grand piano

REGER: Fantasy on B-A-C-H, Op. 45

—Aaron David Miller, organ

BACH: *Goldberg* Variations, BWV 988

—M. Maxwell Howard

Biographies

M. Maxwell Howard is a student at the University of Minnesota pursuing a D.M.A. in piano and an M.A. in Music Theory. He received the B.M. in Music Performance and the B.M. in Musical Studies from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam and the M.M. in Piano from the New England Conservatory in Boston.

Aaron David Miller is an organ improviser and composer having won numerous international awards and given concerts across the country. Dr. Miller was recently the winner of the 2021 Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee Annual Composition Competition. He was also recipient of the 2019 Weiger Lepke-Sims Family Sacred Music Award offer by the The American Harp Society. Aaron is currently Music Director at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church in Saint Paul, Minnesota.