



Music at Trinity's Helen Peel Memorial Organ Concert  
Features Alcee Chriss III January 22 at 4:00 p.m.

(January 5, 2023) Music at Trinity's 2022-2023 Concert Series continues with the Helen Peel Memorial Organ Concert Sunday, January 22, at 4 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral. This year's recitalist is Alcee Chriss III, winner of the Canadian Organ competition in 2017 and Silver Medalist in the Longwood Gardens International Competition in 2016. Dr. Chriss brings an exuberance to his organ playing that has electrified audiences worldwide; this will be one concert not to be missed and is free of charge!

The concert program for the afternoon includes Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 by Johann Sebastian Bach, Symphony in D Minor, M. 48: II. Allegretto by César Franck (*arranged by Calvin Hampton/Alcee Chriss*), In Quiet Mood by Florence Price, Somewhere Over the Rainbow by Harold Arlen, Symphonie-Passion op. 23 by Marcel Dupré, Symphonic Dances, Op. 45: I. Non-Allegro by Sergei Rachmaninoff (*Transcribed for organ by Alcee Chriss III*), O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß Es, BWV by Johann Sebastian Bach, and Fantasy and Fugue on B-A-C-H, by Max Reger.

### About Alcee Chriss III

A featured star in the PBS documentary *Pipe Dreams* (2019), Alcee Chriss III is an organist and keyboardist from Fort Worth, TX. Dr. Chriss has been celebrated for his "grace, skill and abundant proficiency" by the *Journal Assist News*, Albuquerque. Of his most recent solo recording at Montreal Symphony Hall, *Art et Rhapsodie* (2019), the American Record Guide wrote that "he plays with clarity, imagination, musicality, virtuosity, and yes, personality."

Dr. Chriss has performed throughout North America and Europe. Recent and upcoming performances include the International Orgelsommer (Stuttgart, Germany), Stockholm City Hall (Sweden), and as soloist with the Montreal Symphony in a performance of Copland's *Symphony for Organ and Orchestra*.

In October 2019, he was awarded his Doctorate of Music degree from McGill University, where he studied with Hans-Ola Ericsson. He is currently University Organist and Assistant Professor of Music at Wesleyan University.

Dr. Chriss is active as a church musician, guest lecturer, and remains engaged with his lifelong love of gospel and jazz music. He serves associate organist at Trinity Wall Street. He also serves on the editorial board of *Vox Humana* magazine.

For more information, please visit the Music at Trinity website: [trinitymusicaz.org](http://trinitymusicaz.org). For concert series images please visit:

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Trinity Cathedral is easily reached by Valley Metro light rail and is located on the corner of Central Avenue and Roosevelt in downtown Phoenix. Parking is available in the garage just north of the Cathedral and on surrounding streets. Phone number for the Cathedral is (602) 254-7126.

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