



The 2024–2025 ORGAN RECITAL SERIES
ROBERT PARKINS, director

ALCEE CHRISS III

Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in Duke University Chapel
THE KATHLEEN UPTON BURNS McCLENDON ORGAN (AEOLIAN 1932)

PROGRAM

Concerto in D Minor, BWV 596 (after Vivaldi)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
(1685–1750)

Entrée de Polymnie (from *Les Boréades*)

JEAN-PHILIPPE RAMEAU
(1683–1764)

Sonata No. 1, Op. 80

EDWARD ELGAR
(1857–1934)

I. Allegro maestoso

There Is a Happy Land

arr. GEORGE SHEARING
(1919–2011)

Scherzo

GASTON LITAIZE
(1909–1991)

Symphonic Dances, Op. 45

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF
(1873–1943)
trans. ALCEE CHRIS III

I. Non Allegro

In Quiet Mood

FLORENCE PRICE
(1887–1953)

Symphonie-Passion, Op. 23

MARCEL DUPRÉ
(1886–1971)

I. The World Awaiting the Savior

Improvisation on a submitted theme

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

A featured star in the PBS documentary *Pipe Dreams* (2019), Alcee Chriss III is an organist and keyboardist from Fort Worth, TX. Dr. Chriss is the winner of the 2017 Canadian International Organ Competition and the Firmin Swinnen Silver Medal at the 2016 Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition. He has been celebrated for his “grace, skill and abundant proficiency” by the *Journal Assist News* (Albuquerque, NM). Of his most recent solo recording at Montreal Symphony Hall, *Art et Rhapsodie* (2019), the *American Record Guide* reported that “he plays with clarity, imagination, musicality, virtuosity, and yes, personality.”



Dr. Chriss has performed throughout North America and Europe. Recent and upcoming venues include the International Organ Summer in Stuttgart (Germany), Stockholm City Hall (Sweden), and the Montreal Symphony in a performance of Copland’s *Symphony for Organ and Orchestra*. Other engagements include Princeton University Chapel, Spreckels Organ Pavilion, and the International Organ Summer in Karlsruhe (Germany). In July 2022, he was a featured performer at the national convention of the American Guild of Organists, held in Seattle, WA.

In July 2019, Dr. Chriss was appointed University Organist and Artist-in-Residence at Wesleyan University, where he teaches courses in organ and keyboard skills. In October 2019, he was

awarded the Doctor of Music degree from McGill University, where he studied with Hans-Ola Ericsson. He previously studied at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, where he received his master’s degree in historical keyboard studies and a bachelor’s degree in organ performance, studying with Olivier Latty, Marie-Louise Langlais, and James David Christie.

Dr. Chriss is active as a church musician and guest lecturer, and he remains engaged with his lifelong love of gospel and jazz music. He is currently Assistant Organist at Trinity Church Wall Street, New York City, and serves on the editorial board of *Vox Humana* magazine. Alcee Chriss III performs under the exclusive management of Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc. (www.concertorganists.com).

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Stefan Engels
November 10

James Kibbie
February 16

Robert Parkins
April 6

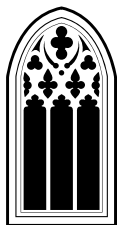
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Duke University Chapel

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| Sun Oct 13
4:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong
<i>Evensong Singers</i> | Fri Dec 6
7:30 p.m. | Handel's <i>Messiah</i>
<i>Chapel Choir</i> | |
| Sun Oct 20
5:00 p.m. | Bach Cantata Series
"Leipzig I: Reformation Music" | Sat Dec 7
3:00 p.m. | Handel's <i>Messiah</i>
<i>Chapel Choir</i> | |
| Sun Oct 27
4:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong
<i>Evensong Singers</i> | Sun Dec 8
4:00 p.m. | Handel's <i>Messiah</i>
<i>Chapel Choir</i> | |
| Thu Oct 31
10:30 p.m. | All Hallows' Eve Service
<i>Schola Cantorum</i> | Thu Dec 12
7:00 p.m. | Advent Lessons & Carols
<i>Evensong Singers</i> | |
| Sun Nov 3
4:00 p.m. | All Saints' Eucharist
<i>Evensong Singers</i> | Sun Dec 15
4:00 p.m. | Advent Choral Evensong
<i>Evensong Singers</i> | |
| Thu Nov 7
7:30 p.m. | Duke Arts Presents
<i>Tenebrae</i> | Wed Dec 18
12-noon
to 2:00 p.m. | Christmas Open House
<i>Duke Chapel Musicians</i>
& <i>Guest Artists</i> | |
| Sun Nov 10
5:00 p.m. | Organ Recital Series
<i>Stefan Engels</i> | Tue Dec 24
2:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m. | CHRISTMAS EVE
Children's Service
Christmas Eve Service
<i>Durham Children's Choir</i>
Christmas Eve Communion
Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols
<i>Schola Cantorum</i> | |
| Thu Nov 14
7:30 p.m. | Jazz Vespers
<i>The John Brown Little Big Band</i> | | | |
| Sun Nov 24
4:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong
<i>Evensong Singers</i> | | | |



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