John Scott, Director of Music and Organist at St. Thomas Church in New York City since 2004, was long associated with St. Paul’s Cathedral in London. Recognized as one of the most gifted concert organists in the world today, he has many award-winning recordings to his credit. Although particularly known for his performances of the Romantic and 20th-century repertoire, he recently presented the complete organ works of Buxtehude in a series of weekly recitals to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the composer’s death.

Jonathan Dimmock’s playing has been acclaimed for its “musicanship, taste, and unostentatious virtuosity.” He has toured widely over five continents and has recorded over 25 CDs. Dimmock has held musical posts at Westminster Abbey in London, the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City, and St. Mark’s Cathedral in Minneapolis. He is currently the Organist and Director of Music Ministries at St. Ignatius Church, San Francisco, as well as Organist to the San Francisco Symphony.

David Arcus, Associate University Organist, Chapel Organist, and Divinity School Organist at Duke, has performed throughout the United States, in Europe, and in Great Britain, and he has recorded for Gothic Records. He has also won national awards in improvisation and composition; several of his pieces are published by Concordia, Hinshaw, and Wayne Leupold Editions. More recently, Dr. Arcus has appeared as recitalist and clinician at national and regional conventions of the AGO. His program this season will be a tribute to Dieterich Buxtehude, who died 300 years ago.

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CD recordings by Robert Parkins and David Arcus featuring the Flentrop, Brombaugh, and Aeolian organs are available in the Gothic Bookshop (Bryan Center).

Organ Music of Frescobaldi (Calcante, 2003)

Iberian and South German Organ Music (Calcante, 2001)

German Romantic Organ Music (Gothic, 1998)

Organs of Duke Chapel (Gothic, 1997)

Brahms: Complete Organ Works (Naxos, 1994)

Early Iberian Organ Music (Naxos, 1993)