

# Columbia Organist



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## Robert Ridgell Recital and Workshop

### Recital

Friday Sept 14 -7:30

### Workshop on Improvisation

Saturday Sept 15 - 10am-12

Centennial ARP Church

[1413 Laurel St, Columbia SC 29201](#)

Robert P. Ridgell is the Assistant Organist and Founding Director of the Trinity Choristers at historic Trinity Church, Wall Street in New York City. Prior to his appointment in Lower Manhattan, Ridgell was Director of Music of the Cathedral Church of the Saviour in Philadelphia and from 1997-2001 was Associate Director of Music at the Cathedral of the Madeleine, Salt Lake City, where he lead the Eccles Organ Festival and was choral/music theory professor of the Madeleine Choir School, the only co-educational full-time Roman Catholic choir school in the United States.



Ridgell has performed throughout the U.S., Europe and South Korea and is an active clinician, teacher, and improvisateur. In 2004, he was a finalist of the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation. He has performed at various sacred music conferences including the 2005 National Association of Pastoral Musicians and the Royal School of Church Music Carolina's

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### 2007-2008

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Robert Ridgell Organ Concert;  
Centennial Associate Reformed  
Presbyterian Church

Saturday, September 15, 10:00 am  
Robert Ridgell Workshop-  
Improvisation; Centennial Associate  
Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 21, 6:00 pm  
Phantom of the Opera. 1925 classic  
silent film with theater organ music  
provided by Brian Bogdanowitz;  
Asbury Memorial United Methodist  
Church

Sunday, November 4, 4:00 pm  
Fisher Endowment Organ Recital;  
Lutheran Theological Southern  
Seminary

Tuesday, November 13, 11:30 am  
Luncheon meeting & Open Console;  
Brookland Baptist Church

December TBA  
Christmas Party Home of Mark  
Husey

Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 pm  
Organ Music by Women Composers—  
Susan Hegberg; Union United  
Methodist Church

Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 pm  
Student Recital; Shandon United  
Methodist Church

Monday, April 7, 7:30 pm  
Handbell Workshop; Jeffers Handbell

Saturday, May 3 TBA  
Paul Spicer; Trinity Episcopal  
Cathedral

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Course and Organ Institute. In 2006, Mr. Ridgell was a featured organist with the Trinity Choir at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Chicago. Recently, Mr. Ridgell has performed for the Opening Eucharist of the 2006 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, the 2007 Tribeca Film Festival and for the 6th Anniversary of 9-11 in a Service of Remembrance with President Bush. In October, he will appear with four European organists in "Improvialooza," a five-day celebration of improvisation at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, New York City.

In great demand as a conductor and builder of youth choir programs, Mr. Ridgell has prepared choristers for performances for the San Francisco Opera, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the Royal School of Church Music in America, the Utah Symphony as well as several celebrity events

including Robert Redford's Holiday Party, the 2002 Winter Olympics, EMI recording artist Ricky Fante, and Jake Heggie's opera *Dead Man Walking* with Frederica von Stade. Ridgell has built several existing choral programs for youth including that of the Alumnae Cantores, a component of the Princeton Girlchoir and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's 2007 Bicentennial Festival Choir and Orchestra.

A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Ridgell was a chorister of Christ Church (Episcopal) and studied piano with Delorus Heyd and Dzidra Reimanis. He received his bachelor degree in Organ Performance from Indiana University School of Music, Bloomington and his Master's Degree in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College, Princeton. His organ teachers include David M. Lowry, Marilyn Keiser, and Stefan Engels. Robert Ridgell and his wife, Soo-Jin Ridgell, live in New Jersey.

## Volunteers Needed for Workshop

Mr Ridgell would like two people willing to work with him in the workshop. Persons who are expected to improvise, such as during communion, or who often have to "fill in the gaps" when the bride's mother is late, the clergy procession isn't in sight, the ushers aren't through taking up the offerings, etc., might benefit well. Also anyone who finds it useful to improvise preludes or postludes. Please e-mail David Lowry, [DavidL1205@aol.com](mailto:DavidL1205@aol.com), with your willingness. He will notify all with a "plan."

HELLO, MY NAME IS



To help everyone put a name with a face; we will be taking photographs of our members at the first few meetings to add to our directory {a pictorial directory of sorts}. Please try to attend one of the first meetings so your picture can be added.

*If you have not paid your dues for 2007-2008, please do so as soon as possible. There is a dues form link on the web site at [www.agocolumbia.org/renewalform.pdf](http://www.agocolumbia.org/renewalform.pdf)*

## Member News

### OUR CONDOLENCES TO SALLY CHERRINGTON-BEGGS

James Cherrington, Sally's father, passed away in August. Our hearts go out to Sally and her family.

Sally expressed her regret at being unable to play for our convocation in August.



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In concert

## François Olivier

at

**St. Francis By The Sea Catholic Church**  
45 Beach City Road  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

**September 7, 2007**

**Friday at 7:30 pm**



**François Olivier** has been the resident choir organist at Saint-Eustache church in Paris since 2004.

When he was a Little Singer at the Maîtrise in Antony, near Paris, he studied organ with Odile Bailleux. He then studied with Louis Robilliard at the Lyon CNR (winning First Prize and the Prix de Perfectionnement-Improvement Prize) and also with Pierre Pincemaille for improvisation on the organ at the Saint-Maur CNR (again winning First Prize).

Francois has taken part in a number of international organ competitions, and in particular won the Audience Prize in the French classical music performance competition at Bordeaux in 2000.

He performs as an accompanist, soloist and in various orchestral ensembles. He has also participated in numerous festivals both in France and abroad.

In addition, François OLIVIER was awarded a Master of Musicology degree by the University of Paris-Sorbonne in 2004.

# Birthdays

## August

William L Scobee 08/04  
Norman A McCorkle 08/06  
Hubert W Tucker 08/08  
Mary Beth L McSwain 08/18  
Mark Dickens 08/18  
Mark Husey 08/19  
Monica Yates 08/29  
Alice S Philp 08/30

## September

Sara Beardsley 09/23  
Robert Neese 09/25  
Susan Sturkie 09/26

If you don't see your birthday listed, contact Susan Sturkie.



# Organist Needed



## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com)) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

### **BISHOPVILLE**

***Bishopville Presbyterian Church***, Organist, 150 members. 1919 Pilcher restored in 1998. Contact Leon E. Hunt at [leon.hunt@caresouth-carolina.com](mailto:leon.hunt@caresouth-carolina.com) or email resume to [bvlpcusa@ftc-i.net](mailto:bvlpcusa@ftc-i.net) or mail to P.O. Box 66, Bishopville, SC 29010.

***First Baptist Church***, P.O. Box 144, Bishopville, SC 29010. Part-time Accompanist (piano and/or organ) and Part-time Music Director (one choir). Send resume ATTN: Personnel Committee at the church address. For more information, contact Beth Hedegor, Ministry Assistant at 803-484-5430 (8-1, Mon.-Thur.)

### **CAYCE**

***Transfiguration Lutheran Church***, 1301 Twelfth St, PO Box 2461, Cayce, SC 29171 seeks the services of an Organist / Choir Director. Part-time position. One Sunday service (10:00 AM) with other special services throughout the year (Lent, Advent, etc). To direct Adult Choir, Handbell Choir (3 octaves), and Children's Choir. Benefits available as part of salary package. Contact Rev. Alex Twedt at 803-794-3312 or send resume to the above address or email to [transfiguration1@bellsouth.net](mailto:transfiguration1@bellsouth.net)

### **COLUMBIA**

***Ascension Lutheran Church***, 827 Wildwood Ave., 29203. Organist or Organist/Choir Director. Contact Donna Clark, 799-3908 (H), 213-7170 (W), [DCClark@coloniallife.com](mailto:DCClark@coloniallife.com).

***Crescent Hill Baptist Church***, 2659 Two Notch Rd., 29204. Organist & Pianist (2 people). Services Sun. a.m. & p.m. 1 Choir Practice. Contact Rev. Ron Bryan at 254-5549 or e-mail resume to [admin@crescenthillbaptist.com](mailto:admin@crescenthillbaptist.com).

***Epworth Memorial United Methodist Church***, the church that serves **Epworth Children's Home** in Columbia SC seeks to hire a part-time Music Director. The person who fills this position will provide music for Sunday morning services (piano and keyboard) and occasional special services. He or she will also direct or supervise children and youth choirs that will perform in church at least once a month. Being familiar with Media Shout and comfortable with sound systems would be a plus. Candidates must be energetic, flexible and comfortable with various worship styles, to include traditional, contemporary Christian, and African-American gospel. Most of all, we are seeking someone who feels called by God to work with children and youth and displays a mature Christian faith. Please send your resume' to Rev. Megan Gray at PO Box 50466 Columbia, SC 29250 or email to [mgray@epworthsc.org](mailto:mgray@epworthsc.org) Phone: 803-256-7394.



## **HARTSVILLE**

**St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church**, Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 Organist position. Cassavant Organ. The church is located directly across from the Elizabeth Boatwright Performing Arts Center on the Coker College campus. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. There are other special services occasionally throughout the church year such as choral evensong and Holy Week. The church has a part-time choir director who can also substitute at the organ when needed. If interested, please contact Father Michael Ridgill at 843-332-8765 or Candace Holcombe, choir director, at 843-383-2846 (home) or 843-857-3801 (office). Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

## **IRMO**

**The Episcopal Church of St. Simon and St. Jude** is looking for an organist to share a full year, part-time organist position. Sunday morning, 10 a.m. worship services and choir rehearsals on Wednesday nights, Special services; the organist accompanies only the adult choir. Interested persons should contact Sandra Teel at 777-4401 (daytime), 781-7546 (evenings) or by e-mail at sjteel@sc.rr.com. (Contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com or 788-6807 for complete job description.)

## **ISLE OF PALMS**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**, Parish Musician. One Sunday service, plus Lent, Advent, Christmas, and Blessing of the Animals. Direction of choir, assistant with building music program. Please send letter and resume to Pr. Mefferd, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, PO Box 81, Isle of Palms, SC 29451. 843-886-8557 or 843-696-8612. [stmarkslop@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarkslop@bellsouth.net)

## **LUGOFF**

**St. John's United Methodist Church**, Organist. 2 Sunday morning services. Apply in writing to St. John's UMC, att: Mrs. Lea Ann O'Quinn, P.O. Box 218, Lugoff, SC 29078 or call the church office at 438-1335.

## **ORANGEBURG**

**The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer**, Orangeburg, SC seeking the services of an Organist/Choir Director. Part-time position. To direct Adult & Children's choirs and to play organ for Sunday service. Competitive salary. To start as soon as January 2007. Call: (803) 534-3794 The Rev. Dr. Frank E. Larisey.

## **SENECA**

**Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church**, <http://www.eternalshepherd.org/> Choir accompanist. Contact Lars Helland, email: larsh@alltel.net cell: 706-244-4544 Home: 706-356-2690 or Rick Schmidt at 864-886-9306.

## **SPARTANBURG**

**St. John Lutheran Church** has an opening for a part time contemporary worship leader with experience blending keyboard, guitar, bass, violin and flute. The congregation is also looking for a part time director of youth & children's ministry, with a degree or experience.

These two positions may be combined into one full time position. Please send resume to St. John Lutheran Church, 415 S. Pine St., Spartanburg, SC 29302.

## **ST. MATTHEWS**

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**, 202 East Bridge St., St. Matthews, S. C. 29135. Organist, Moeller Pipe Organ, Sun. 11:00 Service, Wed. Practice 7:00 – 8:30. Contact Julia Helen Garris at (803) 874-3511 or mgarris@sc.rr.com.

**OCEAN ISLE BEACH, NC**

**St. Luke Lutheran Church**, Part time position includes one weekly worship service, weekly voice and handbell choir rehearsals, seasonal/special worship services. Salary based on experience. We are a growing congregation in beautiful coastal North Carolina. Fax resume to 910-579-0017, e-mail to stlukeelca@atmc.net or call 910-579-0107.

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