

LONDON CENTRE
CANADIAN COLLEGE OF ORGANISTS

presents

MARILYN MASON

METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

Monday, March 9th, 1959 at 8.30 p.m.

CONCERTO V IN F MAJOR - - - George Frederic Handel
1685-1759

Larghetto
Allegro
Alla siciliana
Presto

On April 14 it will be the 200th anniversary of Handel's death. On the occasion of this bicentennial, it is fitting that we hear one of the many works for which he was famous in his day. Handel composed the Concertos for organ and orchestra to be used as interludes in his oratorios, and he performed them with great popular success.

THE MUSICAL CLOCKS - - - Franz Josef Haydn
1732-1809

Minuet
March
Andantino
Minuet (Allegretto)
Minuet (Presto)
Vivace

These charming pieces were written in 1792 by Haydn for a famous clock in Vienna. They were played automatically on a small flute organ, operated by the clock mechanism.

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN D MAJOR - Johann Sebastian Bach
1685-1750

The Prelude is in French overture design. A strong majestic opening is followed by a flowing middle section. It closes in the dramatic mood of the beginning. The Fugue is like a brilliant scherzo. The theme is tossed from key to key, building to an exciting climax, with a final statement of the theme sounding in the pedal.

INTERMISSION

PASTORALE (1909) - - - Jean Roger-Ducasse

"The Pastorale for organ, written in 1909, is dedicated to Mlle. Nadia Boulanger and was given the first performance April 20, 1910 by Alexander Guilmant. It is a work of charming and graceful construction, and the reflective mood which pervades throughout captivates irresistibly . . . The sonorities attained through the registration, the various canons (in two, three, and four parts distributed among the manuals in different rhythms), and the organistic writing all are exquisite. The end with its attenuated feeling is of exceeding beauty. One regrets this charming pastorale is almost inaccessible because of its difficulty of execution, the intricate writing, and the registrational demands to which many instruments cannot do justice."—Roger-Ducasse, *Le Musicien-L'Oeuvre* by Laurent Cellier (trans. by Ruth Hok).

*MINIATURE (1958) - - - Jean Langlais

A vivacious and charming piece for flute stops. This work was commissioned by Marilyn Mason and is dedicated to her.

*SUITE FOR ORGAN (1957) - - - Paul Creston

Prelude
Prayer
Toccata

The prelude is like an opening fanfare. The Prayer is built on plain-chant theme. The Toccata is like a tarantelle, and is a brilliant work of battering triplets. This Suite was commissioned by Marilyn Mason and is dedicated to her.

*First performance in London, Ontario

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MARILYN MASON is a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan, and has taught at Columbia University during the summer months. She has been heard widely in the U.S., Canada and Europe. She was the first woman to play at Westminster Abbey, at the International Congress of Organists in 1957.

She has a special interest in contemporary works and has commissioned many composers to write organ music. Two of the compositions on this program are available on Aeolian-Skinner label "King of Instruments," Vol. VII.

Dr. Mason also has recorded for Estoteric and Mirrosonic.

Visiting members of the C.C.O. are invited to an informal reception following the Recital.