

MARILYN MASON, organist

First Congregational Church

Sunday, October 18, 1959

4:00 P. M.

PROGRAM

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

Larghetto Allegro Alla siciliana Presto

Handel composed the Concertos for Organ and Orchestra to be used as inter-ludes in his oratorios, and he performed them with great popular success.

THE MUSICAL CLOCKS *Franz Josef Haydn*
1732-1809

Minuet Minuet (Allegretto)
March Minuet (Presto)
Andantino 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 are all 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

MINIATURE (1958) *Jean Langlais*

(First performance in Madison)

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

SUITE FOR ORGAN (1957) *Paul Creston*

(First performance in Madison)

Prelude Prayer Toccata

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

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 United States, Canada and Europe. She was the first American 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 recorded on Aeolian-Skinner label "King of Instruments" Vol. VII. The Creston Suite is available on Mirrosonic label.

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