

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CANTON, OHIO

presents

MARILYN MASON

Organist

Tuesday, February 2, 1960 — 8:30 p. m.

P R O G R A M

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 interludes in his oratorios, and he performed them with great popular success.

THE MUSICAL CLOCKS *Franz Joseph 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 the 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 irresistably . . . 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 pastorage 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*

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*

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.

(*) First performance in Canton, Ohio.

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Miss Mason appears through arrangement with The Colbert-Laberge Concert Management, 105 West 55th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

About The Artist . . .

MARILYN MASON is a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan, and has taught at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary 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.