



The Birmingham Chapter  
of  
The American Guild of Organists  
The Birmingham Music Teachers Association  
and  
The Birmingham Conservatory of Music

Present

MARILYN MASON  
Organist

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, February 17, 1962  
8:00 P. M.

PROGRAM

CONCERTO IN F MAJOR, Op. 4, No. 5.....*George Frederic Handel*  
(1685-1759)

Larghetto  
Allegro  
Alla siciliano  
Presto

\*MINIATURE (1958).....*Jean Langlais*

The composer is organist at Ste. Clotilde in Paris. This work was commissioned by Marilyn Mason and is dedicated to her. It was one of the pieces required for the American Guild of Organists Examination for 1960.

EPILOGUE, for pedal solo.....*Jean Langlais*

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN D MAJOR.....*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

INTERMISSION

PASTORALE (1909).....*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 sonority 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

TWO PRELUDES.....*Searle Wright*

Greensleeves (1950)

Brother James' Air (1951)

Searle Wright, a contemporary American composer, is organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University, and is on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary. "Greensleeves" is an old English melody popular now as a Christmas carol "What Child is This?" "Brother James' Air" is a tune by James L. M. Bain, a Scottish clergyman. It is usually associated with the words of the 23rd Psalm.

\*SUITE FOR ORGAN (1957).....*Paul Creston*

Prelude  
Prayer  
Toccata

The Prelude is like an opening fanfare. The Prayer is similar to a plainchant theme. The Toccata is like a tarantella, written on a brilliant triplet figure. This Suite was commissioned by Marilyn Mason and is dedicated to her.

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MARILYN MASON

Marilyn Mason is Chairman of the Department of Organ of the University of Michigan. She has been guest Professor at Columbia University, and also at Union Theological Seminary where she received the Doctorate of Sacred Music degree in 1954. She has been heard in recitals throughout North America and Europe. Dr. Mason was the first American woman to play at Westminster Abbey, when she represented the United States at the International Congress of Organists in 1957. Last summer she played four concerts at the *Auditorio Nacional in Mexico City*, being the first woman organist to play in Latin America. She has a special interest in contemporary music, and has commissioned many composers to write for the organ.

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