

# DAVID HIGGS AND ANNE LAVER

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021 7:30 P.M.

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### **PROGRAM**

#### Welcome by James Kealey

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Fantasy in G minor

Johann Gottfried Müthel (1728-1788)

David Higgs on the Craighead-Saunders organ

Prelude and Fugue on "O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid"

Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

Variations on "O filii et filiae"

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Anne Laver on the Hook & Hastings organ

In Quiet Mood

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Pastorale

David Conte (b. 1955)

David Higgs on the Hook & Hastings organ

Nun ruhen alle Wälder

Jacques van Oortmerssen (1950-2015)

Anne Laver on the Craighead-Saunders organ

Home, Sweet Home

Dudley Buck (1839-1909)

David Higgs on the Hook & Hastings organ

Partita sopra "Nun freut euch"

Lionel Rogg (b. 1936)

I. Choral

II. Bicinium

III. Canon

IV. Presto

V. Recit

VI. Passacaglia

VII. Toccata

Anne Laver on the Craighead-Saunders organ

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#### **ABOUT THE ARTISTS**

David Higgs is Professor of Organ and Chair of the Organ, Sacred Music, and Historical Keyboards Department at the Eastman School of Music. One of America's leading concert organists, he performs extensively throughout the United States and abroad, and has inaugurated many important new instruments including St. Stephan's Cathedral, Vienna; the Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas; St. Albans Cathedral, England; St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, Ireland; and the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York City. He performs, teaches, and adjudicates at festivals and competitions throughout the world, including the International Organ Festivals and Competitions of Bremen, Germany; the Leipzig Bach Competition, Germany; the Gottfried Silbermann Competition in Freiberg, Germany; Calgary, Canada; Dublin, Ireland; Odense, Denmark; Varzi, Italy; Redlands and San Anselmo, California; and the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival. For over twenty years he performed annual holiday organ concerts at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco and at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. Mr. Higgs has recorded for Delos International, Pro Organo, Arsis, Loft, and Gothic records.

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Anne Laver is Assistant Professor of Organ and University Organist at Syracuse University's Setnor School of Music and is Visiting Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music, 2020-2021. She performs frequently in the United States and Europe and has been a featured recitalist and clinician at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, the Society for Seventeenth Century Music, the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative Festival, the Westfield Center for Historical Keyboard Studies, and the Göteborg International Organ Academy in Goteborg, Sweden. In 2010, she was awarded second prize in the prestigious American Guild of Organists' National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP). Anne's performances have been aired on radio programs including The Organ Loft on the Pacific Northwest's Classic KING FM, American Public Media's Pipedreams, WXXI Public Broadcasting's With Heart and Voice, and Nebraska Public Radio's Nebraska Concerts series. She released her debut recording Reflections of Light on the Loft label in March 2019.

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