

Music Box

— NOVEMBER 6, 2011 —

Kevin Jordan, trumpet
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

Andante and Allegro (1962).....Robert Clérisse (1899-1973)
Prayer and Praise (2004).....Eric Ewazen (b. 1954)

Air (1992)..... Phil Snedecor

Adagio..... Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671-1750)

Allegro Albinoni

A warm welcome to Kevin Jordan, whose lovely daughter, Andrea, sang for us last week. This Sunday he offers us two new (to us) works by living composers.

Eric Ewazen received his B.M. At the Eastman School of Music, and M.M. and D.M.A. degrees from The Juilliard School. He is a recipient of numerous composition awards, prizes and commissions. He has been lecturer for the New York Philharmonic's Musical Encounters Series and is a faculty member at Juilliard since 1980.

“Music has often served as a way to provide comfort or reflection during complex or confusing times. In the light of world events during the early part of the new millennium, I wanted to write a piece which is both peaceful (the prayerful part of the work with lyrical trumpet lines supported by a resonant piano accompaniment) and uplifting (the praise part of the work with its rousing rhythms and joyful, lively gestures.) A final return to the opening pastoral material brings the piece to a quiet and serene conclusion.” If serenity is not your idiom, please don't bop around, but remain seated and calm until the piece comes to a complete stop, and the captain has turned off the... No, wait. I jumped a groove.

Phil Snedecor, the arranger for the Washington Symphonic Brass, is also the co-founder, manager, and trumpet player for this professional ensemble. Phil attended the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. In 2007, Marin Alsop appointed Mr. Snedecor to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra trumpet section.



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Monday morning, October 31, 2011

Dear members and friends,

One of the things I did for many years was teach the confirmation class in the churches where I was the pastor. The young people attending were generally eighth graders. Confirmation class essentially was that course we asked these youths to take when they assumed personal responsibility for the vows their parents had made for them when they were baptized as infants. I really enjoyed these classes as I became very well acquainted the young people.

One of the requirements of the class was some memorization. By memorizing key Biblical facts and passages, the student would have a treasury to fall back on in times of stress and/or emotional trial. The memory work included knowing the books of the Bible, the Apostles' Creed, Psalm 23, the Beatitudes (from Matthew 5), I Corinthians 13, and Philippians 2: 3-11. As you might imagine, there was much griping and protesting by some of the youth, but most managed to surprise themselves and memorize them all.

Sometimes parents were not the best allies in my efforts. In one of the churches, a couple who were leaders complained that the course was far too long and interfered with school work. The couple's son was in my class and the mother had long over protected this rather nice boy and he was very slow in doing his memorization work. I tried all kinds of incentives and offered individual help to no avail. Grasping the politics of the situation, the boy was received into the church without completing his assignments.

Later I was invited to assist in a wedding in the South where one of my former students was getting married. The groom had asked a young woman who had also been in my class to read I Corinthians 13 during the wedding ceremony. During the rehearsal she got up to do a quick trial reading of the passage but couldn't find the chapter. I noticed that she was busy looking for it in the Old Testament.

Well, I had enjoyed working with these nice young people and my time with them had not been totally wasted. But my faith in memorization ended up somewhat shaken.

See you in church,



Charles C. Anker

Announcements: Please keep in your prayers, **Maggie Westin**, whose husband Rod died last week; also **Kevin**, the son-in-law of **Jim** and **Carol Sullivan**, who died last week after a long, 25-year illness. Keep in your prayers **Kevin's** wife and daughter, **Leslie** and **Katie**.

Volunteers Needed to Ring the Bells from November 25'til Christmas.

We need you! ...to volunteer for **The Salvation Army** in our community, to collect donations by ringing the **Christmas Bell** to support our many programs. A volunteer many choose to ring the bell at any one of our *Kettle Stands* placed throughout our community. Volunteers may stand or bring a chair for one, two-hour shift of your choice—or as many shifts as you would like—throughout the season. Sign up on the bulletin board, and if you have questions, please call one of the Salvation Army board members listed: Phil Bradbury 624-1325, Peppy Garner 624-1103, Judy Stayduhar 655-4985, or Ken White 624-4538.



Calendar

Sunday, November 6, 2011

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Holy Communion

Passages Isaiah 64:1-5; Psalm 68: 4-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

Lector Bob Axley

Crucifer Skip Lord

Flowers Grace Fenwick

Cookies Cynthia and Robert Perry

Altar Care Leonora Branca and Martha Jordan

Ushers Jack Davis and Howard Colehower

Prayers of the People Howard Colehower

Oblation Bearer Liz Lord

Sermon the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

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