

Music Box

— JULY 15, 2012 —

Avery Griffin, baritone
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano and organ

Cantata Nr. 82 “Ich habe genug” (It is enough).....J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

1. Aria: Ich habe genug (It is enough)
2. Recitativo: Ich habe genug! Mein Trost ist nur allein
(It is enough! My trust is in the Lord)
3. Aria: Schlummert ein, ihr matten Augen
(Slumber on, oh weary spirit)

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4. Recitativo: Mein Gott, wann kommt das schöne: Nun!
(My God, O let me now depart)
5. Aria: Ich freue mich auf meinen Tod
(With gladness will I now depart)

Fugue in C, BWV 952J. S. Bach

A warm welcome to our guest soloist from the *Carmel Bach Festival!* Avery is a versatile and accomplished ensemble performer who has sung with such prestigious groups as the Trinity Wall Street Choir. He is currently a member of the choir of men and boys at St. Thomas Church, 5th Avenue, in Manhattan. As a passionate advocate of new music, Avery has premiered and performed works of Pascale Criton, Ezra Sims, Jason Eckardt, John Magnussen, James Bergin, and many others. He is also a charter member of both *Roomful of Teeth*, a vocal octet which premieres new works utilizing vocal techniques from around the world, and *NotaRiotous*, the chamber ensemble of the *Boston Microtonal Society*. A composer himself, Avery has had premieres of his works performed by ensembles including the *Boston University Chamber Chorus*. (Google: Avery Griffin, baritone and composer to check him out!)




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Monday morning, July 9, 2012

Dear members and friends,

We have all heard and even used the term, “be yourself —just be who you are.” The phrase and instruction reminds me of one Paul Arthur Crafton, a fifty-nine-year-old college professor who was arrested on March 21, 1983, on his way to teaching a class at Millersburg State College in Pennsylvania. He was arrested because authorities had discovered he was teaching under a different name at a college in Shippensburg, seventy-five miles away.

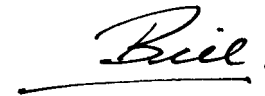
Indeed, they discovered in a search of his apartment and in other records, that Crafton had pretended to be thirty-four different people over the previous sixteen years. To name a few of his aliases, he taught in Maryland public school as Jonathan D. North; as David A. Gordon, he taught business administration at Towson State University in Maryland; taught at the University of Delaware as David North; as Peter H. Pearse at Rutgers University; and as John B. Hext at Wagner college in New York. He also pretended to be a minister within the Congregational family and a public accountant. Can you imagine the energy that went in to keeping his real self under cover!

When he was brought to trial, Crafton’s attorney made an interesting observation. He contended that his client is “everyman,” in that, as he put it: “Everybody has a secret desire to pretend to be somebody else. There may be some psychological truth there,

but when acted upon and, especially in Mr. Crofton’s case—if that really was his real name—such pretense always catches up with us and is negative and a destructive lie. “A whole lot of work,” as one writer put it, “for an exhausting life of cover up.”

With God we can be who we truly are and then to the whole world—with nothing to lose and everything to gain. Just be yourself, for goodness sake!

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

Calendar

Sunday, July 15, 2012

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. 1 Peter 3:13-15a
Continued. The Christian’s Security in a Threatening World

9:15 AM **Music Prelude**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages Ezekiel 17: 22-24; Psalm 31: 1-5, 23 and 24; Mark 4: 26-34

Lector Robert Perry

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Ruth Gleisner

Cookies ?? **HELP !!**

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Bob and Leslie Mulford

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title How Much Faith is Enough?