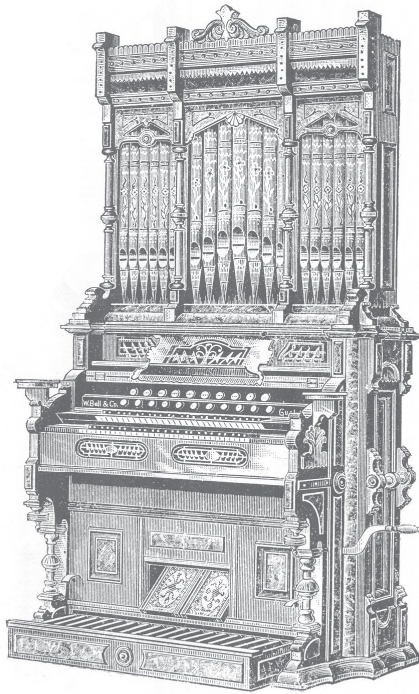


THE GRINNELL COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS:

Organ Music for Advent

Linda Bryant, Organ
Rev. Deanna Shorb, Narrator



Thursday, December 7, 2006
11:00 AM
Herrick Chapel

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A special “Thank you” to Rev. Deanna Shorb, Grinnell College Chaplain, for narrating this program!

ABOUT THE ORGAN

Virtuoso Virgil Fox dedicated the Aeolian-Skinner of Herrick Chapel in recital on May 19, 1949. It was the gift of the president of the college, Samuel N. Stevens, and his wife, in memory of their parents. It was, and remains, a landmark among instruments in the Midwest.

G. Donald Harrison, then one of the foremost organ builders in the country, directed the construction of the organ. His ideas of tone and technique came from such 19th century European organ builders as Cavaille-Coll, and thus his instruments are particularly suited to Romantic repertoire which they also complement the contrapuntal complexities of classical organ music.

This organ consists of four manual divisions—great, swell, choir, and positive—and a pedal division, with a total of nearly 4,000 pipes and 66 ranks.

A ceremony of rededication was held in 1980. The organ is currently in the midst of a total restoration by the A. Thompson-Allen Company of New Haven, Connecticut. This recital is the last public performance on this instrument before removal of its pipes, scheduled for early January, and the final stage of the restoration project.

ABOUT THE ORGANIST

Linda Bryant received a degree in Organ Performance from Drake University where she studied with Russell Saunders and Carl Staplin. She earned her Master’s degree in Organ Performance at Valparaiso University where she studied with Philip Gehring. She later also earned a degree in Music Education. She has had a long and varied career as a church musician, elementary and middle school music teacher, and studio piano and organ teacher. She is a Board member of the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and has been College Organist and AMA for Grinnell College since 2001. She is married to the Rev. Dr. C. Eugene Bryant and the mother of two grown sons, Curtis (Anne) and John.

Department of Music Upcoming Events

Recital: Graeme Miller '06, Cello
Friday, December 8, 2006
04:30 PM
Sebring-Lewis Hall

Student Compositions
Friday, December 8, 2006
07:30 PM
Sebring-Lewis Hall

Vaughn Williams' Work
Grinnell Singers
Community Chorus
Grinnell Sympony Orchestra
Saturday, December 9, 2006
02:00 PM
Herrick Chapel



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