

THE ST. OLAF COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS

in Guest Recital

Sarah Hawbecker '88, *organ*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011 • 7 P.M. • STUDIO A AND BOE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

PROGRAM

Toccata alla Rumba

Peter Planyavsky
(b.1947)

Prelude and Fugue in B Minor, BWV 544

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Triptych for Organ

2. Hymn (The Son)

Fredrik Sixten
(b.1962)

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, Op. 37, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

INTERMISSION

“Blithely Breezing Along”

from *Baronian Suite*

Stephen Paulus
(b.1949)

Aria

Andrew Carter
(b.1939)

Sonata Eroica, Op. 94

Joseph Jongen
(1873-1953)

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Sarah Hawbecker is an active recitalist, full-time church musician, and winner of numerous competitions. She is a prize winner of both the 1998 and 1996 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance. She won first place in the 1988 Undergraduate Organ Competition, Ottumwa, Iowa, and was a finalist in the 1992 Spivey International Competition. Ms. Hawbecker's performances have been recorded and broadcast on American Public Media's radio program *Pipedreams*®. She has performed for three different regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists, a national conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and served as adjudicator for several organ competitions, including the semi-final round of the 2008 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance. She has been published in the journal *The American Organist*, and presents workshops throughout the region.

A native of Illinois, Ms. Hawbecker studied organ and church music with John Ferguson at St. Olaf College, where she earned the Bachelor of Music degree, *Magna cum laude* with Departmental Distinction, and was elected into Pi Kappa Lambda, the Music Honor Society. She went on to earn the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from the Eastman School of Music, where she studied with Russell Saunders. An active lifetime member of the American Guild of Organists, she recently completed three terms on the National Council, and serves as a member of the Guild's Task Force for Long Range Planning and the Editorial Advisory Board. She is also a faculty member of the Greater Atlanta Leadership Program for Musicians.

Ms. Hawbecker has served as Organist and Director of Children's Music at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta since 1996. At Redeemer, she oversees a program of two children's choirs, three handbell choirs, a summer music camp, and a concert series.

She lives in Atlanta with her husband, Billy Fuller, and their son, Jonathan.