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The Schantz pipe organ
contains 115 ranks:
90 stops over four manuals and
six divisions.

This instrument contains many
pipes from its predecessors—
the Kimball/Kilgen
of the Upper Church
and the Johnson/Wangerin
of the Lower Church.

All are welcome.
Free-will offering at the door.

Simone Gheller, Organist

Dr. Simone Gheller was born in Padua, Italy, in 1978. He began playing piano at age five, organ at age nine, and became a liturgical organist at age nine. After graduation from high school, he received four Master's Degrees from the Pedrollo Conservatory in Vicenza, Italy, in Piano, Organ Performance, Music Education, and Choral Music and Choral Conducting. He also received a Doctorate in Organ and Organ Composition, cum laude, from the Veneze Conservatory in Rovigo, Italy, where he studied with Andrea Toschi. He has participated in seminars and master classes of M-L Langlais, W. Matesic, K. Schnorr, J. Artigas Pina and others, and studied at Vienna University with Michael Radulescu and Roman Summereder. In 2008 he received a "Medaille d'Or en Superieur d'Interpretation" with Eric Lebrun at the Conservatoire National de Paris.

Dr. Gheller studied at Oberlin College (Ohio, USA) with Professor James David Christie and with Olivier Latty, where he finished a prestigious program (the Artist Diploma- a great distinction in music, class of 2011).

Dr. Gheller has an extensive performing history spanning the last 20 years, with concerts in prestigious locations in Italy, France, Germany, Austria, and America among others. He had a concert tour in Brazil in 2001. He performed in concert the complete organ works of Percy Whitlock, Cesar Franck and Julius Reubke.

He has garnered many prizes, including First Prize at the National Italian Organ Competition "Citta' di Viterbo" in four of the six years between 1995 and 2000; First Prize and Gold Medal from the President of Italian Republic at the Giarda National Organ Competition; First Prize at the International Organ Competition Vegezzi Bossi in 2000; First Prize, Audience Prize and two special prizes at the International Organ Competition "Grand Prix André Marchal" in Biarritz in 2007.

Upon moving to the United States, he became organist at First Church in Oberlin, and held that position from 2009 to 2011. From 2011 to 2013, Dr. Gheller was Music Director and Organist at St. Joseph Church in Wilmette, Illinois. Presently, Dr. Gheller is Music Director and Organist at St. Jerome Church in Oconomowoc. At St. Jerome's, he is leading the music ministry, playing all Masses, presenting organ concerts, and conducting the parish's five choirs, which consist of the adult choir, children's choir, chant choir, handbell choir and the school choir.

Dr. Gheller has recorded four CDs: *Fiori Musicali* by Girolamo Frescobaldi, *The Complete Choral Works* with organ by Alessandro Scarlatti for the Tactus label, *The Orgelbuchlein* by J.S. Bach, and *Music by Liszt and Reubke* for the onClassical label.

Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 PM

C. FRANCK: Grande Piece Symphonique, Op. 17

E. BONNAL: Paysages Euskariens:

I. La Vallee de Behorleguy au matin

II. Le Berger d'Ahusquy

III. Cloches dans le ciel

L. VIERNE: from 24 Pieces de Fantaisie, (first Suite, Op.51)

Andantino

Prelude

J. JONGEN: Sonata Eroica Op.94 (1930)

C.M. WIDOR: Symphony No. 5 in F Minor Op.42, No.1

- Allegro Vivace

- Allegro Cantabile

- Andantino quasi allegretto

- Adagio

- Toccata

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Nov. 20, 7:30pm

Aaron Tan

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7:30pm

TBA

Tuesday, January 8, 7:30pm

TBA