



JOSHUA STAFFORD

Concert Organist

2016 First Prize Winner of the Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition

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The meticulous technique, innate yet highly mature musicality, and constant musical engagement exhibited by **Joshua Stafford** unanimously and quickly compelled the jury of the 2016 Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition to name him the Pierre S. du Pont First Prize Winner of this illustrious event.

Already in demand as a recitalist, improviser, and choral accompanist, Joshua has performed at many notable venues, including the Wanamaker Organ in Philadelphia, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C., Philadelphia's Kimmel Center, and Spivey Hall in Georgia. His recital at the 2015 Conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians was hailed as "technically flawless yet exceptionally nuanced and spontaneous." His performances have been aired on Minnesota Public Radio's *Pipedreams* and WRTI's *Wanamaker Organ Hour*. In June 2018, Joshua gave the premier performance at The Kimmel Center in Philadelphia of a transcription for organ of Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* which accompanied the animated film "Who Stole the Mona Lisa" produced as directed by Micah Chambers-Goldberg. Highlights of his 2019-2020 season include performances for the national convention of the Organ Historical Society (Dallas), the regional AGO convention (Buffalo, NY), the Cohan Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly University (California), Trinity College (Hartford, CT) and St. James' Episcopal Church (Los Angeles).

A native of Jamestown, New York, Joshua Stafford received the bachelor of music degree from the Curtis Institute of Music in 2010 and his master of music degree from the Yale School of Music in 2012. In March 2021, he was appointed as director of music ministries and organist for Riverside Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Florida. In 2020, Stafford was named director of sacred music and the Jared Jacobsen Chair for the Organist of the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY.

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