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David Dahl is Professor of Music and University Organist at Pacific Lutheran University, and Director of Music Ministries at Christ Episcopal Church, both in Tacoma, Washington, positions he has held since 1970. He holds a M.A. and is a member of the A.A.G.O. An active performer, clinician and organ advisor for over thirty years, Dahl was a recitalist for the 1994 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Dallas, Texas, and has performed several times for national conventions of the Organ Historical Society. He has had a lifelong interest in the history of organ building, particularly the developments of mechanical action organs in America. He has served in an advisory capacity for over 30 pipe organ projects, primarily new or historic tracker instruments. Dahl can be heard on a variety of recordings released by PLU Records and Tapes, and by the Organ Historical Society. These include J.S. Bach and the Chorale: Celebration in Hymn, The Grand Century: Organ Music of the Late Baroque, and David Dahl plays the Brombaugh Organ at Christ Church, Tacoma, Wa. (OHS Convention, 1982). He has published organ and choral works through Ionian Arts and Augsburg/Fortress.
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A reception will be given in the honor of Brian Swager and David Dahl immediately following the performance of David Dahl tonight at 7:30 pm in the Music Hall Recital Hall.

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Program

Prelude No. 3 in C Major
Matthias van den Gheyn
(1721-1785)

Prelude in G Minor (1897)
Jef Denyn
(1862-1941)

Passacaglia (1953)
Jos Lerinckx
(b. 1920)

Ames Nocturne (1984)
Johan Franco
(1908-1988)

Chartres (1969)
Roy Hamlin Johnson
From A Carillon Book for the Liturgical Year III: Epiphany
(b. 1929)

Easter Dawning (1992)
George Crumb
(b. 1929)

Concerto Grosso (1991)
Ronald Barnes
Allegro
Andante espressivo
Allegro

Program Notes

Matthias van de Gheyn, the Greatest Belgian Organist and Carillonneur of the 18th Century is the title of a book published in 1862 by Xavier van Elewyck as well as a telling description. Van de Gheyn was the municipal carillonneur of Louvain, Belgium. His eleven preludes form the cornerstone of the early carillon repertory, being among the few significant works written expressly for the carillon before the 20th century. The Prelude No. 3 in C Major is one of the most well-written and most often performed of his preludes.

The Belgian carillonneur Jef Denyn became the director of the first carillon school in the world when it opened in Mechelen in 1922. Although not trained formally as a composer, he left seven carillon pieces which represent the first attempt to write in a style idiomatic to the instrument since Matthias van de Gheyn. In his Preludium in g voor beiaard (Prelude in G Minor for carillon) one notices an improvisational character, dramatic dynamic contrasts, crescendi, diminuendi, and Denyn's gebonden zang (connected song) -- the tremolo that became the trademark of the Flemish style. He composed this prelude for his recital at the conclusion of a carillon playing competition in 1897 in order "to demonstrate the technical and sensitive interpretation possibilities on the carillon."

A music professor and priest from Mechelen, Belgium, Josef Lerinckx became a carillonneur himself only after having written numerous pieces for the instrument. His Passacaglia is a dramatic work which explores a variety of textures and effects including tremolos and arpeggios. A passacaglia is a series of variations based on a theme that is repeated continually, usually in the bass but occasionally transferred to an upper voice. In the Lerinckx Passacaglia, the theme is first stated alone in the bass (by the feet), and 22 variations follow during which the theme is stated subtly, or boldly, or with disguising ornamentation, and during which the tempo and the mood shift often.

Born and educated in the Netherlands, Johan Franco emigrated to the United States and composed music for nearly every musical medium. Although not a carillonneur himself, Franco wrote prolifically for the carillon. Many of his pieces, such as the Ames Nocturne, are short character pieces written for specific carillons. His style was influenced by the French impressionists. He once said: "I just write what I feel. I don't try to write for the public." The Ames Nocturne is primarily a single, lilting melodic line that covers a four-octave range and evokes vague harmonies from the resonance of the bells.

Although not a carillonneur himself, Roy Hamlin Johnson is one of the most highly regarded composers of music for the carillon. His Summer Fanfares, composed in 1956, was revolutionary in its musical language--specifically, the application of the octotonic scale to the carillon. In that the octotonic scale is a series of alternating half and whole steps. It reinforces the minor-third partial that is characteristic of carillon bells. Johnson's A Carillon Book for the Liturgical Year is a series of compositions based on hymn tunes. His setting of the 15th century French melody "Chartres" employs the octotonic scale.

A composition by the innovative American composer George Crumb was commissioned by The Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. Many of his previous works had included a wide range of bell sonorities. In Easter Dawning, his first and only work to date for the carillon, Crumb explores both the bravura and expressive potentialities of the instrument. While the octotonic scale is his principal harmonic and melodic source for the piece, the pentatonic scale is also employed. Further, he achieves remarkable effects through the use of broken chords, flourishes, pauses, and two large, loud clusters.

Ronald Barnes had a prolific 50-year career as carillonneur, first at the University of Kansas, then at Washington National Cathedral, and most recently at the University of California at Berkeley. He is renowned the world over for his numerous carillon compositions which are both idiomatic to the instrument and accessible to the listener. In this Concerto Grosso, Barnes employs typical harmonic idioms, the rhythmic drive, the three-movement scheme, and the concertino/ripieno contrasts from this popular baroque form.
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Family Concert
Saturday, April 26, 1997
Stanton Memorial Carillon, 3:00 pm

Program

Campanella
Mike Pavlovich, carillon

Toren Muziek "De Geuzen"
ISU Wind Ensemble
Joseph Christensen, director
TAM Tin-shi, carillon

Premiere performance of the winning composition
of the Carillon Composition Competition '97

Elite Syncopations
Scott Joplin
trans. Arie Abbenes

Echo (Premiere)
Amy Michelle Black
Received honorable mention at the ISU Carillon Composition Competition '96

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Oratorio Choir
Robert Molison, director
Michael Tammaro, carillon

The Ringing of the Bells
The Bells of Rhymney
The Bells of Iowa State

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TAM Tin-shi
Faculty Recital Series

Sunday, April 27, 1997
Stanton Memorial Carillon, 2:00 pm

Program

Music from the Netherlands

Toccatst Jubilante, Op. 161
Jacques Bonset

Sonatina II
Andante
Allegretto
Adagio
Allegro

Suite
Pavane
Follia
Gaillarde
Cortège
Courante
Finale

Vrije Variaties over "Merck toch hoe sterck"
Adriaan de Groot

Campanae in Campina
Allegro moderato
Andante sostenuto
Vivace
Allegro festivo

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