

Congratulations to Vaughn Watson for being named Artist of the Year 2016!

Vaughn performed at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Fair Haven, Vermont on June 25th at 3 pm.

Vaughn L. Watson, of Addison, Vermont, is a native of Staten Island, New York. He began piano study at an early age with his mother, and later the organ. He graduated from Fordham University in 1983. From 1983 until 2002, Mr. Watson studied organ with Dr. William Enriken in New York City. He has also studied church music at Shenandoah Conservatory of Music and conducting at Westminster Choir College. Further organ study was with Dr. Walter Hilse from 2005 to 2011. In June of 2009, Mr. Watson attained the Certificate of C.A.G.O. from the American Guild of Organists.

Mr. Watson currently serves as organist for three Catholic parishes of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York. These include the Catholic Community of Moriah: St. Patrick's Church in Port Henry and All Saints Church in Mineville, and St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga, where he also directs the Adult Choir and teaches music in St. Mary's School. In January 2013, he was appointed accompanist for the Champlain Valley Chorale in Ticonderoga. Previously, he served as Music Director/Organist at Maria Regina R.C. Church in Seaford and at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Fort Salonga, Long Island.

Mr. Watson has performed recitals at St. Peter's Church, Grace Church, Park Avenue Methodist Church, St. Thomas Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, all in New York City. In March of 2011, he performed in the annual Festival of Organists at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. Mr. Watson has also performed recitals at National Conventions of the Organ Historical Society, in 2015 and in 2003.

Since relocating to the North Country, Mr. Watson has given recitals in the Hughes Memorial Chapel at Silver Bay, N.Y. the Essex Community Church in Essex, N. Y. and the Bradford Congregational Church in Bradford, Vermont. He is active in the Organ Historical Society, and the American Guild of Organists. In June of 2014, Vaughn was appointed as Sub-Dean of the Vermont Chapter of the A.G.O.