

Press Release  
Bach organ marathon

Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier, presents its sixth annual Bach organ marathon on Sunday, March 20, 2022, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Five professional organists - Mark Howe, David Neiweem, Jenny Bower, Christopher McWilliams and Lynnette Combs - joined by soloists and a youth choir, perform the incredible music that Johann Sebastian Bach wrote for the organ. Admission is free; all donations will benefit the music programs in the Montpelier-Roxbury schools.

The marathon takes place in the sanctuary of Christ Episcopal Church at 64 State Street in Montpelier. This space, which is modelled on European churches from previous centuries, provides the perfect acoustic for the Karl Wilhelm organ. This instrument, almost 50 years old, was inspired by the 17<sup>th</sup> century north German organs, which influenced Bach as a young organist and composer.

In addition to the music, there will be two presentations: Choral conductor Richard Riley will talk about the Bach festival that he attended in 2019 in Leipzig (Bach's home for 25 years), and Lynnette Combs will talk about her 2019 tour of the organs and towns in Germany's "Bach country".

For information, contact Christ Church: 802-223-3631 or [administrator@christchurchvt.org](mailto:administrator@christchurchvt.org).

Calendar listing

Sunday, March 20; Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier; 1:30 p.m. Bach organ marathon, with five organists, soloists and talks about Bach's Germany. Free; donations accepted for Montpelier-Roxbury schools music programs. 802-223-3631; [administrator@christchurchvt.org](mailto:administrator@christchurchvt.org)