

FRIDAY MUSIC AT MIDDAY



National City Christian Church

5 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

RUSSELL WEISMANN

Organist

October 23, 2020

12:15 p.m.

PROGRAM

Deux Pièces: I. Marche	Arthur Foote (1853-1897)
Trois Pièces pour Grand Orgue: I. Fantaisie	César Franck (1822-1890)
Cantata 29: I. Sinfonia, BWV 29	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Von Gott will ich nicht lassen (I shall not abandon God), BWV 658	Johann Sebastian Bach
Vier Kleine Praeludien und Fugen: IV. Praeludium und Fuge D-dur 'Alleluja'	Franz Schmidt (1874-1939)

MEET THE ARTIST

Russell Weismann is the Director of Chapel Music at Georgetown University where he oversees a diverse music program and serves as University Organist. A native of Pittsburgh, Russell holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from George Mason University and master and bachelor degrees in music at Yale and Duquesne Universities, respectively. As a performer, Russell has played recitals around the world, most recently in Beirut, Lebanon, as part of the 2020 Lebanese Organ Festival. As a scholar, Russell has published extensively on the 20th-century German organ builder, Rudolf von Beckerath and his influence in North America. As a teacher, Russell is the director of the Capital Organ Studio, an organ education enterprise offering instruction to people of all ages and abilities. Russell is past-Dean of the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and currently serves as Artistic Director of the Chapter's outreach initiative, 'Music at the Monastery'.

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