

Program

Naji Hakim (1955)	Te Deum (1997)
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)	Christus, der ist mein Leben
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)	Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532
Wadi Sabra (1876-1952)	Koullouna Lilouatann Liloula Lil Alam
Raffi Ourgandjian (1937)	I. & IV. from "Cinq Versets sur Veni Creator"
Dan Locklair (1949)	The Peace May Be Exchanged (from "Rubrics")
Naji Hakim	Ouverture Libanaise (2001)



Crista Miller is the Director of Music and Cathedral Organist at Houston's Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart where she led the Organ Committee responsible for Martin Pasi's Opus 19 pipe organ. She oversees the Celebrity Organ Series and leads a growing Cathedral music organization for adults and children. Under her direction the Co-Cathedral's Schola Cantorum and Cor Jesu choirs are in high demand for large-scale, festive liturgies, including those prepared for Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza's ceremonial receipt of the Pallium from Pope Benedict XVI in Rome and the 2016 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists.

As soloist, Dr. Miller's double CD debut recording *Bonjour and Willkommen* was recently released on the Acis label.

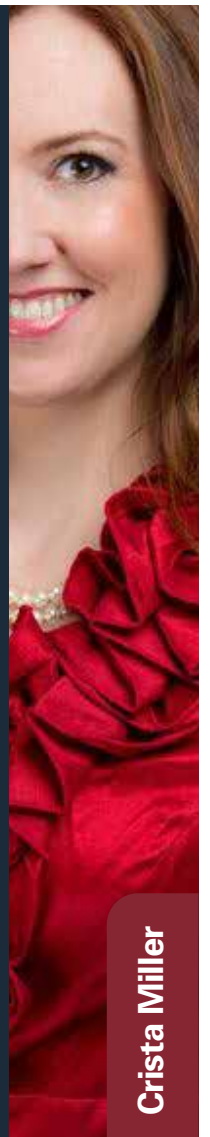
She has performed in European and American capitals, including featured appearances at the Svendborg International Organ Festival; the Festival de Organo de Asturias Cajastur, and two conventions of the AGO. An award-winning organist in international and national playing competitions (Odense, Denmark; Fort Wayne; San Antonio; and a semi-finalist in the AGO National Young Artists' Competition in Organ Playing), she has also been featured in twenty states and at landmark US instruments such as Washington National Cathedral, St. Thomas Church New York City and Harvard University's Memorial Chapel to name a few.

In 2014, she was the first solo organist to receive an Individual Artist Grant from the City of Houston for "Projections," three programs of multi-media organ and visual arts repertoire.

A proponent of contemporary composition, she served the AGO as the Chair for New Music for the 2016 National Convention, resulting in 15 new works for the organ, as well as multiple winners of the Bayoubüchlein chorale prelude composition competition. She is a member of EastWest Organists.

Dr. Miller's research on Lebanese musical elements in the organ works of Naji Hakim is published in December 2015's *ORGAN: Journal für die Orgel* and in the 2014 volume *Mystic Modern*. She has been a featured presenter for the Eastman School of Music, the American Guild of Organists, the Church Music Association of America (Miami and Pittsburgh), and the University of North Texas's inaugural Wolff Organ Conference (Denton).

Crista earned the Doctorate of Musical Arts (DMA) in organ performance and literature and the Sacred Music Diploma at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, studying under Hans Davidsson. There she received the graduate award for the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI). In addition, she earned the Master of Music degree from the University of Houston's Moores School of Music, and previously, the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering at Oklahoma State University.



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For the second time in Lebanon, the **Lebanese Pipe Organ Week** (La Semaine de l'Orgue au Liban, SOL) will take place from January 29 till February 5, 2017, under the patronage of the minister of culture his excellency Dr. Ghattas Khoury.

This festival is organized by the **Notre Dame University School of Music**, in partnership with **Terra Sancta Organ Festival**, and in collaboration with the **Italian Cultural Institute in Beirut**, the **Institut Français du Liban**, the **Embassy of Switzerland in Lebanon**, the **Austrian Embassy in Beirut**, the **Lebanese National Higher Conservatory of Music**, the **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America** and the **Marc-Henri Mainguy Foundation**.

The organs played during the festival are renovated by the Italian organ builder **Saverio Anselmi Tamburini**.

For more information, visit the festival's website www.solfestival.org.

Upcoming events

Saturday, February 4, 2017	Collège du Sacré-Coeur Gemmayzé - Beirut	Marie-Bernadette Dufourcet Hakim (FRA)
Sunday, February 5, 2017	The National Evangelical Church of Beirut	Bernhard Gfrerer (AUT)



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