

# Organ Recital: Gail Archer

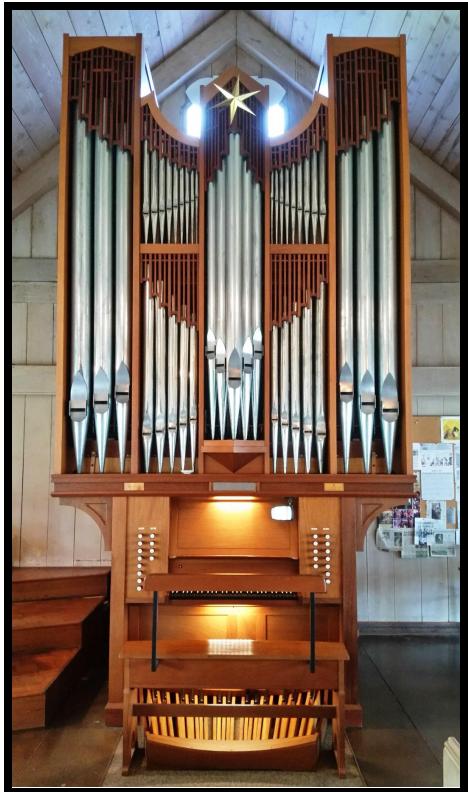
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church,  
Saturday, December 30th, 2023, 6pm



Präludium und Fuge in e BWV 548	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
An Wasserflüssen Babylon BWV 653	Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude in F Major	Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805-1847)
O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122, #3	Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Mein Jesu, der du mich, Op. 122, #1	Johannes Brahms
Fuge über BACH, Op. 60 #5	Robert Schumann (1810-1856)
Fuge über BACH, Op. 60 #6	Robert Schumann
Consolation in Db	Franz Liszt (1811-1886)
Fantasy and Fugue on BACH	Franz Liszt
Intermission	
Fantasia	Viktor Goncharenko (b.1959)
Chaconna	Svitlana Ostrova (b. 1961)
Passacaglia	Mykola Kolessa (1903-2006)
Prelude Petit Canon Improvisation	Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)
Te Deum	Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Gail Archer is an international concert organist, recording artist, choral conductor and lecturer who draws attention to composer anniversaries or musical themes with her annual recital series in New York City, including A Slavic Celebration, Max Reger, The Muse's Voice, An American Idyll, Liszt, Bach, Mendelssohn and Messiaen. Ms. Archer was the first American woman to play the complete works of Olivier Messiaen for the centennial of the composer's birth in 2008: Time Out New York recognized the Messiaen cycle as "Best of 2008" in classical music and opera. Her recordings include her 2022 Polish release, *Cantius*, and *Chernivtsi, A Russian Journey, The Muse's Voice, Franz Liszt: A Hungarian Rhapsody, Bach: The Transcendent Genius, an American Idyll, A Mystic in the Making* (Meyer Media), and *The Orpheus of Amsterdam: Sweelinck and his Pupils* (CALA Records). Ms. Archer's 2023 European tour took her to Italy, France, Austria, Germany and Poland. Highlights include St. Cyriakus R. C. Church, Krefeld, Germany, Basilica Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta, Messina, Sicily, the Cathedral of Santa Maria, Alghero, Sardegna, the Church of Saint Bruno Les Chartreux, Lyon, France, and the Church of St. Vitali, Ravenna, Italy, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its extraordinary mosaics.

She is the founder of Musforum, [www.musforum.org](http://www.musforum.org) an international network for women organists to promote and affirm their work. Ms. Archer is college organist at Vassar College, director of the music program at Barnard College, Columbia University, where she conducts the Barnard-Columbia Chorus and Chamber Singers and a faculty member of the Harriman Institute, Columbia University. She is artistic director of the artist and young artist recital series at historic Central Synagogue, New York City.



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