



***The Organ Masters-I:  
Renée Anne Louprette plays the Johnson Organ***

The Berkshire Bach Society continues its 2022-2023 season with *The Organ Masters-I: Renée Anne Louprette plays the Johnson Organ* at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Housatonic on February 11, 2023, at 2pm in music by Bach and others. The Johnson organ dates from 1893 and is one of the important historical instruments in the region that Berkshire Bach highlights in its annual concerts. The organ has been called a hidden gem of the Berkshires for its sweet voice and musicality and Louprette brings out its beauty in repertoire suited to the scale of the instrument. She is joined by distinguished musicologist and organist George Stauffer, PhD, who provides insight into the music, introduces the individual works on the program, and traces the development of Bach's compositional style. The concert is co-sponsored by the Berkshire chapter of the American Guild of Organists and promises to be a rewarding experience.

"We are delighted to have these special musicians return for a recital of works by Bach, his teacher Georg Böhm, his idols Buxtehude and Reincken, and the virtuoso Nicolaus Bruhns," said Terrill McDade, Interim Executive Director of The Berkshire Bach Society. "It is always interesting to hear the composers who formed Bach's musical taste and particularly intriguing to think about the conversations that must have occurred among them. This program gives us an opportunity to do all of that, and to enjoy some great works for organ."

Renée Anne Louprette is Assistant Professor of Music and College Organist at Bard College where she is artistic director and conductor of the Bard Baroque Ensemble. She returned recently from a project in Brasov, Romania, where she documented the preservation and restoration of historic pipe organs in Transylvania as a Fulbright Scholar. George Stauffer is dean of the Mason Gross School of the Arts and Distinguished Professor of Music History. He is known internationally as a scholar, performer, and writer on the music and culture of the Baroque and a specialist on the life and works of J.S. Bach.

Tickets on sale now at [www.berkshirebach.org/events](http://www.berkshirebach.org/events) and at the door. All seats \$35, Berkshire Bach member discounts apply, and as always, children and students (with valid ID) are admitted free.