

JOHN WEST
Organist



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Artist In Residence & Curator for 151 rank Casavant/Rodgers

Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, CA 2000 - Current

- Organist for Sunday worship and special services throughout the year.
- Provide educational opportunities on the organ's role in church.
- Host and work with visiting organists and choirs.
- Perform yearly solo recitals and numerous concerts with organ, choir, brass and/or orchestra.
- Solo work as a vocalist.
- Interim Music Director/Organist in the Fall, 2002.
- Producer and musical arranger of the yearly Christmas Program, 2002.
- Teach students organ methods.

*Music Director/Organist & Curator for 65 rank Skinner,
13 rank Hradetsky tracker, 40 rank Schlicker*

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, CA 1998 - 2000

- Organist/Choral Director for Sunday worship.
- Development of music program and auditioned and hired soloists.
- Worked with Spanish and Korean congregations
- Arranged and wrote music for this major multicultural congregation.
- Oversaw all three organs maintenance as well as 15 baby grand pianos.
- Taught organ instruction.

*Professor of Pipe Organ Studies & Curator for 23 rank JW Walker Tracker,
15 rank Abbot & Sieker*

California State University, Northridge, CA 1993 - 2000

Academy Organ Instructor & Curator for 125 rank Casavant

Lake Avenue Academy, Pasadena, CA 1993 - 2000

House Organist (38 rank Möeller Touring Organ)

Pasadena Civic Auditorium, Pasadena, CA 1980 - Current

Organist & Curator for 70 rank Rodgers Pipe Organ

Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, Glendora, CA 1994 - 1997

Organist/Interim Choir Director/Youth Choir Director & Curator for 83 rank Austin

Glendale Presbyterian Church, Glendale, CA 1989 - 1992

Concert and Freelance Organist

Southern California 1985 - 1989

Organist

Church Of The Open Door, (City here, CA) 1984 - 1985

Los Angeles Arts Organ (62 rank)

Los Angeles & Glendora, CA 1988 - 1989

Organist/Assistant Director of Music & Curator for 85 rank Casavant

First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, CA 1979 - 1984

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EDUCATION

Master of Music with Honors

New England Conservatory

Boston, MA

Bachelor of Music in Piano

Performance

Willamette University

Salem, OR

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PRIMARY INSTRUCTORS

Organ

Richard PurvisGrace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA
Dr. Samuel SwartzUniversity of Redlands, Redlands, CA
Newton PashleyFirst Presbyterian Church, Oakland, CA

The New England Conservatory

Gunther SchullerEarly American Music
Ran BlakeThird Stream Improvisational Music
Lorna Cooke de VaronChoral Music

PRIMARY PERFORMANCES

2004

Featured Organist (November), Haydn, *Four Seasons*, Angeles Chorale, Los Angeles, CA
Featured Artist (September), Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, CA
Symposium on 21st Century Organ Performance A.G.O. 2004 National Convention, Los Angeles, CA
Featured Organist, Duruflé, *'Requiem,'* Haydn, *'Mass in a Time of War,'* Paul Salumonovich, conductor,
Angeles Chorale, Los Angeles, CA

2003

Solo Recital, Balboa Park, Spreckels Organ Pavilion, San Diego, CA
Solo Recital, Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, CA
Featured Artist, American Guild of Organists, Los Angeles, CA

2002

Featured Artist, Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, Glendora, CA
Solo Recital, Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, CA
Featured Organist, Choral Conductors Guild, Los Angeles, CA

2001

Featured Artist, New England Conservatory, Boston, MA
Solo Recitalist/Clinician, American Guild of Organists Regional Convention, San Diego, CA

2000

Featured Organist, Los Angeles Chamber Singers, Peter Rutenberg, conductor, Los Angeles, CA
Featured Artist for Pipedreams, National Public Radio, National Broadcast
Solo Recital, Beebe Memorial Cathedral, Oakland, CA

1999

Featured Organist, Los Angeles Chamber Singers, Peter Rutenberg, conductor, Los Angeles, CA
Pops Concert Artist, Los Angeles Theater Organ Society, Pasadena, CA
Guest Organist, Los Angeles Children's Choir, Pasadena, CA

PRIMARY PERFORMANCES CONTINUED

1998

Recital Organist, St. James Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, CA.

Solo Recital, [Feb. & Nov], Balboa Park, Spreckels Organ Pavilion, San Diego, CA

Solo Recital, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, CA

Solo Recital, Laguna Hills Methodist Church, Laguna Niguel, CA

1997

Solo Recital, Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, Glendora, CA

1996

Dedication Concert, California State University, Northridge, CA

1995

Featured Organist, Trinity Church, Wall Street, New York, NY

Special Guest Organists, representing Rodgers Organs, Newark, NJ

1993 - Present

Guest Appearances, First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, CA

Other Performances

The New York Philharmonic Orchestra and various special appearances

Tours throughout Europe, the U.S.S.R., South and North America

MAJOR COMPOSITIONS PERFORMED WITH ORCHESTRA

Symphonie Concertate, Opus 81Joseph Jongen

Concerto in G for Organ, Strings & TimpaniFrancis Poulenc

Symphonie No. 3 C Moll.....Opus 78 Camille Saint-Saens

Symphonie No. 3 for Organ, Orchestra & Trumpets...Aram Khachaturian

SOLO RECORDINGS

Rev'd Up Organ!

Dedication Concert, Church Of The Open Door

The Roar of The Furies and The Sounds of Sirens, The Organ at Bel Air (6/04)

Featured Organist on various other recordings

PUBLISHED WORKS

Augsburg Fortress Music Publishers, Minneapolis, MN

Jobete Music, Los Angeles, CA

Lawson-Gould Music Publishers, New York, NY

Portland-West Publishing Company, Los Angeles, CA