

# A FESTIVAL OF PIPES BUILDING BRIDGES FORGING FRIENDSHIPS ORGAN FESTIVAL CANADA ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROYAL CANADIAN COLLEGE OF ORGANISTS TORONTO July 2-6, 2023

ore than three years in the planning, (thanks COVID!) it is wonderful to remind you of the extraordinary event taking place next July. Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is a global center for music, the arts, and festivals. We invite you to take a sneak peek into what promises to be a cultural and educational extravaganza.

As the capital city of the province of Ontario, Toronto is also the center of what is known as the Golden Horseshoe region. By looking at a map one can easily see the ring of the horseshoe from Niagara Falls Ontario to around Oshawa. Here resides one-quarter of the population of Canada. Throughout the region one can find massive tourist investment (Niagara Falls), steel and automotive industries (Hamilton and Oakville), world-class wineries and vineyards (Niagara region), and the central hub of banking, finance, and retail (center city). And yet with all this commerce, Toronto is welcoming, friendly, and engaging for a holiday or for a festival.

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Roy Thomson Hall | Gabriel Kney, Opus 95 (1981)

A FESTIVAL OF PIPES: BUILDING BRIDGES, FORGING FRIENDSHIPS encompasses all the best feelings and experiences of conventions past. You know what I mean: the late night banter, the meeting of old friends, getting to know new colleagues, the festive feeling of a shared recital experience, and the joy of learning something new about an instrument, a performer, or a composition.

As the planning committee met, we focused on how to meld the wonderful aspects of an OHS convention with the needs and requirements of the RCCO. Together we have fashioned a schedule to please and entice builders, performers, historians, enthusiasts, scholars, technicians, and impresarios! The evening of July 4th is dedicated to celebrating and meeting new friends as we gather at the Steam Whistle Brewery, home to the Toronto Railroad Museum and the original roundhouse of the Canadian National Railway.

The Toronto region boasts examples of great organbuilding, including instruments by Létourneau, Gabriel Kney, Hellmuth Wolff, Karl Wilhelm, Schoenstein, Möller, S.R. Warren, Breckels & Matthews, R.S. Williams & Sons, Halbert Gober, Brunzema, and Guilbault-Thérien. During our convention, we will visit many of these instruments and begin to appreciate the diversified architecture Toronto has to offer.



Not only will attendees have some choices each day, but most of the recital venues are within a 15- or 20-minute walk from the convention hotel. Other venues are accessible by subway. Your registration fee will include a multi-day subway pass that can also provide round-trip train service from Toronto International Airport to downtown city center. Special bus service will be available as an add-on for those who desire it.

Here then is just a taste of what is likely to be on the menu for next summer. Plan to arrive early and stay late as we offer enticing Prelude and Postlude days that are sure to whet your appetite.

The festival opens late afternoon on Sunday a Healy Willan tribute at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene where he was music director. The composer arrived at St. Mary Magalene in 1921 where his influence on church music is everlasting. Here you will find a rebuild of a ca. 1906 **Breckels & Matthews** organ in a building with generous acoustics even when

filled. A table or portative organ with four octaves of eight-foot flute pipes built by **Karl Wilhelm** stands at the side of the nave.

Nathan Laube returns to the OHS family of performers as the opening night recitalist at Metropolitan United Church. Its **Casavant Frères** Opus 1367 (1930, 1998) with 8,092 pipes over five manuals and seven divisions, contains 120 stops and 131 ranks. It is Canada's largest pipe organ.

Chelsea Chen performs Monday night at the The Cathedral Church of St. James, the first house of worship to be constructed in 1805 in the Town of York, later to become Toronto. The St. James organ is an unusual blend of builders, including **S.R. Warren** (1853, 1889), **Casavant** Opus 1530 (1936, 1966/67) and, **J.W. Walker** who built the present console in 1979. The four-manual organ comprises 5,103 pipes, 80 stops, and 89 ranks.

On Wednesday evening, Jean-Willy Kunz demonstrates **Karl Wilhelm's** Opus 57 (1983) that replaced the **S.R. Warren** (1884) at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Some of the original pipework, however, remains and is still in use.





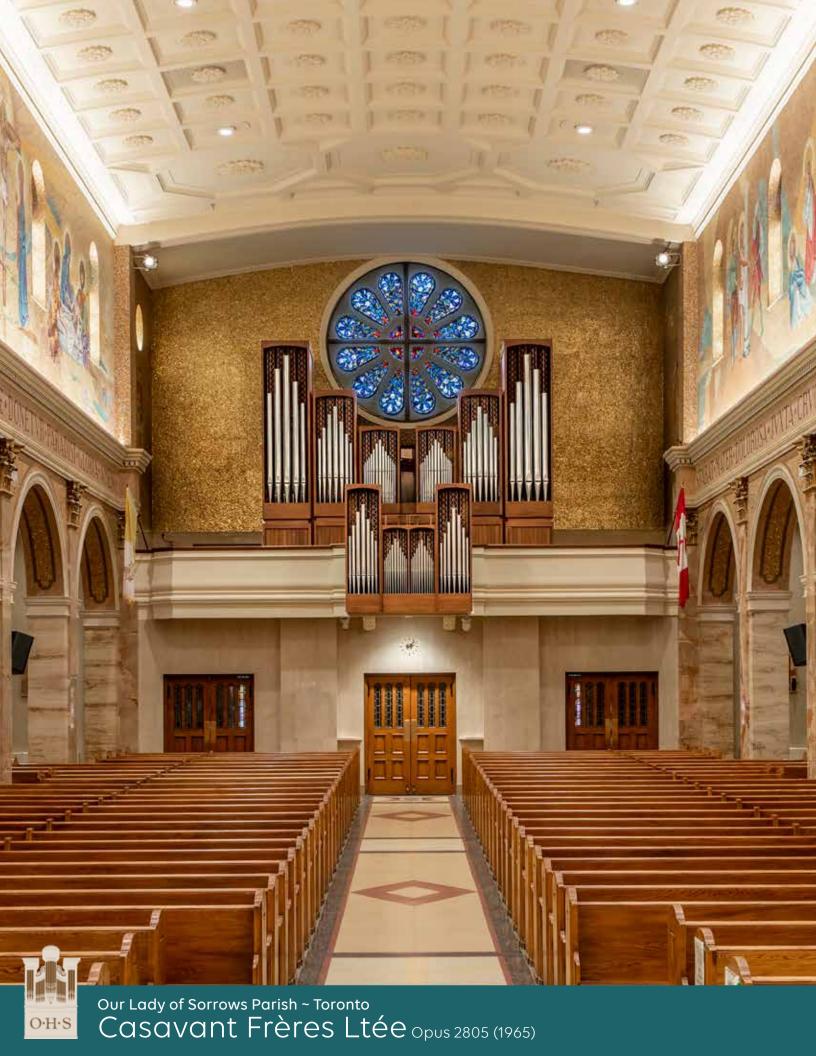
Rosedale Presbyterian Church ~ Toronto Karl Wilhelm, Opus 82 (1982)

Our concluding evening recital features the newest and freshest of installations by Casavant at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. An opening recital by Aaron Tan is followed by Vierne's Messe Solennelle for two organs and choir. When renovations and restorations began at Toronto's St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in 2014, one of the first decisions was to plan for a new pipe organ to replace the 1880 Warren that had been mechanically unreliable throughout the 1970s and 1980s and unusable since 1993. The Warren organ, the largest and best preserved in Canada, was carefully dismantled and put into storage, to be restored and rebuilt at a later date.

Our Postlude includes a train ride from Toronto along the shore of Lake Ontario to Hamilton, where we will board buses to hear a **Wallace & Company** tracker and an installation by **Létourneau**, among other highlights. You may choose to stay in Hamilton for dinner or return directly to Toronto for a final festive evening.

We hope to see you in Toronto this summer.

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# January 2023

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Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church ~ Ancaster, Ontario Wallace & Company Opus 78 (2018)

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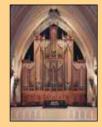
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	Victoria Day					
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	Memorial Day					





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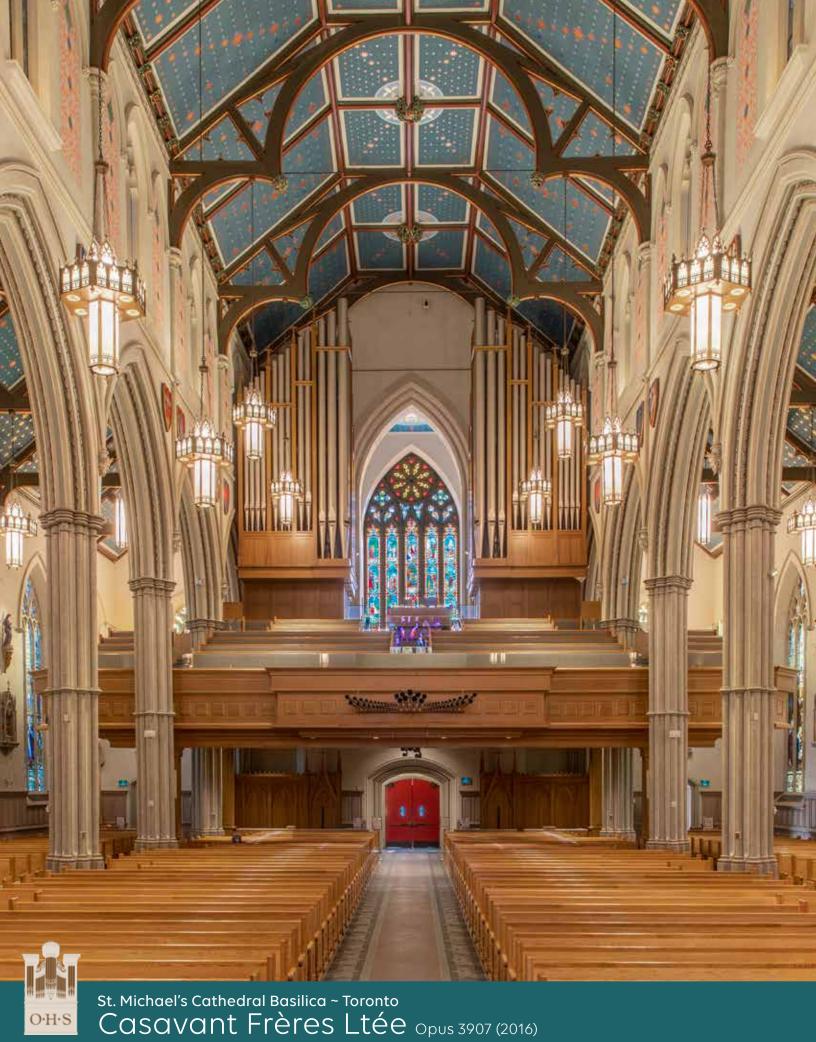


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Opus 136 Market Square Presbyterian Church Harrisburg, Pennsylvania





Metropolitan United Church ~ Toronto
Casavant Frères Ltée Opus 1367 (1930, 1998)

September 2023

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#### November 2023

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Daylight Savings Time	6	7 Election Day (USA)	8	9	10	11  Veterans Day  Remembrance Day
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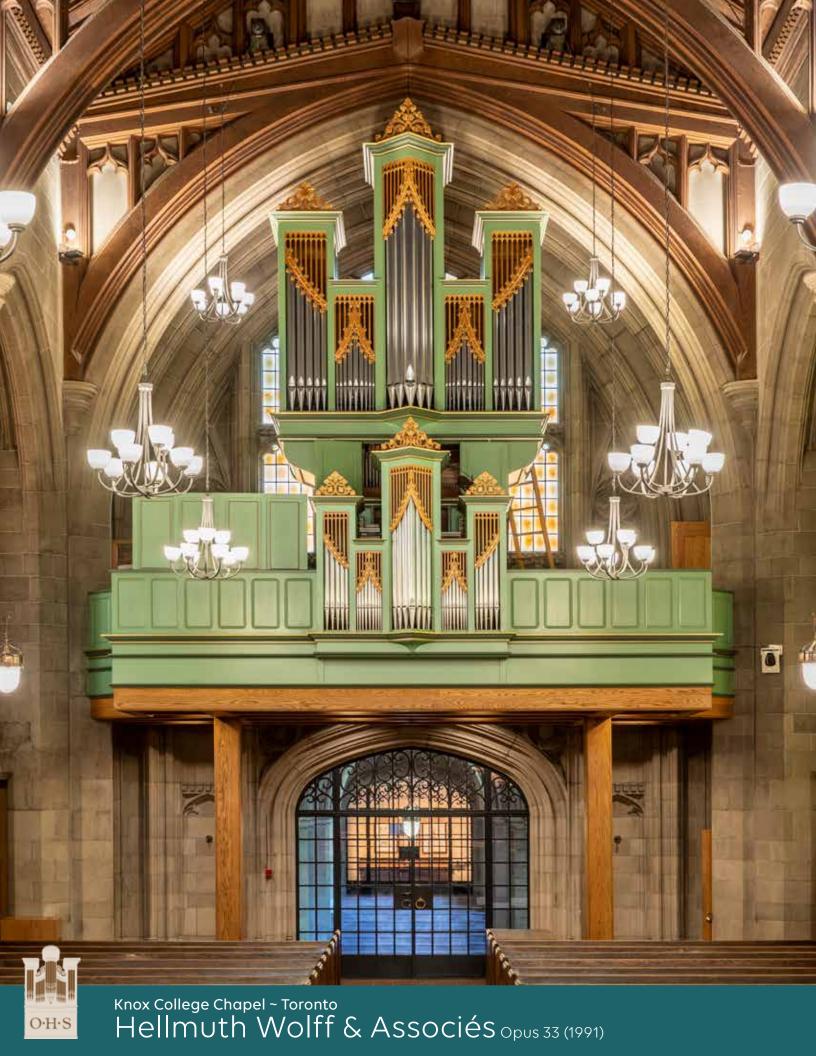


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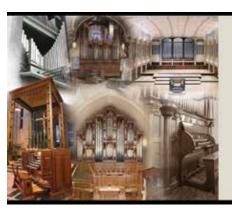
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New Year's Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day				



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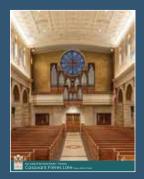
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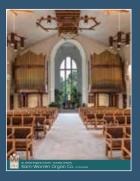




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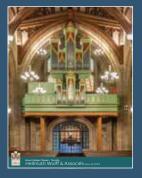














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