

Surprises Will Abound at Christ Church Cathedral Organ Concert Michael Velting, Organist

**October 24, 2008
8:00 p.m.**

Come and let yourself be surprised by the UNEXPECTED when Michael Velting, Organist and Choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral, presents an organ concert of old, new, classical and jazz music to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Lively-Fulcher Organ at the Cathedral on Friday, October 24, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Velting's program includes music from the great German, French, British, American and Lebanese organ composers spanning four centuries. He will use all 56 stops, 60 ranks and 3,370 pipes in this organ concert.

The October 24th program will showcase the great variety of sounds that are possible on the Cathedral's organ. The music Velting has selected is not church music, but rather a broad scope of organ concert music with some great surprises for the audience. During the concert the organ will be featured as both a singular solo instrument, and it will replicate an entire orchestra, using only the hands and feet of the organist on all the three keyboards and the pedals.



“This organ produces a broad, warm and enveloping sound,” said Velting. “The softest flutes will delight your ears, the strings and foundation sounds embrace you, and the trumpets and tuba will thrill you with their blazing, emphatic power. You will hear music that is ‘outside the box’ and that transports you ‘outside of the Cathedral’.”

The Great Organ is housed in the Cathedral's balcony and is playable from the amphitheatre console, with three keyboards and pedals. Video screens at the front of the church will allow the audience to view Velting's hands and feet as he performs.

“This stunning instrument enlivens the musical life of both the Nashville arts and our worship communities. It is a thrill to play and hear,” Velting added.