

Biography

Kaili Kimbrow began playing the piano at age five and harp at age twelve. Organ was added during her college years, studying under Professor Judy Glass at Southern Adventist University, and Dr. Devon Howard, Professor at Southwestern Adventist University. She has studied harp in the United States and Canada under harpists, Caroline Hudson of the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra, Ellen Foster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Laura Brandenburg, Professor at Texas Christian University, Elizabeth Volpe Bligh of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, and Sydney Howell, former harpist with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Kaili has performed in the United States, Canada, France, and Germany. She was a winner of the 2016 Southwestern Adventist University Music Festival Scholarship and 2019 Southern Adventist University Concerto Competition. She is completing degrees in Music, with harp and organ emphasis, and Business Administration. Kaili enjoys playing for church services, weddings, and special events. Performance venues have included the Morten H. Meyerson Symphony Center, American Church of Paris, and the Eiffel Tower. She performs with choirs, wind symphonies, orchestras, and chamber groups. Currently she is principal harpist of the Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra.

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Southern Adventist University
School of Music
Presents

Kaili Kimbrow

organ and harp
in
SENIOR RECITAL
Judy Glass, instructor
Caroline Hudson, instructor

March 28, 2021

7:30 pm

Collegedale SDA Church

Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

- I. Introduction - Choral
- II. Menuet gothique
- IV. Toccata

Praeludium et Fuga in C Major, BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Violin Partita No. 1

Johann Sebastian Bach

- I. Sarabande
- II. Double

The Minstrel's Adieu to his Native Land

John Thomas (1826-1913)
transcribed by Marcel Grandjany

- Andante
- I. Molto Legato
 - II. Leggiero
 - III. Agitato
 - IV. Risoluto
- Tempo Primo

Symphony No. 5, Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Christian Lutkin (1889-1946)

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**In partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree
Bachelor of Science in Music**

Program Notes

Suite Gothique

This four-movement suite was composed by **Léon Boëllmann** in 1895. Boëllmann, a lesser-known French composer during the Romantic period, wrote primarily for organ. Sadly, Boëllmann lived a very short life, leaving few organ pieces, dying at the age of thirty-five. The *Suite Gothique* is his best-known piece and has become famous in organ repertoire. The first movement, Introduction - Choral, begins with thick chordal texture and simple stepwise melodic movement in the key of C minor. The Menuet brings contrast with its faster tempo and interesting melodic passages. The left hand begins with a complementary melody to the chords in the right hand until the entrance of the pedal, which continues the melodic bass passage. The final movement, Toccata, is the most well-known of the four movements. Again, in the key of C minor, it begins by softly introducing thematic material in the pedal. The organ registration continues to increase in volume and magnificence, swelling to grandeur at the end of the piece. This is obtained through the full organ registration coupled between two keyboards, and by octaves in the pedal, also coupled with the keyboards, as it voices the main theme one final time.

Praeludium et Fuga in C Major, BWV 545

This piece was written by **Johann Sebastian Bach** while he was in his late 20s, serving the duke at Weimar, Germany. There is little known as to the specific time this piece was composed, giving the possibility that Bach worked on it while he was in the Weimar jail — due to his “stubborn testimony and insistent resignation” with the court there. Bach later revised this piece while in Leipzig, Germany. Interestingly, further revisions continued, thus creating a multitude of variations, some with vast differences. One version contains a minor section while another is in the key of B flat. Unfortunately, the original Prelude and Fugue did not survive. Bach’s preludes are generally more developed and grand, as is this piece, and they tend to stay close to the original key of C major. The fugue appears to be in more of a developmental style. A main theme is presented in the alto voice and is repeated as each voice enters. Throughout the fugue the tonality has frequent changes before it eventually concludes in the key of C major.

Violin Partita No. 1

This piece was originally written for violin in 1720, the year **Bach** returned home from a trip to find his wife had become ill, died, and was already buried. It is unknown, however, exactly when the partitas were written during that year. Partitas were typically a suite of dances or set of variations. Bach’s partitas fit both categories. He eventually transcribed the piece for keyboard. As the modern harp did not exist in the Baroque era, this piece was later

transcribed for harp by Marcel Grandjany, a highly respected French harpist during the late Impressionistic and early 20th-century time period. At age 11, Grandjany studied under Alphonse Hasselmans at the Conservatory of Paris. In 1936, he became head of the Harp Department at The Julliard School, where he taught many of today’s world-renowned harpists. Marcel Grandjany also co-founded the American Harp Society.

The Minstrel's Adieu to his Native Land

Showcasing the harp’s versatility of sound, **John Thomas** dedicated this theme and variations work to the Misses Williams of Aberpergwm. Written in the key of A minor, this piece begins with a theme which is then woven into four subsequent variations. These variations feature a number of styles that are classic to the harp – lush rolled chords, arpeggiation, and a variation which features harmonics. The work ends with a simple restatement of the theme. John Thomas was a very well-known harpist and composer during the Romantic period, writing in either Classical or Welsh styles. In 1872, Thomas became Queen Victoria’s Royal Harpist.

Symphony No. 5, Toccata

One of the grandest and most well-known works for the organ, “Widor’s Toccata,” as it is frequently referred to, was composed in 1879 during the French Romantic period. The work is characterized by rapid staccato arpeggiated phrases one measure in length. Throughout the piece, this arpeggio pattern is played across each of the twelve keys, adding to the richness of this work. **Charles-Marie Widor** was a French composer and organist during the late Romantic period. He composed works for organ, chamber, piano, and choir; however, his most well-known piece is this timeless and most-loved classic.

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

“The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen”