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## **ORGAN AT DAVIDSON'S ANNUAL BACH BIRTHDAY BASH**

### Organist Dr. Joseph Causby Featured

Johann Sebastian Bach, considered by many the greatest organ composer of all time, celebrates his 337<sup>th</sup> birthday this March. Organ at Davidson is proud to feature a concert in his honor for the fourteenth year in a row. This year's concert is March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Davidson College Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Main St., Davidson.

The program will feature larger and smaller works by Bach for organ, as well as three choral pieces with members of the choir from Chapel of the Cross.

Recitalist **Joseph Causby** is Director of Music and Organist of the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, NC. Prior to his appointment in Chapel Hill, Joseph spent 14 years in Texas, most recently at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, where he built one of the most active music programs in the country. Under his direction, the St. Mark's choir took part in three international English Cathedral residencies, performed many major works with orchestra, and recorded and broadcasted live on NPR and PBS. He has worked with Duke University Chapel's organ scholar initiative, private and public-school music education programs, and the University of North Carolina's early music ensembles. As an organ recitalist, Joseph has given concerts in the United States, Canada, England, and France. A native of North Carolina, Joseph holds a BMus from Appalachian State University, an MMus from Rice University, and a PhD from the University of Durham (UK), where he also served as the first American organ scholar of Durham Cathedral. His most recent organ study has been with Dame Gillian Weir.

The Organ at Davidson series was founded after the church's Wicks organ was rebuilt in 2006, to share its clear and rich sounds with the community. Listeners come from all over the region. The varied series has included instrumentalists, choral groups, silent films, and period costumes over the years, in addition to traditional organ concerts.

Organ at Davidson concerts are free, with donations received to continue the series. A meet-the-artist reception follows the program with birthday cake for Bach.

### CALENDAR VERSION:

**Organ at Davidson** presents its annual Bach Birthday Bash on March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Davidson College Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Main St. in Davidson. The recitalist is Dr. Joseph Causby, Director of Music and organist at the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill NC. The concert is free, with donations accepted, and is followed by a reception. [www.dcpc.org](http://www.dcpc.org).