

Dexter Kennedy: Kelty Organ Recital
Winner, 2015 Chartres International Organ Competition
Friday, January 27, 2017 at 7:30 PM

As the winner of the Grand Prix d'Interprétation at the 24th Concours International d'Orgue de Chartres, Dexter Kennedy has established himself internationally as "one of the greatest organists of our times" (Iceland Monitor). Praised for his "prodigious technique and grand style musicality" in *The American Organist*, Dexter Kennedy currently serves on the music faculty of the College of Wooster (Ohio) as Instructor of Organ and Harpsichord.

Kennedy is an active recitalist throughout both North America and Europe, having performed in great cathedrals, churches, and concert halls including: Washington National Cathedral; St. Thomas Church 5th Avenue, New York; Old West Church, Boston; the University of Calgary; Berliner Dom; Chartres Cathedral; Slovak Philharmonic Hall, Bratislava; Chichester Cathedral, UK; Hallgrímskirkja, Reykjavik; Basilica of St. Nazaire, Carcassone, France; Auditorio Manuel de Falla, Granada; Santa Rita da Cascia, Turin; St. Willibrordus Basilika, Echternach, Luxembourg; St. Andreas Kyrka, Malmö, Sweden; and the Aosta Valley Organ Festival, Italy. In the summer of 2015 he joined the Boston Symphony Orchestra for two subscription concerts at Tanglewood with maestros Bramwell Tovey and Ludovic Morlot. Upcoming engagements during Kennedy's busy 2016-2017 season include recitals at Strasbourg Cathedral; the Abbey of St. Etienne, Caen; the Canadian International Organ Competition Festival; the 2017 Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians in Toledo; the St. Albans International Organ Festival; as well as recitals in Phoenix, Los Angeles, Louisville, and Florida. In 2018 he will make his solo recital debut at Notre-Dame de Paris.

Dexter Kennedy holds the Artist Diploma from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he was a pupil of James David Christie. He holds a Masters Degree from the Yale University School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music. His principal teachers include James David Christie, Martin Jean, Olivier Latry, and Jeffrey Brillhart (improvisation). He is currently Assistant Organist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe (MI). In his spare time, he enjoys golfing and vigorously rooting for the professional sports teams in his native Detroit. More information about Kennedy and his schedule can be found at his website, www.dexterkennedy.com