

THE WORCESTER ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

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MECHANICS HALL and the WORCESTER CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
present

ORGAN DUO EXTRAVAGANZA • Wednesday, August 10, 2011, noon

National Emblem	Edwin E. Bagley (1857 - 1922)
Fantasia	Adolph Hesse (1808 - 1863)
Adagio for a Musical Clock	Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 - 1827)
It's All About the Dog	Robin Dinda (b. 1959)
Variations on <i>Auld Lang Syne</i>	W. Eugene Thayer (1838 - 1889)
Max Cat Rag	Robin Dinda

Next in the 2011 WORCESTER ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

Wednesday, December 14, 2011, Noon, Free Admission

Annual Christmas Music Concert, featuring combined festival choirs of downtown Worcester churches, plus organ, piano, timpani, handbells.

The Worcester Organ Concerts are presented by Mechanics Hall and the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists to showcase the magnificent 1864 Hook Organ - also known as *The Worcester Organ* - and talented organists and musical artists from New England and beyond. Programming includes organ performance, silent films and multimedia performances.

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a b o u t t h e a r t i s t s



Renea Waligora and Robin Dinda joined musical forces to perform numerous duo organ recitals across the United States since their marriage in 1989. Their collaborative interpretations are sensitive and balanced, and have an amazing command of the repertoire with the larger or more profound works alternating with either playful or more contemplative selections.

They live in Fitchburg with their daughter Ayla, along with various pets, pinball machines, and a 1904 Steinway D.

Renea Waligora received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Carthage College and the Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan. An active recitalist, Ms. Waligora has performed at several national conventions of The Organ Historical Society, The International Society of Organ Builders and the American Theatre Organ Society. She has appeared in New England at Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Trinity Church, Boston, The Old West Series, All Saint's, Worcester, MA and many other venues throughout the United States. Currently, she serves as Director of Music at The United Church of Christ in Keene, NH and is the Dean of the Monadnock Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Robin Dinda earned degrees from Davidson College, The University of Cincinnati, and The University of Michigan, and has the Fellow level of certification from The American Guild of Organists (AGO). As an organist he has performed across the United States, at many national and regional conventions, and is particularly known for his performances of American organ music and his own many published compositions. He is Professor of Humanities (Music) at Fitchburg State University in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he has taught since 1989. He is also Director of Music at The First Parish (Unitarian - Universalist) in Fitchburg, where he has presided over the church's 1928 E. M. Skinner organ since 2000. As an established American composer, his works are creative, sometimes playful, and satisfy the musical ear at all levels. Most recently, his *Organ Concerto #1 for Organ and String Orchestra* was premiered in July 2011 at the regional convention of the AGO in Greensboro, NC.

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American organ builders Elias and George Hook, brothers from Boston, constructed the 52-stop, 3,504-pipe instrument in 1864. It is the oldest unaltered four-keyboard pipe organ in the Western Hemisphere located at its installation site. Restored in 1982, the Hook Organ since then has become one of the most popular and respected organs in the United States. It has been featured numerous times on National Public Radio, performed in several recordings, and has been featured on television and in a major motion picture, as well as in a music video starring Michael Crawford, the original "Phantom of the Opera."