



A Celebration of Pipe Organ Music at Christ Church Bangkok



**22 June 2024 – 4:00 pm
Christ Church Bangkok**

11 Convent Road, Silom, Bangkok

Welcome

Matthew Balaban

Prelude and Fugue in B Minor, BWV 544
Johann Sebastian Bach

Gammal Fäbodpsalm från Dalarna (Old Pastoral Hymn)
Oskar Lindberg

Trio Sonata No. 1 in E flat Major, BWV 525
Johann Sebastian Bach

Okey Okafor

Nimrod (From "Enigma Variations")
Edward Elgar

Festmarsch
Mathilde Kralik

Offertorio per Organo
Cosimo Casini (sec XVIII)

Tribute
Yiannis Chryssomallis

Fanfare
Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens

Intermission

Christine Clewell

Prelude in F Major
Fanny Cäcilie Mendelssohn Hensel

Flötenuhrstücke: Pieces for a Musical Clock
No. 2 - Andante
No. 12 - Presto
Joseph Haydn

The Shepherd's Psalm: Chorale Prelude on Evan
Gladys Washburn Fisher

O Love that will not let me go
Scott Solak

Concert Variations on the Austrian Hymn, Op. 3
Theme – Variations II, III, IV
John Knowles Paine

Closing remarks

Matthew Balaban



Matt graduated from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania (USA) in 2010 with a dual BA/BS degree, majoring in both neuroscience and music. Matt has performed on the organ in the US, Africa, and Asia – including as a musician at Christ Church Bangkok in 2023. He is currently a math teacher at The Kiski School in Saltsburg, and serves as an organist at Sons of Zebedee Lutheran Church in Saltsburg, Slickville Presbyterian Church, and First United Methodist Church in New Kensington – all in Pennsylvania.

Okey Okafor



Okey's primary musical tutelage began on the piano with his father – Mr. Gibson Okafor – an organist and composer. While studying for his Bachelor's degree, he was given the opportunity to be the organist of Cathedral Church of St. Faith, Awka, Nigeria, where his first pipe organ experience began. He took part in the organ master classes of the late Kayode Oni, Dr. Carol Williams and Diane Bish.

He moved to Thailand in 2013, where he obtained his MBA from Stamford International University Bangkok.

Okey is currently the International Coordinator of Christ Church Bangkok, as well as the organist.

Christine Clewell



Christine holds degrees from Susquehanna University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and the University of Michigan, where she earned her doctorate in sacred and liturgical studies. She has served on the faculty at IUP since 1999, where she is an Assistant Professor of Organ and Keyboard, teaching organ, piano, and music theory. Since 2016, she has hosted annual world premieres of prize-winning organ compositions written for the Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee Annual Competition of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Acknowledgements

All donations from today's concert will go to support Noh Bo Academy, a school for Karen refugees near Mae La Camp along the Thai-Myanmar border. Christ Church has been supporting the school for over 30 years.

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The Christ Church pipe organ

The formal establishment of Christ Church at Convent Road is aligned to the Royal Gift of 1904, by His Majesty King Chulalongkorn, Rama V, of land on which a church was built "for all Protestants at present days and future."

Christ Church's pipe organ remains the only pipe organ in Thailand. It was built in 1904 by Henry Willis and Co, London, England. It was first tried out by the organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and then shipped to Thailand. After arriving in Bangkok, it was installed at Christ Church by FG Barr of Kuala Lumpur, where another Willis organ was placed at St. Mary's Anglican Cathedral in 1898.

From 1975-1977, it was rebuilt by Peter Scott and Henry Willis IV. It was repaired again in 1995 after major flooding in the church by the then Director of Music, Graham Taylor. Additional restorations occurred in 2012 and 2016.

The organ has tracker action throughout, mechanical drawstop action, a balanced Swell pedal, and two combination pedals to Great.

About Noh Bo Academy

Christ Church Bangkok has been coordinating emergency supplies and financial support for Karen refugees along the Thai-Myanmar border since 1984. This includes three nursery schools inside the Mae La Camp and an orphanage. Christ Church also supports the Noh Bo Academy, half an hour north of the camp, which provides secondary education for over 200 students, many who are from the camp. In addition to funding the school, Christ Church engages volunteer teachers.

About Christ Church Bangkok

Christ Church Bangkok strives to be a welcoming, Bible-based community which demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ.

Communion services are held on Sundays at 7:30 am (traditional) and 10:00 am (contemporary). A Thai congregation has their service at 1:30pm (contemporary).

Please see <https://christchurchbangkok.org/> for more information, and feel free to contact office@christchurchbangkok.org with questions.