

KEN COWAN, Organ

A native of Thorold, Ontario, Canada, Ken Cowan received his Master's degree and Artist Diploma from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, studying organ with Thomas Murray. His past positions have included Associate Organist and Artist in Residence at Saint Bartholomew's Church, New York City, and Assistant Organist posts at St. James Episcopal Church, the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in New York City, and Saint Clement's Church in Philadelphia.

Currently Assistant Professor of Organ at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, Mr. Cowan maintains a full studio of organ students and is one of the most sought-after concert organists in North America. He has won numerous awards in the United States and Canada; has been a featured artist at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society and the Royal Canadian College of Organists; and has been on the roster of Associate Organists for the famous Wanamaker Grand Court organ in Philadelphia. He has also recorded several critically acclaimed CDs on the JAV label, and many of his recordings and live performances are regularly featured on the nationally distributed radio show PIPEDREAMS from American Public Media.

LISA SHIHOTEN, Violin

Violinist Lisa Shihoten enjoys an active career as a chamber musician, recitalist, and teacher. She made her New York solo debut at Avery Fisher Hall with the Juilliard Orchestra under the direction of Kurt Masur, and has received top prizes and awards from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, the Marcia Polayes National Competition, and the Seventeen Magazine/General Motors National Competition. Ms. Shihoten appears frequently with the ensemble Concertante, the American Chamber Players, and with the Jupiter Symphony Chamber Players, and has performed at numerous summer festivals, including the Caramoor Music Festival, the Ravinia Festival, the Verbier Music Festival, the Aspen Music Festival, and the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival. She has also toured throughout Israel, Greece, and Turkey, and in this country regularly tours in duo recital with organist Ken Cowan. Ms. Shihoten received her Bachelor's degree from the Juilliard School, and her Master's degree from the Yale School of Music. She makes her home in Princeton, New Jersey, and teaches at Princeton University.

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