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Organ Recital by Professor Nathan Laube in St. Vitus Church

St. Vitus Parish pleased to announce that rising virtuoso and American born organist, 26 year-old Professor Nathan Laube, appointed to the faculty in 2013 of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, as an Assistant Professor of Organ, will perform an organ recital in St. Vitus Church on Dec. 7, 2014. St. Vitus Church is located at 6019 Lausche Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

His Slovenian grandparents, Ludvik and Mara Kolman, were forced to flee Slovenia at the conclusion of World War II and fled to lower Austria, living for five years in a displaced camp until being permitted to emigrate to Chicago, Illinois. Nathan's mother is of Slovenian descent and his father is of German descent. He grew up in Chicago.

Nathan Laube was graduated with a Bachelor of Music Degree, Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, PA., where he studied organ and piano. He received the Institute's two highest awards, the Landis Award for Excellence in Academics and the Aldwell Award for Excellence in Musical Studies. In June 2013 he received his Master's Degree in Organ Performance from the Musikhochschule in Stuttgart, Germany. He has also been a recipient of a William Fulbright Grant. Nathan has performed three times in the Republic of Slovenia: in 2004 at an All Nations Organ Recital, in 2012 to perform two concerts, and most recently in March 2014 at the Cankar Hall.

Nathan is managed by the firm Karen McFarlane Artists Inc., an artist management firm located in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to his performances around the USA and Europe, Mr. Laube is was the artist in residence at the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris, France from 2011-2013.

He has performed at the following venues: Walt Disney Concert Hall (Los Angeles), Washington National Cathedral, The Mother Church (Boston), Verizon Hall (Philadelphia), Overture Hall (Madison, WI), Trinity Cathedral (Portland, OR), First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, Stiftskirche (Stuttgart, Germany), Notre-Dame-du-Taur (Toulouse, France), and Cathédrale Saint-Alain (Lavaur, France). Professor Laube will perform on the restored Holtkamp church pipe organ that has 1.500 wooden and metal pipes. The organ was completely restored in Nov 2009. It was originally installed by the Votteler-Holtkamp-Sparling Organ Co. in 1932. The restoration project began with a new blower room installation and continued with work on the console and the rest of the instrument, adding new pistons, controls, and a state of the art electronic switching system. The key and stop actions on this organ are electro-pneumatic with 62 manuals and 32 pedals. Restoration cost was \$330,000.

Ticket and other information will be forthcoming. This will be Professor Laube's only organ recital in Cleveland, Ohio in 2014. Support of the organ recital is being made possible by grants and private donations from The Frances and Jane S. Lausche Foundation, The American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ) Cultural Grant, American Mutual Life Association (AMLA), St. Vitus Parish, St. Vitus KSKJ Lodge #25, and other pending grants.

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