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KEN COWAN, Organ

Regarded as one of North America's finest concert organists and praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique, and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike, Ken Cowan maintains a rigorous performing schedule that takes him to major concert venues in America, Canada, Europe, and Asia.

In 2012, Mr. Cowan joined the keyboard faculty of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University as Associate Professor and head of the organ program. He is additionally Organist and Artist-in-Residence at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, TX. Mr. Cowan was previously Associate Professor of Organ at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, New Jersey, where he received the 2008 Rider University Distinguished Teaching Award. Prior to joining the full time Westminster Choir College faculty, he was Associate Organist and Artist in Residence at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York City.

A native of Thorold, Ontario, Canada, Ken Cowan received a Bachelor's degree from the Curtis Institute of Music studying with John Weaver, and his Master's degree and Artist Diploma from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, studying organ with Thomas Murray. He 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. Mr. Cowan has recorded several critically acclaimed CDs on the Pro Organo, JAV and Raven labels. Many of his recordings and live performances have been 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. She has appeared with the ensemble Concertante, the American Chamber Players, 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 regularly tours this country 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.

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