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JONATHAN RUDY

Biography

Jonathan D. Rudy is recognized by colleagues and audiences for excellence as a performer, church musician, improviser, educator, and conductor. A native of Batavia, Illinois, Mr. Rudy's upcoming performances include an appearance at the 2016 AGO National Convention in Houston TX.

Mr. Rudy is a laureate of several performance competitions and most recently won First Prize and the Audience Prize at the American Guild of Organists 2014 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance, the Guild's premiere young organist competition. He was also a finalist in the National Organ Playing Competition in Fort Wayne, as well as the Second Prize Winner of the Regional Competition for Young Organists (Quimby Competition) in 2011. He received the Immanuel Organ Scholar Award in 2009 (Evanston, IL) in recognition of excellence in performance and sacred music, as well as high praise and prizes during competitions hosted in Detroit, Bloomington IN, Wheaton IL, and Glen Ellyn IL.

In addition to appearances as organist and church musician, Mr. Rudy maintains a career as a conductor. He studied Choral Conducting at Indiana University with Dr. William Gray and Dr. Richard Tangyuk, and regularly leads choral and instrumental ensembles. He has served as conductor for the Valparaiso University Men's Chorus, the AGO Bloomington Choralfest Ensemble, and the choral and instrumental ensembles at his church positions, amongst other leadership positions.

Mr. Rudy received his Masters Degree in Organ and Sacred Music at Indiana University, where he studied organ with Janette Fishell, improvisation and sacred music with Bruce

Neswick, and pursued minors in Music Theory and Choral Conducting. Mr. Rudy completed his undergraduate degree at Valparaiso University, studying Organ and Sacred Music with Lorraine Brugh and Karel Paukert. While at Valparaiso, he was initiated into Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honors society, and received the Reidenbach Award in Church Music. In his early years he studied organ with Karl Bruhn and piano with his mother, Melinda J. Rudy.

Jonathan D. Rudy currently serves as Music Director at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Cookeville, TN, tutors students privately in Aural Skills, Music Theory, and Voice, and maintains an amateur recording studio. Mr. Rudy has served as Organist at Central Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute, IN, as Associate Instructor of Music Theory and Aural Skills at Indiana University, and as Dean and Member-At-Large of the American Guild of Organists Bloomington Chapter (Region V).

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