

Hope Presbyterian Church
Austin, Texas

presents

Matthew Middleton
Organ & Piano

In Recital

Tuesday, August 17, 2004
7:00 p.m.

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Last month Matthew Middleton completed a one-year Organ Scholarship at Bristol Cathedral and the Church of St Mary Redcliffe in Bristol, England. There he regularly accompanied five choirs under three directors, and played as many as nine choral services per week. Performing in ten cathedrals in England and Wales, he studied with two of the country's leading organ teachers.

Matthew received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Texas at Austin, where he studied with Frank Speller. During his last two years at the University, he served as Organist at Hope Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas.

Before studying organ, Matthew excelled in piano, performing with three symphony orchestras before the age of eighteen and winning state and regional competitions in Montana, Washington, Oklahoma, and Texas. He continued studies in Wichita Falls with pianist Ruth Morrow, in addition to taking up the organ with Ronald Hough and Kiyo Watanabe.

Matthew will spend this coming year volunteering in Egypt as a missionary with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). There he will serve as Organist at St. Andrew's Church in Cairo and develop the music programs of twenty Presbyterian schools throughout the country.

Last week, Matthew played two concerts in Washington D.C. at the National Cathedral and the National Shrine, the largest Roman Catholic church in the western hemisphere. On Sunday, August 22 he will play at First United Methodist Church, Wichita Falls, the day before departing for his mission in Cairo.

Program

Fantasie in F Minor, K. 608 W.A. Mozart

Three Preludes Sergei Rachmaninoff

I. G-Sharp Minor, Op.32

II. D Major, Op.23

III. B-Flat Major, Op.23

Intermission

Chorale No. 1 César Franck

Estampes Claude Debussy

I. Pagodes

II. La Soirée dans Grenade

III. Jardins sous la Pluie

Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne