A MASTER'S RECITAL

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A MASTER'S REPORT

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presents
VAUDENE HOWELL PENDARVIS, Organ
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assisted by
DANIEL LINDBLOM, Percussion

Monday, October 1, 1984
All Faiths Chapel
8:00 p.m.

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PROGRAM

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor 
Nicolaus Bruhns
(1665-1697)

Andante in F Major, K. 616
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

Toccata and Fugue in F Major, BWV 540
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Scherzo, Opus 2
Maurice Duruflé
(born 1903)

Pièce Heroïque
César Franck
(1822-1890)

INTERMISSION

Black Host (1967) For Organ, Percussion,
and Tape
William Bolcom
(born 1938)
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LECTURE RECITAL
J.S. BACH: SIX SCHÜBLER CHORALES
A STUDY IN TRANSCRIPTION GENIUS

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Within the last four years of his life, Johann Sebastian Bach sent a collection of six short compositions for two clavier and pedal to Johann George Schübler, a friend and pupil, who subsequently published them. These pieces were transcriptions for organ of previously composed cantata ritornello arias by Bach himself. The original title, when translated into English, is "Six Chorales of Various Sorts" but the collection is most often referred to as the "Six Schübler Chorales." These six brief works are prime examples of Bach's mature compositional style of borrowing from previously composed material and ingeniously reworking it to be idiomatic for a totally different ensemble or instrument.

This lecture recital explores the importance of the "Six Schübler Chorales" through the presentation of the history, transmittal, and preservation of the extant copies of the work, the compositional processes illustrated in Bach's art of transcription, and the Baroque performance practices involved in performing the transcriptions. Details are explained and illustrated concerning the Doctrine of Affections vocabulary Bach used in these works. Organ performance practice is discussed illustrating Bach's transitional fingerling and the use of all-toe pedaling.

This lecture recital ends with a performance of the "Six Schübler Chorales" BWV 645 - 650. Transitional fingerling and all-toe pedaling is utilized in this performance.


