# **TODAY'S PERFORMERS**

Michael Alderman, Music Director, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Stamford
Accompanist, Fairfield County Chorale & Old Saybrook HS

Dottie Cameron, Director of Music and Organist, Christ Episcopal, Stratford

David Harris, Director of Music at St. Thomas Aquinas RC Church, Fairfield

Frank Martignetti, Director of Music, First Church Congregational, Fairfield
Assistant Professor & Program Director, Sacred Heart University

Chris Muller, Director of Music, Stratford United Methodist Church

Joe Utterback, Director of Music, First Congregational Church, Stratford

Adjunct Professor, Sacred Heart University

Frank Zilinyi, Director of Music, South Congregational First Baptist Church, New Britain

Artistic Director, Mystic River Chorale; Adjunct Professor, University of Bridgeport

# **CHORAL PERFORMERS**

John and Rebecca Arkenberg



# PROGRAM ...

Welcome - Frank Martignetti

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565 J. S. Bach Michael Alderman, organ

Come, Little Children from Hocus Pocus

Erutan, arr. Hashimi

UB University Singers, Frank Zilinyi, director Frank Martignetti, guest director

Cathedrals. 24 Pieces in Fantasy Style, No. 3

L. Vierne

Lyke Wake Dirge

Medieval

John and Rebecca Arkenberg, Dottie Cameron

Chris Muller, organ

Toccata from Suite Gothique

L. Boellmann

Frank Martignetti, organ

Deep River and Joshua 'fit the Battle of Jericho

arr: Utterback

Joe Utterback, piano

C. Franck

Michael Alderman, organ

Joe Utterback and David Harris

Silent Movie with improvised accompaniment

David Harris, organ

#### **SPECIAL THANKS**

**Costume March** 

Chorale in A minor

The performers want to thank First Church Congregational for the use of this wonderful facility and to the volunteers who lovingly give of their time with the reception, video, lights, staging, microphones—all required to make this a special Halloween musical treat.

Learn more about upcoming performances on First Church's Music at the Meetinghouse concert series, as well as worship, educational, support, and service opportunities at firstchurchfairfield.org, on Facebook, or Instagram.

### **About the American Guild of Organists**

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. The Guild serves approximately 14,700 members in approximately 300 chapters throughout the United States and abroad. Founded in 1896 as both an educational and service organization, the Guild seeks to set and maintain high musical standards and to promote understanding and appreciation of all aspects of organ and choral music. The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ. www.agohq.org

# **About the Greater Bridgeport Chapter**

Our active chapter of around 60 members includes organists and music directors from throughout Fairfield and southern New Haven Counties, and is nationally known for our Pipescreams concerts and its scholarship program. We will celebrate our 75th anniversary in 2023! Visit us at greaterbridgeportago.org, or follow us on Facebook!

#### ABOUT M. LOUISE MILLER and PAUL E KNOX

A scholarship fund was established in 1998 to honor the life and work of Dr. M. Louise Miller (1914 - 2008), a founding member (1948) of the Greater Bridgeport Chapter, and to recognize her great achievements in the fields of church music, organ playing and teaching. In 2015, through a generous gift from the estate of Dr. Paul E. Knox (1930-2015), the scholarship was renamed and the amount

increased. A Bridgeport native, Louise Miller served as Music Director and Organist of B'nai Israel Temple of Bridgeport, and as Director of Music & Organist of the First Congregational Church, Stratford, for 45 years. In 1942, she founded the Stratford Oratorio Society. Her schooling included graduating from Roger Ludlowe High School in 1931; Yale University School of Music; Trinity College of Music, London; and the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary, New York City. She was a superb musician, a highly respected choral director; beloved by all those who sang under her direction and beloved not only by all those she trained but all who knew her and were fortunate enough to hear her perform. A native of Texas, Paul Knox served as Music Director at United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, for 32 years, where he led the United Chorale in worship, concert, and on a European tour. He also served as Adjunct Professor of Organ at the University of Bridgeport. Following his retirement, he served many other churches in the region, including First Church Fairfield, where he finished his career and was a member until his death. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, his education included North Texas State University, Union Theological Seminary, and Columbia University. Paul received the Doctor of Music, Honoris Causa, from Piedmont College, Georgia in 1992 in recognition of his church music career

