



A Baroque
Christmas at
Sono Luminus

Felipe Dominguez, organ

[01]	Chorale Prelude "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" BWV 659, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)	4:27
[02]	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming harm. Michael Praetorius (1571 - 1621)	1:04
[03]	Chorale Prelude "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich" Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 - 1748)	0:50
[04]	Vers 1 Vers 2	1:09
[05]	Noël cette Journée, en Musette Jean-François Dandrieu (1682 - 1738)	2:18
[06]	Pastorale Domenico Zipoli (1688 - 1726)	3:48
[07]	Michau qui causoit ce grand bruit Jean-François Dandrieu	2:33
[08]	Ricercare on "Ave Maria Klare" Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1665 - 1746)	2:15
[09]	Fantasia on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)	6:58
[10]	Noël Étranger Louis-Claude Daquin (1694 - 1772) Noël - 1er Double - 2e Double	3:43
[11]	Pifa from "The Messiah" George F. Handel (1685 - 1759)	3:02
[12]	Chorale Prelude "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her" Georg Böhm (1661 - 1733)	2:16
[13]	Voluntary V, Op. 6 John Stanley (1712 - 1786)	3:32
[14]	Chorale Prelude "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her" Johann Pachelbel (1653 - 1706)	1:49
[15]	Introduzione e Pastorale Bernardo Pasquini (1637 - 1710)	5:57
[16]	"In dulci jubilo" Anon. from Fridolin Sichers Tablature, mid 16th Century	0:57
[17]	"In dulci jubilo" BWV 729 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)	2:46



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From the pipe organ at the Sono Luminus studio in Boyce, Virginia, we are pleased to present a fine selection of baroque organ music for the Christmas season.

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Oh, Come thou Savior of the Gentiles) is a German chorale normally sung during advent, and it is a call for the Lord to come to Earth. This setting by Bach features a walking bass in the accompaniment, and a highly ornamented version of the chorale melody as a solo, in one of the most exquisite examples of this form. The registration is Gedeckt 8', Gemshorn 8', Koppel Flute 4', Quint 1 1/3' and Tremulant in the Swell for the solo, against Principals in the accompaniment.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming is a well known and beloved traditional chorale on

the original harmonization by Michael Praetorius.

The chorale *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich*, (Praise God, you Christians, All Together) is set in verse 1 with the melody in the soprano and counterpoint in the two lower voices, and in verse 2 with the melody in the pedal and two lines in imitation on top.

Noël *cette Journée* (Christmas day today) imitates the French musette with a sustained pedal note, a sweet melody and elegant ornaments, painting an image of the French countryside.

Zipoli's *Pastorale* also centers on the image of countryside landscape, which was a popular Christmas theme at the time in the spirit of the biblical annunciation to the shepherds.

Michau qui causoit ce grand bruit is a traditional French Noël treated in a very common structure of variations with different character, the first with a royal feel and the second with a courtesan air.

A *ricercar* is an imitative form that uses a melody as its main source of material for development. In the case of the *Ricercare* on "Ave Maria Klare", a hymn for the Virgin Mary is used as the main source material.

Buxtehude's *Fantasia* on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" (How brightly Shines the Morning Star) is one of his greatest masterpieces. He uses small phrases of the chorale melody to develop contrasting sections full of color, energy, and beauty, which also provide an opportunity to highlight the wonderful colors of the organ.

Louis-Claude Daquin wrote a large collection of Noëls and his own performances were legendary in 18th Century Paris. His Noël variations normally present the melody first, followed by variations, at times very virtuosic as it is in this case.

Selections from the Oratorio “The Messiah” by Handel have long been a staple of the Christmas repertoire. This version of the pifa transcribed for the organ is highly ornamented and with its triple meter and dance character intends to take the listener back to the annunciation to the shepherds.

Böhm’s setting of “From Heaven Above,” a popular Christmas chorale, sets the melody as a solo, largely unornamented so it is easy to recognize, against a contrapuntal backdrop.

Voluntary V, Op. 6, by John Stanley though not a Christmas piece has all the hallmarks of a royal entrance. It begins with a contrapuntal section similar to a string ensemble, followed by a virtuosic trumpet solo (Oboe 8’).

This second setting of “From Heaven Above,” by Pachelbel is much different than the previous one, the melody being in the pedal with a Principal 8’ against Koppel Flute 4’ and Quint 1 1/3’ in the Swell that dance in counterpoint above the melody.

This 18th Century setting of a pastorella by Bernardo Pasquini is much more elaborated, making more use of counterpoint and varied harmonies throughout the piece. However, it stays true to the countryside character of pastorals. The simple registration of a Gemshorn 8’ for the first section and Gedackt 8’ and Bourdon 16’ in the pedal highlights the beauty of these stops.

In Sweet Rejoicing! (In Dulci Jubilo) Is a popular upbeat Christmas hymn. The first 16th Century version from the Fridolin Sichers Tablature is highly imitative, with phrases overlapping over each other very actively. The second version by J.S. Bach, written in his youth, is a highly ornamented version of the hymn that works in scales and arpeggios with a majestic end only as Bach can deliver.

Organ Specifications



Great

Principal 8'

Gedackt 8'

Octave 4'

Gemshorn 4'

Wald Flute 2'

Sesquialter II

Mixture III

Swell to Great 8'

Swell

Gedackt 8'

Gemshorn 8'

Celeste 8'

Koppel Flute 4'

Principal 2'

Quint 1 1/3'

Oboe 8'

Tremolo

Pedal

Bourdon 16'

Principal 8'

Gedackt 8'

Octave 4'

Gemshorn 4'

Basoon 16'

Oboe 4'

Great to Pedal 8'

Swell to Pedal 8'

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