

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012

3:00PM

MADONNA DELLA STRADA CHAPEL

SIMONE GHELLER, ORGAN

Sonata in C minor

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

- I. Grave
- II. Canzone
- III. Scherzetto
- IV. Choral

Plymouth Suite

- I. Allegro Risoluto
 - II. Lantana
 - III. Chanty
 - IV. Salix
 - V. Toccata
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Dr. Simone Gheller was born in Padua, Italy, in 1978. After graduation from high school, he received four Master's Degrees from the Pedrollo Conservatory in Vicenza, Italy, in Piano, Organ Performance, Music Education, and Choral Music and Choral Conducting. He also received a Doctorate in Organ and Organ Composition, cum laude, from the Venezzese Conservatory in Rovigo, Italy, where he studied with Andrea Toschi. He has participated in seminars and masterclasses of Marie-Louise Langlais, W. Matesic, K. Schnorr, J. Artigas Pina and others, and studied at Vienna University with Michael Radulescu and Roman Summereder. In 2008 he received two "Medaille d'Or en Superieur d'Interpretation" with Eric Lebrun at the Conservatoire National de Paris.

Dr. Gheller studied at Oberlin College (Ohio, USA) with Professor James David Christie and Olivier Latry, where he finished the prestigious Artist Diploma program, class of 2011. He was also the organist at First Church in Oberlin from 2009 to 2011. Dr. Simone Gheller is Music Director and Organist at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Wilmette, Illinois.

Dr. Gheller has an extensive performing history spanning the last 15 years, with concerts, seminars and masterclasses in Italy, France, Germany, Austria, and America. He had a concert tour in Brazil in 2001. He has garnered many prizes, including first prize at the National Italian Organ competition "Citta' di Viterbo" in four of the six years between 1995 and 2000, first prize and gold medal from the President of Italian Republic at the Giarda National Organ Competition, first prize at the International Organ Competition Vegezzi Bossi in 2000, first prize at the Korschbroich International Organ Competition (Germany), first prize, audience prize and two special prizes at the International Organ Competition "Grand Prix Andrè Marchal" in Biarritz (2007).

Dr. Gheller has recorded Fiori Musicali by Girolamo Frescobaldi, The Complete Choral Works with Organ by Alessandro Scarlatti for the Tactus label and a selection of organ music by Reubke and Liszt for the Onclassical label.