

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: January 25, 2012
WHAT: Gerald Wolfe, organ recital—Music at Grace
WHEN: February 19, 4 PM
WHERE: Grace Episcopal Church, 375 West Church at Davis, Elmira, NY

The Music at Grace Series at Grace Episcopal Church, will feature Gerald Wolfe, organist, for a recital on Sunday, February 19 at 4 PM, 375 W. Church Street, Elmira.

Gerald Wolfe is well known locally for his performing and conducting work in the Elmira/Ithaca area. Serving at Grace Episcopal Church as parish musician since 1995, Gerald is organist and choir director. Since 1990 he has been conductor of the Ithaca Community Chorus, a 100+ vocal ensemble that performs masterpieces of the oratorio tradition with full orchestra and professional soloists. For 23 years Gerald was the organist and choir director at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Ithaca, and was founder and director of the Gerald Wolfe Singers, now the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble. He has given numerous recitals in the central New York area and elsewhere, and is a graduate of Princeton University, where he studied organ with Dr. Carl Weinrich.

His recital at Grace will include Widor's Symphony No. 6, J.S. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D, and The Swan of Tuonela by Sibelius. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Rev. A. R. Strauss of Ithaca extensively renovated the organ at Grace Church in 1991. Thanks to a generous contribution, the Solo Division of the instrument was completed in 2009. The organ contains 5 divisions, 54 independent stops, 73 ranks, and 4397 pipes.

Detailed directions may be obtained from the parish website: www.grace-elmira.org or by calling the parish office at 607-732-0545.

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