

**PROGRAM FOR CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

**3 FEBRUARY 2008**

**4:30 PM**

**JOHN KEVIN LINKER, ORGANIST**

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**Dieterich BUXTEHUDE (1637-1707)**

Magnificat primi toni, BuxVW 203

Chorale Fantasia on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, BuxVW 223

**Johann Sebastian BACH (1685-1750)**

Canzona, BWV 588

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

## JOHN KEVIN LINKER

A native of Princeton, Illinois, John received a Bachelor of Music degree from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb) in 1997 where he studied organ with Robert Reeves and Richard Hoskins, and a Master of Music degree from the Chicago Musical College (Roosevelt University) in 2003, an organ and harpsichord student of David Schrader. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Cincinnati (College-Conservatory of Music) where he is an organ student of Roberta Gary. At CCM Linker has served as staff accompanist for the University Men's Chorus, and has performed with the CCM Chorale, CCM Chamber Singers, and as organ soloist with the CCM Philharmonic. Linker was first place winner in the annual Strader Organ Competition at CCM in 2004.

In 2001 Linker was appointed Organist/Choirmaster of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) in Lexington, Kentucky, where he leads a vibrant choir program of professional and volunteer singers. The choir maintains a rigorous rehearsal and service schedule, and sings two major concerts annually. Recent major works performed by the Choir include Maurice Duruflé, *Requiem*, Op. 9, J S Bach, *Magnificat in D*, BWV 243, Leonard Bernstein, *Chichester Psalms*, and Mozart *Requiem*. The Choir has made two international tours under Linker's leadership, singing in Gloucester Cathedral in 2003 and in Lichfield and Durham Cathedrals in 2006. The Choir is scheduled to make appearances in New York in 2008 and Ely Cathedral (England) in 2009.

Linker is a past Dean of the Lexington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and currently serves in the capacity of Registrar. Other recent projects include the forming of a new professional choir in Lexington known as the Lexington Bach Choir, for which Linker serves as Assistant Artistic Director.