



## PRESS RELEASE

Juilliard trained organist to perform at Stambaugh Auditorium

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### For Immediate Release:

On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, Stambaugh Auditorium will host a concert by organist Isabelle Demers. Dr. Demers is an Organ Professor and Head of the Organ Program at Baylor University in Texas. Tickets for her performance go on sale Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am through the Stambaugh Auditorium Box Office.

This performance will include works such as *Allegro Maestoso* from *Symphony #2 op. 2 in e* by Louis Vierne, excerpts from *Cinderella* by Sergei Prokofiev, *Adagio in E Major* by Frank Bridge, and *Variations on a Theme by Paganini* by Sir Georges Thalben-Ball among others.

Dr. Demers is becoming known as one of North America's most virtuosic organists. She gained notoriety during the 2010 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) in Washington, D.C. Critics called her performance "one of the most outstanding events at the convention" (*The American Organist*) to go along with the standing-room only audience that called her back five times.

The native of Quebec has performed extensively in Europe as well as from coast to coast in the United States. She began piano study at age six and, at age 11, began piano and organ study at the Montreal Conservatory of Music. Upon her graduation in 2003, she studied on scholarship for one year in Paris at the Ecole Normale de Paris-Alfred Cortot. She received her Master's and Doctoral degrees from The Juilliard School in New York City. At Juilliard, she studied under Grammy Award winner, Paul Jacobs.

In addition to her 2010 AGO performance, Dr. Demers was a featured performer at the 2008 National Convention in Minneapolis, and her performance was later broadcast to a national radio audience. She was also featured at the 2009 National Convention of the Royal Canadian College of Organists in Toronto.

Tickets for this performance will go on sale Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am. For more information or for tickets, visit [stambaughauditorium.com](http://stambaughauditorium.com) or call the Stambaugh Auditorium Box Office at 330-259-0555.

### About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom (Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom), a recital hall (The Anne Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional entertainment events. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.