

SOLI DEO GLORIA

ELLIOT SANDER
IN RECITAL

A benefit for the Red River Valley Chapter of The American Guild Of Organists
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III/59 rank Schantz Organ, 7' Steinway & Sons Grand Piano

Friday, August 15th, 2025 7:00

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
650 2nd Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102

HYMN 267

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Adagio in G Minor

Tomaso Albinoni

Wellington's Victory At Vittoria

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Allegro Con Brio

Andante Grazioso

Allegro Vivace

Invention 8

J. S. Bach

Improvisation on SANCTUS from Deutsche Messe

Schubert / arr. Sander

Ten Chorale Improvisations

Paul Manz

Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadows

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Don Hustad / Tedd Smith

Sally Harmon, organ; Elliot Sander, piano

Variations on the Shaker Hymn "The Humble Heart"

Robert Lau

Theme

I. moderato

II. Andante

III. Allegro

IV. Cantabile

V. Presto

Sally Harmon

Eight Pieces for Musical Clocks

Joseph Haydn

II. Allegretto

IV. Tempo Di Minuetto

VII. Allegretto

VIII. Marche

Loch Lomond

Traditional Folk Song

Matthew Pechtl, violin

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Trad. Arr. Victor Johnson

Alex Swanson, Baritone

Improvisation on Alleluia: Mode VI

Nun Taket Alle Gott

Cruger / Sander

HYMN 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart!

Please join us for a reception in the Gathering Space following the performance.



Sander at St. James Cathedral, Seattle, Washington

ELLIOT SANDER was born in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, and already, at the age of 23, has gained a reputation for pursuing musical excellence in fields of classical, liturgical, and popular music. An accomplished organist and pianist, Sander began his studies in his hometown of Ellensburg, Washington. First studying piano with Ellen Bjorge and then Teresa Harbaugh of Central Washington University, it was quickly discovered that he had perfect pitch, and his talent blossomed.

Sander began playing everywhere he could, even receiving awards in his high school years with the Yakima Valley Music Educators Association and the Central Washington University John Moawad Jazz Festival. He graduated from Ellensburg High School in 2021 with almost all music credits in his senior year. Participation in the school's successful music programs, band and choir, helped hone his music skills to a degree of high proficiency.

An avid church musician, Sander has played for many congregations, including a brief stint as music director at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Washington. He was also the handbell choir director and organist at First Lutheran Church in Tacoma for two years, where he became more familiar with traditional liturgical music.

He has performed nationwide, including events for the Tacoma Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Puget Sound Theater Organ Society in Seattle, and St. Louis Theater Organ Society in St. Louis, Missouri.

Other notable performances include the Columbia Basin College "Jazz Unlimited" Festival, where he received the "Outstanding Soloist" Award, and the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion in Rollag, Minnesota.

Sander moved to Moorhead, Minnesota in July of 2024, where he currently resides. He is an active member of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and edits its newsletter "*The Pipeline*". Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club, and Red River Theater Organ Society are other local music groups Sander is a passionate member of. He serves as a house organist at the Fargo Theater and plays for events for A Center For The Arts in Fergus Falls, as well as organist for the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks Baseball Team. He works as a Pianist at Von Maur Department Store at West Acres Mall and serves as Interim Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Fargo.