

First Congregational Church
West Hartford, CT
Carillon Recital
6 PM, Thursday, July 21, 2022

George Matthew Jr., guest carillonneur

I. Tribute to Ukraine

Ukrainian National Anthem	Mykhailo Verbytsky, 1863
Prayers for Ukraine	Mykola Lysenko
Ave Maria	L. Zatulovsky
I Will Die in Exile	Traditional
My Thoughts	Traditional

II. In Solidarity with our Southern Border Refugees

Five Traditional Mexican Songs
El Guaco Chano
El Sombrero Ancho
Macario Romero
La Verdad y la Mentera
Danza

III. Five Traditional Afghanistan Melodies in 7/8 time

IV. Erenelinde	Francois André Danican Philidor	1.
	(1726 – 1795)	
V. Die Uhr	Carl Loewe	
	(1796 – 1869)	
VI. Music Box Dancer	Frank Mills	2.
	(1942 – 2021)	
VII. Dorian Prelude	George Matthew Jr.	
	b. 1935	
VIII. Yismechu	Hebrew Sabbath Song	
IX. Spanish Dance #12	Enrique Granados	2.
	(1867 – 1916)	

X. Spirituals

O Freedom!
Lift Every Voice and Sing
We Shall Overcome

Transcriptions: 1. Frank Law 2. George Matthew Jr.

Program Notes

- I. Arrangements of the first three pieces in this collection are widely available online. “I Will Die in Exile”, arranged by Andrea McCrady, Dominion Carillonneur of Canada, speaks of the Ukrainians interned in Canada during WWI. The last two were emailed to my wife Sherri from a friend in Lviv, Ukraine.
- II. These traditional Mexican folksongs are from a publication of about 120, collected by Vincente Mendoza (1894 – 1964). He taught at the Institute of Aesthetic Investigations of the University of Mexico from 1936 until his death. He participated in congresses in Latin America, Europe, Japan and the USA.
- III. I obtained a collection of traditional Afghan melodies from the University of Nebraska. Mostly I play them exactly as written but some adapt to modern jazz treatment.
- IV. Francois-Andrés Danican-Philidor was born in France, died in London: his opera Ernelinda enjoyed success in France and Belgium. He was better known as a chess player and is said to have beaten Frederick the Great at that game!
- V. Carl Loewe was born near Halle, Germany (Handel’s birthplace). He wrote a symphony, a piano concerto and other works. His piano work *die Uhr* was transcribed for the dedication of the carillon of Kiel in 1965.
- VI. Frank Mills, Canadian pianist, is best known for his solo instrumental “Music Box Dancer” and several successful songs, “One Summer Day”, “Somewhere a Child is Sleeping” and others.
- VII. This piece utilizes elements of English change ringing and suggestions of church chant modes.
- VIII. “Yismechu” is a joyful Jewish Sabbath song in the Ashkenazic (East European) mode.

- IX. Between 1892 and 1900 Granados composed 12 Spanish dances (for piano) and many other piano works, as well as choral and orchestral works, including a symphonic setting of Dante's Divine Comedy.

George Matthew, Jr.
Organist and Carillonneur

George Matthew, Jr. has been carillonneur of Norwich University and Middlebury College in Vermont since 1986. A church organist since the age of 13, he is currently organist at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Middlebury, Vermont.

For eleven years he was accompanist for the Middlebury Community Chorus. In 2005 he was named Artist of the Year by the Vermont Chapter American Guild of Organists.

Mr. Matthew has made 40 carillon concert tours of the USA and 13 of Europe, performing in Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France, England, Ireland, and Scotland. In all, he has played over 200 carillons. In 2004, he played the dedication recital of the new carillon of University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

He has composed and arranged about 100 pieces for carillon, including a number of ragtime piano works; his rather unusual European debut was an all-ragtime program in Ostende, Belgium. His popular ragtime piano performances and accompanying lectures are in demand at area community centers and colleges.

He has studied carillon with Arthur Bigelow and Frank Law, organ with Hugh Ross and Ernest White, and composition with David Barnett. He is a graduate of Columbia, Bridgeport, and Wesleyan Universities. He is married to Irish wire harpist Sherri Matthew.