

SCHOOL OF MUSIC
KEYBOARD SERIES
2025-26



Bethel Schneebeck Organ Series

FEATURING
WYATT SMITH

Friday, Jan. 30, 2026 | 12:05 p.m.
Kilworth Memorial Chapel, Free

ORGAN AT NOON RECITAL
Organ Music in America 1776–1876

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PROGRAM

Festival Postlude in G.....Whitney Eugene Thayer
(1838–89)

Voluntary in A.....William Selby
(1738–98)

Prelude and Fugue in D.....George Washbourne Morgan
(1822–89)

Soft Organ Voluntary in A.....Manuel Emilio
(1812–71)

Grand Sonata in E-flat, Op. 22.....Dudley Buck
I. Allegro con brio (1839–1909)
II. Andante espressivo
III. Scherzo. Vivace non troppo
IV. Allegro Maestoso

BIOGRAPHY

Hailed as a performer with “nuance, polish, and personality” (Michael Barone, APM *Pipedreams*), **WYATT SMITH** is an American concert organist appearing in both solo and collaborative performances throughout the United States and Europe, performing repertoire spanning from old masters to major works by living composers. Wyatt has performed in 28 states of the U.S., along with Germany, France, and England. He can also be heard on ten episodes of American Public Media’s *Pipedreams*, performing works from J. S. Bach to Margaret Sandresky.

An advocate of new music for the organ, Wyatt has commissioned and premiered works by Emma Lou Diemer, Margaret Sandresky, Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra, Carson Cooman, Craig Phillips, Kurt Knecht, and more. These commissions include works based on chants and chorales, programmatic pieces, and chamber music.

Wyatt performs with Tracelyn Gesteland, mezzo-soprano, as the Gesteland-Smith Duo. Together they have commissioned, premiered, and recorded new works for this ensemble, as well as promoting a historical breadth of existing repertoire. Their first program and set of commissions can be heard on the compact disc *Make a Joyful Noise* (RAVEN OAR 989), recorded on the 1925 E. M. Skinner organ at the University of South Dakota.

Wyatt Smith holds degrees in organ performance from the University of Washington (DMA), Yale University (MM), and the University of South Dakota (BM). His primary mentors include Dr. Carole Terry, Dr. Martin Jean, and Dr. Larry Schou.

Wyatt Smith is represented by Seven Eight Artists.

KEYBOARD SERIES ORGAN RECITALS 2025–26

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5 | noon

Back to School

THURSDAY, OCT. 30 | 7:30 p.m.

Pipes Spooktacular, a Halloween Organ Concert

SUNDAY, NOV. 16 | 2 p.m.

35th Annual Bethel Schneebeck Organ Recital

FRIDAY, JAN. 30 | noon

Organ Music in America— 1776–1876

FRIDAY, FEB. 27 | noon

Organ Music in America— 1876–1926

THE BETHEL SCHNEEBECK ORGAN

The Bethel Schneebeck Organ was built by Paul Fritts and Company. Dedicated in 1989, it is named in honor of Mrs. Schneebeck, one of Tacoma's most active supporters of the arts. The organ, a two-manual and pedal tracker instrument with 34 stops, is admirably suited to the performance of a wide variety of literature.

KEYBOARD SERIES GUEST PIANISTS 2025–26

All at 7:30 p.m., tickets required, free for students

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

Nicolas Namoradze

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

Ross Salvosa

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Yevgeny Yontov

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Susan Chan

UPCOMING SCHOOL OF MUSIC EVENTS

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FRIDAY, FEB. 6

Jacobsen Series: Music from Around the World for Violin and Piano

Maria Sampen, violin and James Doyle, percussion
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets required, free for students

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

Keyboard Series: Guest artist Ross Salvosa, piano

Kilworth Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets required, free for students

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

Puget Sound Wind Ensemble

Gerard Morris, conductor
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

Puget Sound Symphony Orchestra

Anna Jensen, conductor
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

*Ticketed events are not streamed live.

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The School of Music at University of Puget Sound, situated within a nationally recognized liberal arts university, prepares students to be broad-minded, creative, arts-aware social leaders. We attract highly engaged student musicians and empower them to create the diverse musical offerings and effective educational programs of the future.

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