

Coshocton Presbyterian Carillon, April issue, 2015

Dr. Bradley Welch is hailed as a “world class virtuoso” and “an expert at defining darks, lights, shadows and colors,” on the organ. We found that this was certainly true when he visited us in May of 2013. Dr. Welch is returning to Coshocton and will be in concert on May 3, 2015, Sunday, at 3:00 p.m. as part of the Dogwood Festival of the Arts. He will be performing on our Taylor Boody sanctuary organ here at the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Welch is in demand as a recitalist, concerto soloist, and collaborative artist. Currently he devotes his full-time attention to a thriving solo concert career as a concert artist and as a recording artist. In addition he serves as artist-in-residence at Christ Church (Anglican) in Plano, Texas.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts, Master of Musical Arts, Master of Music degrees, and the Artist Diploma from Yale University as well as the Bachelor of Music degree, magna cum laude, from Baylor University. He has performed at the American Guild of Organists regional conventions 3 times, played organs in America and Europe, taught at Baylor University and Southern Methodist University, and served as Director of music and Arts at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Welch is married to Kara Kirkendoll Welch, a flutist in the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Adjunct Professor of Flute at Southern Methodist University. They have a son, Ethan Hunter, and a daughter, Avery Kristine.

What do listeners think?

“Organist Bradley Welch draws radiance and luster from the instrument. (He) negotiated the instrument with astonishing ease and spoke about the music with engaging insight.”
Michael Huebner, Birmingham News, AL

“A grand and glorious concert it was and one those who attended will never forget. Filled with excitement and eagerness, but played with masterful control.”
Newsletter of the Chicago Chapter American Guild of Organists

“We are totally sold on Bradley’s professional and musical abilities! There was unanimous consensus that it was the best recital we’ve ever had.”
Anita Coulthard, Arts Coordinator, Emory and Henry College VA

“Our audience loved Bradley! His musicianship is superb, and his performance was the finest I have heard in my 13 years here.”
Rebecca Sawyer, First Presbyterian Church, Midland TX

“He is already a well-seasoned musician and a joy to present. The performance was splendid.”
Yvonne Kuhlman, Luther College, Decorah IA