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Campbellsville University's Organ Series to feature Clif Cason

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CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. – Campbellsville University's Third Annual Organ Recital Series will be featuring organist Clif Cason, director of music/organist at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Ky., as its first performance of the year Tuesday, Sept. 21 from 12:20 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in Ransdell Chapel, 401 N. Hoskins Ave., Campbellsville.

Cason's performance will be an all-French program with pieces by composers such as Widor, Vierne, Langlais and Alain.

Cason will play on the 1894 Farrand and Votey pipe organ in the chapel, according to Dr. Wesley Roberts, professor of music.

Roberts said the series is designed to "provide an opportunity for those in the community to hear outstanding organists and our prized instrument in short concert programs during their lunch break."

A native of Lexington, Cason has been with Maxwell Street Presbyterian for over 24 years. After receiving his bachelor of music degree from the University of Kentucky, followed by a master of music degree at the University of Illinois.

Additional organ studies have been with Marie-Claire Alain at the Conservatoire National de Musique de Rueil-Malmison, France, where he was awarded the Premier Prix in 1980, and post-graduate studies with Larry Smith at Indiana University. His teachers have included Arnold Blackburn, Richard Dwyer and Jerald Hamilton.

Cason organized central Kentucky's first Bach Marathon in 2006 and continues to oversee the annual event.

Cason is also the dean of the Lexington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Lexington will be the host site for the AGO'S Regional Convention next summer. Cason is the co-coordinator for that event.

Other performers for the Noon Organ Recital Series this year will include: Mark Dealba, a high school student of Lexington, Oct. 12; David Doran, professor of music emeritus at Jefferson Community College, Nov. 9; Tim Baker, organist of Harvey Brown Presbyterian Church, March 1; and Dr. Wesley Roberts, professor of music at Campbellsville University, April 19.

Campbellsville University is a widely acclaimed Kentucky-based Christian university with over 3,000 students offering 45 undergraduate programs, 16 master's degrees and five postgraduate areas. The website for complete information is campbellsville.edu.