



TERRA SANCTA ORGAN FESTIVAL 2020/21

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TERRA SANCTA ORGAN FESTIVAL: ALL THE CONCERTS ON THE INTERNET 42 events until 16th May 2021

Coronavirus is not stopping the music of the Custody of the Holy Land. This year again, the Terra Sancta Organ Festival, the largest festival of organ music in the Middle East and the Levant, inaugurates its new musical season on 5th October. Until the public can be allowed in once more, the concerts will be held without an audience and shown over the internet on the website www.tsorganfestival.org (where the complete programme can be consulted), on the festival's YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/c/TerraSanctaOrganFestival>, on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TerraSanctaOrgan/> on the channels of the Christian Media Center and, from this year, also on the website and the social media of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. This is why, the "Internet Pipe Organ Season", conceived especially to be watched on computers, smartphones and tablets, with concerts in live streaming, new productions proposed as premieres and complete concerts from past editions never posted before, has been added to the traditional season of concerts – in the places where they can be held with the public.

"The new situation," says the superintendent of the festival, Fr. Riccardo Ceriani, "has fortunately made us consider a share of the public we had overlooked until today, i.e. those who join us via the internet and the social media, an audience that is, moreover, larger and with whom we can interact. This is why we have scheduled the Internet Pipe Organ Season of the Terra Sancta Organ Festival."

What does it consist of?

"The musical season on the internet comprises 10 live concerts, 9 premieres of new concerts or ones that have never been posted before, 5 replays of concerts for organ and orchestra: we therefore have a total of no fewer than 24 complete concerts, plus a selection of video clips every Thursday for a total of 42 events until 16th May 2021. The date of the last live concert. After the first broadcast, these concerts will continue to be available on the YouTube channel and on the festival's Facebook page. The concerts are held not only in the Holy Land (Israel and Palestine) but also in the other locations of the festival, such as Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, Jordan and the Greek island of Rhodes. In addition, there is something new: as the Custody of the Holy Land is organizing an organ festival in its monastery in Washington as well ("Music at the Monastery"), we have decided to combine our programmes and offer them on the internet."

What are the particularities from the artistic and organizational points of view of this year's festival?

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“The first piece of music which will be performed is a new composition which will have its world premiere, played by the Israeli organist of Ukrainian origin, Roman Krasnovsky, and entitled “Coronatoccata”, which defines the particular situation in which the festival is taking place this year. For the first time we will be presenting two “Organ Marathons”, i.e. very long concerts with various musicians who alternate, one on 5th October in Jerusalem and the other on 7th October in Nazareth. In addition there is the “Italian concerto for organ and cello” which will have its premiere on YouTube and Facebook on 8th October from St Peter’s Church in Jaffa (Tel Aviv), organized together with the Fondazione Terra Santa of Milan and with the collaboration of the Italian Institute of Culture of Tel Aviv. Due to the difficulty of inviting musicians from abroad in this period, we have taken the opportunity to invite organists of international level who live in Israel, like Roman Krasnovsky, Alexander Gorin and Yuval Rabin. The participation of Sister Cecilia Pia Manelli, organist of the Holy Sepulchre, who will propose music and improvisations taken from the basilica’s liturgy, will be of great interest. Sr. Cecilia will also play a duo with the cellist Lucia D’Anna in the Jaffa concert. Another duo, made up of the organist Tatyana Yrovsky and the violinist Anna Ioffe, will play in the Nazareth Marathon. Practically, the programme of one month is concentrated in three days. With the Organ Marathons, the idea is to reduce the risks coming from the limitation on circulation in Israel in this period and, at the same time, for the first time we introduce in our Terra Sancta Organ Festival an artistic practice which some festivals have already adopted.

When will the public be able to return to your concerts?

The first attempt will be with the Lebanese Pipe Organ Week, which should be held as normal from 29th January to 7th February 2021 as a sign of life and a new start after the explosion in the port of Beirut. On the other hand, the fate of the concerts in Jordan, Cyprus, Rhodes and Syria is more uncertain: for the time being they have been moved to the springtime: budget and Coronavirus permitting.”

Program

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INTERNET PIPE ORGAN SEASON

watch our concerts on:

YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/c/TerraSanctaOrganFestival>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TerraSanctaOrgan/>

Our Website:

<https://www.tsorganfestival.org/>

Live Stream & Premieres: Full Concerts

5 (live) | 7 (live) | 8 (new production premiere) | 11 | 15 | 22 | 29 October 2020

5 | 8 | November 2020

Selected video clips and Live stream concerts

12 | 19 | 26 November 2020

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3 | 10 | 13 (live) | 17 | 24 | 31 December 2020
7 | 10 (live) January 2021

SOL: Semaine de l'Orgue au Liban

(full concerts premiers)

14 | 21 | 28 January 2021 – 4 February 2021

Selected video clips and Live stream concerts

11 | 14 (live) | 18 | 25 February 2021

4 | 11 | 14 (live) | 18 | 25 March 2021

1 | 8 | 11 (live) April 2021

TSOF Replay:

Damascus Concerts for Organ & Orchestra

15 | 22 | 29 April 2021

6 | 13 | 16 (live) May 2021

Other Selected Video Clips

every following Thursday

MUSICIANS 2020/21

see biographies on <https://www.tsorganfestival.org/musicians-2020-2021/>

and on MUSIC AT THE MONASTERY: <https://myfranciscan.org/worship/music/>

Roman Krasnovsky (Ukraine / Israel)

5 October 2020 | JERUSALEM | Church of St. Saviour

7 October 2020 | NAZARETH | Basilica of the Annunciation (Lower Church)

Alexander Gorin (Ukraine / Israel)

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7 October 2020 | NAZARETH | Basilica of the Annunciation (Lower Church)

Yuval Rabin (Israel)

5 October 2020 | JERUSALEM | Church of St. Saviour

Cecilia Pia Manelli (Italy)

15 September 2020 | JAFFA – TEL AVIV | Church of St. Peter

5 October 2020 | JERUSALEM | Church of St. Saviour

Lucia D'Anna, (Italy)

15 September 2020 | JAFFA – TEL AVIV | Church of St. Peter

Tatyana Yrovsky (Kazakhstan / Israel)

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Anna Ioffe (Russia / Israel)

7 October 2020 | NAZARETH | Basilica of the Annunciation (Lower Church)

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Trinity Chamber Players Ensemble

Washington, DC - Sun.Sept.13 at 4:00 PM

Adam Scott Graham

First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA - Sun.Oct.11 at 4:00 PM

Samantha Scheff

St. John's Lafayette Square, Washington, DC - SUN.Nov.8 at 4:00 PM

Jordan Prescott

St. Peter's Episcopal church, Ellicott City - Sun.Dec.13 at 4:00 PM

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David Houston

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, College Park, MD - Sun.Jan.10 at 4:00 PM

Carol Feather Martin

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA - Sun.Feb.14 at 4:00 PM

Brass of Peace, Washington, DC

Sylvia Alimena, Director; **Lisa Tyler**, Organist - Sun.Mar.14 at 4:00 PM

Carolyn Lamb Booth

Montgomery United Methodist Church, Damascus, MD - Sun.Apr.11 at 4:00 PM

Carl Schwartz

All Hallows Parish, South River, Edgewater, MD - Sun.May 16 at 4:00 PM

TIMES, DATES, PLACES OF THE CONCERTS

TERRA SANCTA ORGAN FESTIVAL

at 11:00 p.m. - Tokyo, Seul (UTC +9)

at 10:00 p.m. - Beijing, Singapore, (UTC +8)

at 5:00 p.m. (concert location time) Jerusalem, Athens, Rhodes, Cyprus, Damascus, Amman, Beirut (UTC +3)

4 p.m. - Roma, Berlin, Wien, Bern, Paris and Central European Time (CEST; UTC +2)

3 p.m. - London, Dublin, Lisbon (UTC +1)

11 a.m. - Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Buenos Aires (UTC -3)

10 a.m. - EST Washington DC, New York, Ottawa

9 a.m. - CT Chicago, Dallas

8 a.m. - MT Edmonton

7 a.m. - PDT Los Angeles, San Francisco

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Music at the Monastery Concert Series

at 1:00 pm Los Angeles, San Francisco (PDT; UTC -7)

at 4:00 pm (concert location time) Washington DC time, New York, Ottawa (EST; UTC -4)

at 9:00 pm London, Lisboa (UTC +1)

at 10:00 pm Paris, Roma, Berlin, Wien, Bern and Central European Time (UTC +2)

at 11:00 pm Jerusalem, Athens, Rhodes, Cyprus, Damascus, Amman, Beirut (UTC +3)

Live Stream & Premieres: Full Concerts

5 October 2020	JERUSALEM	JERUSALEM PIPE ORGAN MARATHON TSOF2020 Live Stream - New Production with Roman Krasnovsky (Ukraine / Israel), Sr. Cecilia Pia Manelli (Italy), Alexander Gorin (Ukraine / Israel), Yuval Rabin (Israel)
7 October 2020	NAZARETH	NAZARETH PIPE ORGAN MARATHON TSOF2020 Live Stream - New Production with Alexander Gorin (Ukraine / Israel), duo Tatyana Yrovsky (Kazakhstan / Israel, organ) & Anna Ioffe (Russia, violin), Roman Krasnovsky (Ukraine / Israel)
8 October 2020	JAFFA (TEL AVIV)	ITALIAN CONCERT FOR ORGAN & CELLO TSOF 2020 Premiere - New Production Sr. Cecilia Pia Manelli (Italy), organ; Lucia D'Anna (Italy), cello
11 October 2020	WASHINGTON DC	ADAM SCOTT GRAHAM (USA), organ M@M 2020 Live Stream
15 October 2020	BEIRUT	MARTIN HASELBOECK (Austria), organ SOL 2020 Premiere
22 October 2020	JERUSALEM	ANTONIO DI DEDDA (Italy), organ TSOF 2016 Premiere
29 October 2020	DAMASCUS	DAMASCUS ORGAN & STRINGS Mansour, Qassar, Abu Jahjah Trio TSOF 2019 Premiere
5 November 2020	CYPRUS / Pafos	FERRUCCIO BARTOLETTI (Italy), organ: improvisation on the silent film "Frate Sole" (Brother Sun 1918) for the 800° anniversary of St. Francis' visit to Cyprus and the Middle East Premiere
8 November 2020	WASHINGTON DC	SAMANTHA SCHEFF (USA), organ M@M 2020 Live Stream

Selected video clips and live stream concerts

12 November 2020		selected video clip
19 November 2020		selected video clip
26 November 2020		selected video clip
3 December 2020		selected video clip
10 December 2020		selected video clip
13 December 2020	WASHINGTON DC	JORDAN PRESCOTT (USA), organ M@M 2020 Live Stream
17 December 2020		selected video clip
24 December 2020		selected video clip
31 December 2020		selected video clip
7 January 2021		selected video clip
10 January 2021	WASHINGTON DC	DAVI HOUSTON (USA), organ M@M 2021 Live Stream

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SOL: Semaine de l'Orgue au Liban (Premieres)

14 January 2021	LEBANON/ Ajaltoun	MARTIN HASELBOECK (Austria), organ SOL 2020 Premiere
21 January 2021	BEIRUT/ Harissa	FAUSTO CAPORALI (Italy), organ SOL 2020 Premiere
28 January 2021	BEIRUT/ Maayssra	OUTSTANDING STUDENTS of NDU organ class SOL 2020 Premiere
4 February 2021	LEBANON/ Beirut	RUSSEL J. WEISSMANN (USA), organ - VIACESLAV BILIA (Ukraine), trumpet SOL 2020 Premiere

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11 February 2021		selected video clip
14 February 2021	WASHINGTON DC	CAROL FEATHER MARTIN (USA), organ M@M 2021 Live Stream
18 February 2021		selected video clip
25 February 2021		selected video clip
4 March 2021		selected video clip
11 March 2021		selected video clip
14 March 2021	WASHINGTON DC	BRASS OF PEACE Sylvia Alimena, Director; Lisa Tyler, Organist M@M 2021 Live Stream
18 March 2021		selected video clip
25 March 2021		selected video clip
1 April 2021		selected video clip
8 April 2021		selected video clip
11 April 2021	WASHINGTON DC	CAROLYN LAMB BOOTH (USA), organ M@M 2021 Live Stream

Replay: Damascus Concerts for Organ & Orchestra

15 April 2021	DAMASCUS	Jongen, Symphonie Concertante Eugenio Fagiani & Syrian National Symphony Orchestra Replay
22 April 2021	DAMASCUS	Schmitov, "CREDO" for Clarinet, Organ and strings Schmitov & Syrian Symphony Orchestra Replay
29 April 2021	DAMASCUS	Guilmant, Symphony n.1 for organ and orchestra Schmitov & Syrian Symphony Orchestra Replay
6 May 2021	DAMASCUS	M. E. Bossi, Concerto Op.100 in a-moll Robert Kovács & Syrian Symphony Orchestra Replay
13 May 2021	DAMASCUS	Beethoven, Egmont ouverture Fauré, Requiem (Fadi Jbaily, organ) Replay
16 May 2021	WASHINGTON DC	CARL SCHWARTZ (USA), organ M@M 2021 Live Stream

Other Selected Video Clips

every following Thursday