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DAVID BASKEYFIELD **Biography**

Commended for his “masterful artistry” (*The Diapason*) and “stunning virtuosity and musicality” (*Choir and Organ*), David Baskeyfield has earned a reputation as a captivating performer, whose effortless technical facility is tempered by intelligent and mature interpretation, and informed above all by intuitive and communicative musicianship. His repertoire is wide and eclectic, at home with the music of the Old Masters of the 17th century and the great 19th-century virtuosos. He is also one of relatively few organists in North America to improvise regularly in recital.

Mr. Baskeyfield is Artistic Director of the East Carolina Musical Arts and Education Foundation (“ECMAEF”), a position he holds concurrently with the post of Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Greenville, NC. ECMAEF underwrites programming on the St. Paul’s C. B. Fisk organ Opus 126, which includes an annual recital series, a competition, workshops and masterclasses. Mr. Baskeyfield also maintains a large teaching studio.

Baskeyfield studied Law at Oxford University and holds Master’s and Doctoral degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, where he has also served on the faculty. He is the recipient of a large number of first prizes in playing competitions; these include the Canadian International Organ Competition, St Albans, Miami, and the AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation, all with audience prize. He has recorded for ATMA Classique and Acis Productions.

Alongside solo performance, Mr. Baskeyfield enjoys work as a collaborative pianist, continuo player, and occasional cocktail pianist. He has been broadcast a number of times on American Public Media's *Pipedreams*, NPR's *With Heart and Voice*, and Public Radio East's *The Choral Tradition*. He has occasionally given theatre organ recitals.

Since moving from upstate New York to eastern North Carolina, David has been pleased to renew his open water scuba license after an understandable lapse. He is enthusiastic about offshore sports fishing with several sailfish to his name, though marlin remain elusive at this point. Inland, he has enjoyed fishing parts of the Pamlico river system. He shares his house with two springer spaniels, Lucy and Wilbur.

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