

## **The First Lutheran Church of Boston, Karosi release CD of Bach greats**

The First Lutheran Church of Boston is happy to announce the release of a new recording from its Minister of Music, organist and composer Bálint Karosi.

The CD features great organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach, including the *Passacaglia in C Minor*, the great Trinitarian *Prelude and Fugue in Eb Major* (“*St. Anne*”) and the *Toccatina and Fugue in F Major* and more.

Karosi, who won First Prize at the International Johann Sebastian Bach Competition in Leipzig, Germany in 2008, took the post of music director and organist at First Lutheran in September 2007. The church is home to the Richards, Fowkes & Co. Opus 10 (2000), a tracker organ built in a North German historical style especially suitable for Bach and his German and Dutch predecessors. Karosi’s contributions to the church’s music outreach program include original compositions at festival services, leading the parish choir, Bach organ masterpieces during weekly Sunday services, coordination of an international organ recital series, and regular collaboration with distinguished early music ensembles in the Boston area.

A citizen of Hungary, Karosi studied clarinet, composition and organ at Budapest’s Liszt Academy and at the Conservatoire in Geneva before coming to the United States. He was awarded the artist diploma and a master’s degree in early music performance at Oberlin College in Ohio, where he studied with fellow Bostonian James David Christie.

First Lutheran, a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod, became an active congregation in Boston in 1839, since 1957 at its Back Bay location on Berkeley Street. Weekly worship is held at 8 and 11 a.m.

To order *Music of Johann Sebastian Bach* by Bálint Karosi, please send \$18 (CD \$15 + shipping cost) to: First Lutheran Church of Boston, 299 Berkeley St, Boston, MA 02116. The CD is available for pick up at the church at office hours.

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### **Music of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)**

Bálint Karosi, organ

1. Toccata in F Major *BWV 540a*
2. Fugue in F Major *BWV 540b*
3. Passacaglia in C Minor *BWV 582*
4. An Wasserflüssen Babylon a 5 parti con 2 tastiere e pedale doppio (Fünfstimmige Urfassung)  
*BWV 653b*
5. Prelude in C Major *BWV 531a*
6. Fugue in C Major *BWV 531b*
7. Trio Super: Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend á 2 Claviers et Pédale *BWV 655*
8. Fantasy in C Minor *BWV 537a*
9. Fugue in C Minor *BWV 537b*
10. Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein a 2 Clav. et Ped. *BWV 641*
11. Preludium in Eb Major *BWV 552a*
12. Schmücke dich o liebe Seele á 2 Claviers et Pédale *BWV 654*
13. Fugue in Eb Major *BWV 552b*