THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Organ Recital: Philippe Lefebvre

November 17, 2026
7:00 PM

Anthems

Improvisation of a French Suite in Classical Style on Salve Regina — Philippe Lefebvre (b. 1949)

- Plein chant en taille
- Fugue
- Tierce en taille
- Grand jeu

Choral Improvisation sur le Victime Paschali Laudes — Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

Deux Miniatures (*dedicated to Philippe Lefebvre)* — George Baker (b. 1951)

- Ave maris Stella
- Salve Regina

Four Variations on Ave Maris Stella — Marcel Dupré (1896-1971)

Prélude, Adagio, et Choral Varié sur le Veni Creator — Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Improvisation on *God of Grace and God of Glory* (CWM RHONDDA) — Philippe Lefebvre

"The Riverside Church Hymn"

About the Artist

Philippe Lefebvre was introduced to the organ at the age of 15 in the organ loft of Notre-Dame de Paris, where he met the famous organist Pierre Cochereau. By the age of 19, he was organist at Arras Cathedral; in 1971 he won first prize in improvisation at the Lyon International Competition, and in 1973, he won the Grand Prix for improvisation at the Chartres International Competition, subsequently becoming the titular organist of that prestigious cathedral. In 1985, he was appointed titular organist of Notre-Dame de Paris with Olivier Latry and Jean-Pierre Leguay. He regularly gives concerts and master classes in Europe, United States, South America, Japan, and Eastern Europe, and has made numerous recordings.

Director of the Lille National Conservatory from 1980 to 2003, he was subsequently appointed director of the Maitrise Notre-Dame de Paris, Chief Administrative Officer at Notre-Dame de Paris Cathedral, and, concurrently, professor of improvisation at the Paris National Conservatory of Music until 2014. Considered one of the most prominent performers and improvisers in French art, Philippe Lefebvre is president of the Chartres Grand Organ Association and founding president of the national association Orgue en France, which works to restore and build organs. He is the emeritus titular organist of Notre-Dame de Paris.

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