



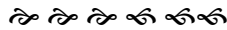
Organ Recital

February 16, 2025

Composed and Presented by

John S. Dixon

Trumpet Intrada



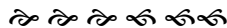
From a Green and Pleasant Land

Gopsal

Welcome Voice – Gwahoddiad

O Waly Waly

Turlough O'Carolan's Donkey



Suite for Manuals on American Folk Songs

Shortnin' Bread

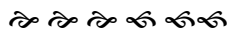
Shenandoah

O My Darling Clementine

Four New Mexico Folk Songs*

Yo No Me Quiero Casar – El Señor Don Gato

Los Diez Mandamientos – Don Simón



Pot-Pourri

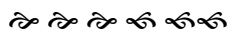
Trumpet Tune on "Westminster New"

Aria in D

Hornpipe in D

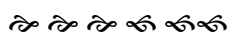
Wayfaring Stranger

Fantasia on "Leoni"



Fantasia on an Irish Folk Tune

Theme – Aria – Duo – Intermezzo – Solo for pedals – Finale



A Patriotic Finale

American Pastorale

Postlude on America the Beautiful

* World Premiere Performance



About the Artist

Born in England in 1957, John Dixon learned to play the pipe organ at his high school which, to this day, has a two manual organ in the assembly hall.

John was not active as an organist when he moved to America in 1988. However, he filled the organ bench at his church, Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, during an emergency in 1998 – and has now been organist there for more than a quarter century.

He has been composing seriously since 1990 and currently has nearly one thousand compositions to his credit, for organ, choir and orchestral ensembles. His current project is to share his own music in person in all 50 states between his 60th and 70th birthdays – the 50-60-70 project. Today's recital marks New Mexico as the 41st state in the series. The overall project is on track, since he has yet to celebrate his 68th birthday.

In 2003 John was appointed executive director of the Academy of Music, a nonprofit community music school headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, a position he still holds. He currently serves as Treasurer of the American Guild of Organists, which gives him the pleasure of connecting with organists across the country.

About the Guild

The American Guild of Organists is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. Founded in 1896 as both an educational and a service organization, the Guild seeks to set and maintain high musical standards and to promote understanding and appreciation of all aspects of organ and choral music. The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

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With Gratitude

∞ Thank you to the congregation and staff of First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces for hosting this recital.

∞ Thank you to Lundeen Inn of the Arts for hosting the Dixons during their visit to Las Cruces.