

*The Peoria Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to present...*



ISTVÁN RUPPERT

*organist*

Friday 19 October 2012 • 7:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church • Peoria, Illinois



**István Ruppert** is Professor of Organ at the Ferenc Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, Hungary. This academy is alma mater of such famous musicians as Bela Bartok, Zoltan Kodaly, and Eugene Ormandy.

Ruppert is unique in the Hungarian music scene. In addition to his training in music, he has a degree in mechanical engineering, and he played soccer professionally.

Immediately after receiving his degree in organ performance in 1987, István was offered the position of organ teacher at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music.

Since 2006, Ruppert has been working as the Director of the Department of Music at Szechenyi University in Győr, Hungary. His musical interests range over the entire organ repertoire, including early keyboard work to Messiaen and contemporary Hungarian composers. He has performed in many churches and performing arts centers in Hungary, Europe, Japan, Brazil and United States. In 1997, 1999, 2001, and 2004, he gave recitals in churches in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, and Iowa. In New York City he played at St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University, and he has been in recital at the famous Wanamaker Organ, the largest pipe organ in the world. In addition to the recitals, he has given masterclasses and lectures about Liszt's organ music across Europe, including the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki; Sapporo University in Japan; and in the United States at Duquesne University, University of Northern Iowa, Northwestern University, St. Thomas University, Connecticut State University, and the AGO Chapter in New Jersey.

In 2002, István was invited to lecture at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists, in Philadelphia. A great advocate of contemporary Hungarian music, he was awarded the "ARTISJUS" honor in 2003. The Southwest Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists bestowed on him their "Performer of the Year" Award in November 2004.

Ruppert received his doctorate degree in 2004. He is now a lecturer of the graduate school of the Liszt Academy of Music.



# P R O G R A M

- FRANZ LISZT *Hosannah* R409  
(1811-1886) *Ave Maria* R401  
*Pilgrimschor* R275  
from 'Tannhauser'  
*Angelus!* R389  
*Prelude and Fugue on the Name BACH* R381

## I N T E R V A L

- BÉLA BARTÓK *Allegro barbaro*  
(1881-1945) *Rumanian Folk Dances*  
I, II, & IV  
*Ostinato*
- ZOLTÁN KODÁLY *Epigrammes*  
(1882-1967)
- ISTVÁN KOLOSS *Sonata II*  
(1932-2010) Rhapsody  
Romanze  
Rondo
- ZSOLT GARDONYI *Mozart Changes*  
b. 1946
- FRIGYES HIDAS *Toccata*  
(1928-2009)

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