



SAINT MEINRAD ARCHABBNEY

A COMMUNITY OF ROMAN CATHOLIC BENEDICTINE MONKS

MONASTERY, SEMINARY EVENT

Free organ concert at Saint Meinrad

Sunday, September 16

Time: 3 p.m. CDT

Location: Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church



Brazilian organist Cristiano Rizzotto Vidal Pessôa will give a free concert on Sunday, September 16, at 3 p.m. CDT in the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church, St. Meinrad, IN.

He holds a bachelor's degree in piano performance from the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, where he studied piano and graduated magna cum laude in 2010. During 2009, he was an exchange student in the United States, sponsored by the Brazilian government's Ministry of Education.

When he returned to Rio de Janeiro to graduate, he was nominated the organist of the city's Benedictine abbey, owner of the oldest organ in South America and where the tradition of the chants and liturgy has been kept alive by the Carioca monks since the 16th century.

He returned to the United States last year for a master's degree in sacred music/organ, and has since begun playing for the First United Methodist Church in Washington, NC. One of his goals is to contribute to the resurrection and development of the organ culture in Brazil. While in the U.S., he hopes to develop his skills as a church musician and contribute to the American liturgical scenery.

He is applying for an organ performance degree at Indiana University and is providing this program as part of a trip to Bloomington.

The one-hour program will include works by Langlais, Bach, Peeters, Distler, Buxtehude, Balbastre and Gigout, as well as a work of his own composition.

The concert is free and open to the public

Parking is available in the Guest House and student parking lots. For more information, contact Mary Jeanne Schumacher during business hours at (812) 357-6501.