

Carol Williams

D.M.A., ARAM, Dip Ram, AD (Yale), FRCO, FTCL, ARCM, San Diego Civic Organist Emerita

Ambition:

"I want to bring the classical organ to new audiences. Jazz, rock, blues, classical... and with my performance, make you feel good"

Education:

British born Carol was a child prodigy nurtured in a Welsh musical family. She began private lessons at age five and could read music before English. Carol began performing organ recitals throughout the UK, chauffeured by her father at age eight.

Dr. Williams's formal training started with five years at the Royal Academy of Music where she specialized in organ performing as a student of David Sanger and obtained the Academy's prestigious Recital Diploma together with an LRAM (organ) and an LRAM (piano) and there also studied Harpsichord with Virginia Black.

Carol was awarded all the major prizes for organ performance and, during her studies she became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists; a Fellow of Trinity College London; and an Associate of the Royal College of Music. Carol commuted from the UK for a year to study with Daniel Roth, the Organist at the Church of St. Sulpice, Paris.

Moving to the United States she undertook postgraduate study at Yale University under the direction of Professor Thomas Murray and was awarded an Artist Diploma together with the Charles Ives prize for outstanding achievement.

Carol undertook her Doctoral studies with Professor McNeil Robinson at the Manhattan School of Music and received the Helen Cohn award for her D.M.A. degree in 2001.

History:

Carol was appointed the "first woman in the world" to hold the title of "Civic Organist" and is the "first woman to now hold the title "Civic Organist Emerita" as San Diego Civic Organist from 2001-2017.

Carol's travels the globe to numerous pipe organ venues in the USA, England, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Monaco, Luxembourg, Holland, Poland, Germany, Denmark, Singapore, South Korea, China and Russia, so far.

Carol throws out a wide net to entice new audiences to the concert pipe organ. She is known for her collaborations with various Classical, Jazz, Blues, Pop and Rock bands and leading orchestras including the BBC Concert Orchestra, San Diego Symphony Orchestra and the Beijing Symphony Orchestra and many others.

As a featured musician on many Blogs, PodCasts, Radio Stations and TV News stories in America, the United Kingdom and around the world, she always highlights her profound love how "The King of Instruments" has no limitations.

In the United Kingdom, Dr. Williams has been elected an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music (ARAM) in recognition of her contribution to music.

Performing for many special occasions such as for Princes Diana, the Virgil Fox Memorial Concert and the 10th anniversary concert of the Walt Disney Concert Hall Organ, Carol is always seeking new ways to enlighten audiences.

Notable Past Church Affiliations:

Chapel Organist, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Associate Organist at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Long Island's Garden City, NY

Artist in Residence at St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego, CA

Presently:

- Concert Organist
- Composer - Conductor
- San Diego Civic Organist Emerita
- Randolph College Organist and Organ Professor
- Artistic Director of the Viscount North America Competition
- Host of "TourBus" the documentary series
(featuring the great & small, famous & unique pipe organs of the world, its music, people and places)
- Host of the YouTube series "On The Bench with Dr. Carol"
(interviewing musicians)

Philanthropy:

Carol donates several performances per year for various charity fund raising efforts.

Appeal:

Carol performs heavy flashy classical pieces, theater, jazz, pop and everything in-between. Her programs are of vast diversity, elegance and include her special charismatic humor.

Williams' performances are received with "rock star" enthusiasm.

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