

Christopher Houlihan

The young American organist Christopher Houlihan has been labeled “gifted” (New York Times), “dazzling” (Wall Street Journal), and “one of the brightest stars in the new generation of American organists” (Cincinnati Enquirer).

He made his orchestral debut with the Hartford Symphony and recorded his first two CDs while still in college, prompting classmates to form the “Houli Fans”, a fan base that continues to grow on Facebook.

His “Vierne 2012” tour attracted international attention and critical acclaim for performing the six organ symphonies of Louis Vierne in marathon concerts in six major North American cities. The Los Angeles Times called his performance there “a major surprise of the summer, a true revelation.”

He has been a featured performer at two conventions of the American Guild of Organists and is scheduled for a third and fourth in 2013. He has performed professionally in 29 states as well as in Canada, France and Scotland.

Christopher Houlihan is a graduate of Trinity College in Connecticut where he studied with John Rose, his organ teacher from the age of twelve. He earned his master’s degree at The Juilliard School in New York where he studied with the Grammy Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs. He earned the “Prix de Perfectionnement” (equivalent to a university artist’s diploma in the U.S.) from the French National Regional Conservatory in Versailles, and while in France served as assistant musician at the American Cathedral in Paris where he had the honor of performing for the then President and First Lady of the United States, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bush.