

THE PRESS RELEASE

The world-famous organ virtuoso will play the greatest organ in Prague

John Scott, the prominent and widely acclaimed American organist, has affirmed his appearance at the 15th International Organ Festival in Prague. His recital on the 5th August 2010 will open this unique music event organised by St. James Audite Organum (i.e. Let's listen to organ) at St. James' Basilica. The series of eight concert evenings will be closed on the 23rd September by James Kibbie, another famous American organist.

(Prague, 22nd April 2010) – The best world organists will be playing the greatest organ in Prague during August and September. Organ recitals will be given by interpreters from the USA, Japan, France and the Slovak Republic. The eminent Czech organists, including Ms Irena Chřibková, a titular organist of St. James' Basilica, will appear too. The 15th International Organ Festival is held in homage to an excellent Czech organist and composer, Mr. Jiří Ropek. The audience will be given a chance of listening to Ropak's compositions, as well as the well-known and popular pieces of J. S. Bach, who composed a great deal of music for organ. The recital programmes include also music by J. B. Foerster, R. Schumann, A. Guilmant, C. Franck, L. Vierne and others.

In the front part of the Basilica there is a screen connected with a camera system which gives the audience the chance to watch an interpreter playing the organ. One of the three cameras will scan the pedal play, which is normally hidden at ordinary organ concerts.

The festival is kindly supported by the **Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic** and is held under the auspices of Mr. **Pavel Bém**, the Mayor of the City of Prague.

Advance booking from the 23rd April: TICKETPORTAL (www.ticketportal.cz), VIA MUSICA (www.viamusica.cz).

St. James Audite Organum (Let's listen to organ) was founded in 1996 by Ms. Irena Chřibková, a titular organist of St. James' Basilica and an established interpreter of a worldwide reputation. Ms. Chřibková has gradually produced several regular music cycles: Autumn Organ Mondays, Christmas and Easter Concerts and the already mentioned International Organ Festival. Further information on festival programmes and profiles of organists are available on www.auditeorganum.cz

Information for the press:

In case you would like to gain **free tickets** to any of festival concerts or to ask for an **interview with Ms Irena Chřibková, the Festival director and a leading organist**, or any other organists, please contact Ms Vendula Kosíková - Phone +420 724 508 573 or e-mail vendula.kosikova@gmail.com or info@auditeorganum.cz