

KAREN BLACK, ORGANIST

Dr. Karen Black is the Rudi Inselmann Endowed Professor of Organ at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. She teaches organ and church music, music theory and aural skills, serves as organist for weekday chapel and Sunday worship services, and conducts the Kantorei choral ensemble and the Handbell Choir. She holds the Bachelor of Music degree in church music from St. Olaf College, the Master of Music degree in organ and church music from Indiana University, and the Doctor of Music degree in organ performance and literature from Indiana University.

Dr. Black is active as a recitalist and clinician and has performed throughout the United States. She has performed organ recitals in Germany, including at the Castle Church in Wittenburg and St. George's Church in Eisenach. Her essay "J. S. Bach as Theologian-Musician" appears in Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans (Augsburg Fortress, 2016). She also has published organ and choral arrangements with Augsburg Fortress and MorningStar Music (forthcoming).

Dr. Black currently serves as North Central Regional Councillor of the AGO. She has served as Dean of the Cedar Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and as Region III President of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and is also an active member of the Organ Historical Society and ACDA.





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## Ein feste Burg

1. Chorale Prelude "Ein feste Burg," BWV 720 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

2.-5. Sonata for Two Manuals and Pedal (in D)

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767) I Grave 1.57 II Presto 2.27 III Andante 2.38 IV Scherzando 2:16

6. Fantasia

Johann Christian Kittel (1732–1809) 3.00

7. Ciacona

recording.

Johann Bernhard Bach (1676–1749) 5:47

8. Fantasy on "Ein feste Burg"

Pamela Decker (b. 1955) 8.37

3:30

9. Reflection (Brightest Days)

Based on the tune "Spanish Hymn" Karen Black (b. 1960)

10. Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) 13:26

Program notes available at: www.wartburg.edu/cd-program

Recorded at the Wartburg College Chapel, Waverly, Jowa 1996 Dobson Organ: 2 manuals, 32 ranks More details about the organ are available at www.wartburg.edu/chapel

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