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Olivera to Premiere Rodgers Touring Organ in Virgil Fox Tribute

In homage to Virgil Fox –
remembered by millions for touring the
United States with a Rodgers organ –
Hector Olivera will premiere a new custom
four-manual touring organ with a concert
at New York’s Church of St. Paul the
Apostle on October 7. The program will
begin at 8 p.m.

Like Fox, Olivera rose from child
prodigy to worldwide concert artist, and
has also drawn comparisons to Fox for the way in which he delights audiences
with lively commentary during his programs. Olivera is noted both for his
extraordinary technical powers and deft improvisational ability. He has appeared
as a guest artist with a long list of American and international orchestras and has
made over 20 recordings.

Olivera’s program at St. Paul the Apostle will showcase the new Rodgers
touring organ, which was custom-designed to Olivera’s specifications. The



compactly designed console will travel with the artist on an ambitious performance tour of U.S. cities beginning this fall.

The organ – designated as Trillium Masterpiece Series Opus 284 – features a tonal design in the French style. It has 139 stops plus nine MIDI couplers that allow the organist access to an unlimited number of pipe organ sounds via sound modules.

Virgil Fox (1912-1980) set a new standard for brilliant organ performance and introduced millions to the beauty of classical organ repertoire. He began playing in church at the age of 10, by age 14 he drew 2,500 fans to a concert in Cincinnati. In his long performing career, he headed the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, served for 19 years as organist of New York's renowned Riverside Church, and inaugurated the Carnegie Hall organ, which was built by Rodgers from his design.

In addition to playing virtually every major organ in the world, Fox brought organ music to the masses with an historic nine years of concerts using touring organs custom-built by Rodgers to his specifications, first a three-manual instrument and later an elaborate five-manual organ.

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