

An avid and versatile musician with equal love for solo and ensemble music, Skye Matthew Hart has performed throughout the U.S., Europe and Mexico. He is currently Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Maria Goretti Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, and director of the Gregorian Schola at All Saints Newman Center at Arizona State University. He has performed large scale works for choir and organ with a number of ensembles, including, ASU Baroque Ensemble, the Symphonic Chorale, Mesa Community College Choirs, and has served as accompanist for international choir tours. Dr. Hart is also a lyric tenor and is featured on the album, *The First Printed Organ Music*, on the Gothic label. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from Arizona State University, and undergraduate degrees in music and French from Lyon College. He studied organ under Kimberly Marshall and Russell Stinson, with additional studies with Siegbert Rampe, Serge Schoonbroodt (Early Music) and Sophie-Véronique Cauchefier-Choplin (improvisation).

Dr. Hart is Faculty Associate in organ at Arizona State University for the Fall semester of 2020. He is currently serving as West Regional Councillor for the American Guild of Organists, a non-profit music organization that seeks to bring organists together and promote this music to the larger community. He is committed to helping improve the world through music, teaching, and exchanging ideas in a meaningful way that helps others feel valued and engaged. As Dean of the Central Arizona AGO, he championed the Chapter scholarship program, which provides musical instruction to gifted young musicians at no cost to them; he also helped organize a residential summer camp for young organists (POE) and hosted summer camps for young string players for nine seasons. As a solo organist, Dr. Hart was a semi-finalist in the International Organ Competition Agati-Tronci in Pistoia, Italy (2008), and semi-finalist in the National Competition in Organ Improvisation, Montréal, Québec (2017).

As a teacher, Dr. Hart is known for his warm, engaging style, and ability to bring out the best others. He has given workshops on improvisation and service playing, including, more recently, the AGO West Regional Convention, Orange County, CA (2019). In his free time, Dr. Hart enjoys writing, traveling, working on foreign language skills, and connecting with others. He is also a mid-century modern art fanatic, and a penguin enthusiast.