

YOUR TOUR LEADERS

Organists Lee Ridgway and Mark Steinbach



Lee Ridgway has been active as an organist, harpsichordist and choral conductor in the Boston area for more than 40 years. Lee holds the bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma, where he studied organ with Mildred Andrews. His master's degree is from the New England Conservatory, where he studied harpsichord with John Gibbons. He has also done extensive additional studies in Europe. He has performed on many historic organs in Europe, North America, and Mexico, including the instruments on the Bach tour. He brings to the tour organs, which span 280 years of organ building, a detailed experience of the history, sound and quirks of playing historic instruments.

Tour participants will play several instruments by organ builders admired by J. S. Bach.



Mark Steinbach is University Organist, Curator of Instruments, and Senior Lecturer in Music at Brown University, where he teaches applied organ and seminars on topics including historically informed performance practices. Mr. Steinbach concertizes and teaches frequently throughout the United States and Europe. He has performed solo recitals on historic organs including Freiberg Cathedral, Rötha, Dresden, Halle, and Berlin, Germany and throughout Italy. His new recording on the historic Silbermann organ in Dresden Cathedral (an organ featured in this tour) will be released in 2020.

Mark has been a featured recitalist and clinician at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, and The Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative Festival and the International Music Symposium in Xi'an China. He has been featured on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" performing on a 1640's English cabinet organ. His recording *Organ Works of Anton Heiller (Loft)* has been featured on *Pipedreams* and *The Organ Loft*. Mr. Steinbach has adjudicated several organ competitions, including the American Guild of Organists National Young Artists Competition.

Mr. Steinbach earned the bachelor of music degree from the University of Kansas, and the master of music and doctor of musical arts degrees from The Eastman School of Music.

As a Fulbright scholar, he studied in Vienna Austria.

