

# Dr. James Cochran, Organ David Dash, Trumpet

Sunday, November 15, 2009

4:00 p.m.

Renowned Naples organist, Dr. James Cochran, presents the premiere concert on our newly completed Ruffatti organ. The antiphonal organ now includes two enclosures of pipes in the back balcony of the church. The concert program has been designed to highlight the new pipework and demonstrate the many new sounds of the organ.



Joining Dr. Cochran is trumpeter David Dash. Dash was a member of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band and the first-call substitute for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra prior to his appointment with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

He was also a member of the award-winning brass quintet the Bay Street Brassworks. Dash was a Moy Fellow at the Attergau Orchestra Institute in Austria and a fellow at the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival.

## About the Antiphonal Organ

Throughout the summer months, Piero and Francesco Ruffatti, the owners of the Ruffatti Organ Company, constructed, voiced, and tuned our new antiphonal organ. We have added 18 stops in the antiphonal division bringing the number of pipes in the organ to 6,200. This completes the original design for the organ, making it the largest pipe organ in Southwest Florida. It is a magnificent instrument for our church and our community.



There are several interesting innovations incorporated in the rear organ chambers. The blower motors, which supply the organ with air, are enclosed in sound dampening boxes that make the motor so quiet that even while standing next to the running motor, no sound can be heard. The louvered doors which make the organ softer and louder have a special sound absorbing material on the inside that makes the antiphonal stops even softer when the louvers are closed. The sounds of the new pipes are also quite special. Several of the string celestes are based on the pipe scales of the Wanamaker and Crystal Cathedral organs, giving the strings an ethereal quality. Francesco Ruffatti also designed a special solo flute stop for the organ in honor of his father, Antonio Ruffatti, who began the Ruffatti Organ Company in 1940.

The pipes in the balcony blend so well with the main organ that one gets the sense of enveloping sound during congregational singing. The antiphonal is also designed to produce an echo effect with the main organ. Come and hear all the different sound combinations that are possible with our completed instrument.

