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First Presbyterian will offer pipe organ concert

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Brazilian organist Cristiano Rizzotto will present a free Christmas Pipe Organ Concert Sunday at First Presbyterian Church.

Invited to perform at the church by Music Director Allen Faires, Rizzotto accepted.

"I accepted because I love playing the organ for an audience that wishes to hear it, because the Church teaches that the pipe organ is a noble instrument that adds splendor to the church and lifts up man's heart to God and to higher things. ... Music adds joy and culture to people's lives, and the pipe organ, mighty and sweet, flexible and majestic, is the perfect vehicle for that," wrote Rizzotto in an email response.

He is currently a doctoral candidate at the American Organ Institute (AOI) School of Music at the University of Oklahoma, studying under John Schwandt, associate professor of organ and director of the AOI.




All are invited to hear Rizzotto play 14 pieces composed for the pipe organ "from a time span of almost 400 years, one of which is only a few days old" at 4 p.m. Sunday at the church, 1302 SW A.

"Cristiano Rizzotto has played in many outstanding cathedrals and churches of North and South America and we are excited to share his talent with the Lawton community," Faires said, adding that he believes that the concert "will be a meaningful addition to your Christmas celebration."

Most of the music at the hour-long concert will be familiar, based upon music used for Christmas carols. Compositions will include: J.S. Bach's Advent chorale "Wachet Auf, Ruft uns die Stimme" in the Bach Works Catalogue or "Bach Werke Verzeichnis" (BWV) 645 and his "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" (BWV 565). Another composition Rizzotto wrote that he will play is "Raynor Taylor's 'Variations to Adeste Fideles,' a collection of five Christmas Voluntaries (including) 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,' 'O Come, All Ye Faithful,' 'The First Nowell' (original spelling), 'We Three Kings,' and 'Joy to the World.'"

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