

The Church of the Covenant

TUESDAY ORGAN PLUS CONCERTS

NOON

May 5, 2026

**Kachofugetsu
Japanese Handbell
Choir**

**Kaori Hongo
*director***

PROGRAM

Sakura Melody Fanfare

Old Japanese Song
Arr. Katsumi Kodama

Three Japanese Sketches

Guy Bovet

Meditation on "Akatombo"

Oriental Blossoms

Frances Legge Callahan

Soshunfu

Akira Nakada

Yuko Nakamura, violin
Kaori Hongo, piano

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple
Arr. by Douglas E Wagner

TODAY'S PROGRAM IS PRESENTED IN PART THROUGH THE GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHARLES TEARE AND CLIFFORD KERN FUND OF THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION AND THE COVENANT FRIENDS OF MUSIC FUND.

*All free will offerings support Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concerts and its artists.
Please join us for cookies in the narthex of the sanctuary where you can greet today's artist.*

Scan for online donations:



The Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106, Phone: 216-421-0482

www.CovenantWeb.org

OUR INSTRUMENTS

The Newberry Organ that resides in the sanctuary's rear gallery was named the Newberry Organ as a memorial to the generosity and artistic vision of Elizabeth "Betty" Hitchcock Rose (1915-2013). The instrument was built by Richards & Fowkes Organ Company in Ooltewah, Tennessee and is modeled after the historic organs of 17th century northern Germany and the Netherlands. Its unique tuning, pitch, and timbre enable the performer to recreate both solo organ repertoire and collaborative instrumental works from the baroque and renaissance eras with astonishing authenticity.

The Chancel Organ was built by the Ernest M. Skinner Organ Company from Boston in 1931. It was later renovated by the Aeolian Skinner Organ Company in 1959 in keeping with the tenets of the organ reform movement that was sweeping across the United States. In 1996, the console was replaced by the Holtkamp Organ Company (Cleveland).

The Chapel Positive Organ was constructed by Flentrop Orgelbouw, The Netherlands, for Oberlin College and Conservatory in the 1960's. It consists of three ranks of pipes behind a decorative façade of non-speaking wooden pipes.

The Sanctuary Steinway Piano was donated to the church by Kristina Baker Sole in memory of her late husband.

THE ARTIST

Kachoufugetsu, is an all-Japanese handbell group which started two years ago, at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Dr. Kaori Hongo. The group name "Kachoufugetsu" (花鳥風月) is a Japanese word where each character literally means "flower, bird, wind, moon". This represents the beautiful elements of nature around us and signifies a deeper Japanese concept: to experience the transient beauty of the natural world and to learn deeper about oneself. It celebrates the changing seasons and at the same time finding inner peace with recognizing the cyclical nature of life by observing the flowers, birds, wind, and the moon.

Kachoufugetsu Japanese Handbell Choir

Dr. Kaori Hongo, *director*

Mihoko Atwah

Masako Fujiki

Sachie Hayakawa

Rika Hirose

Keiko Johannesson

Yuko Nakamura

Yu Okamoto

Yumi Ono

Tomoko Tanaka

Emi Umeda

Yoko Yamamoto

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 12

Daesean Lawson
organ

May 19

Davis Badaszewski
organ