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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Jason Roberts, organist/choirmaster at St. James Episcopal Church in West Hartford, Conn., will give the first performance of the Friends of the Conservatory Concert Series on Oct. 22.

The concert, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Byrnes Auditorium, will highlight Roberts’ improvisational skills and feature the works of Bach, Widor and Reubke. Roberts is a graduate of Rice University and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. His teachers have included Clyde Holloway, Martin Jean and McNeil Robinson. Recently, he completed his Ph.D. at the Manhattan School of Music.

Roberts won the 2008 AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation and the 2007 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition. In 2010, he presented recitals for the national conventions of the Association of Anglican Musicians as well as the American Guild of Organists. Roberts was the only American finalist in the St. Albans (England) International Organ competition in 2009.

Tickets are $15 for general admission, $10 for senior citizens, Winthrop faculty and staff and $5 for students.

To purchase tickets or to find out more information, contact Winthrop's Department of Music at 803/323-2255 between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.