

TYLER CANONICO APPOINTED MINISTER OF MUSIC AT MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Baltimore native Tyler Canonico has been appointed minister of music and organist at Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 South Second Street, Harrisburg. He will begin his duties during worship on Sunday, September 10.

As head of the music department, Canonico will provide organ leadership during services and direct the Sanctuary Choir of adult voices, the children's choir, and the Market Square Ringers. He will administer the church music library of more than 1,000 compositions and establish an organ concert series on the church's 83-rank Skinner/Moller organ of 1991. He will oversee care and maintenance of the church's gallery organ, portative organ, harpsichord, and Steinway grand piano. He will also participate in the planning of all worship services and musical programs of the congregation.

Canonico holds a bachelor of arts in music with a concentration in organ performance and sacred music from Lebanon Valley College. His principal teacher there was Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman. He is also a graduate of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where he earned a master's of music in organ performance. While there, Canonico was carillonneur at Denny Chimes, the school's carillon of 25 cast bronze bells.

Most recently he served as organist and assistant director of music at Christ Episcopal Church in Tuscaloosa and as collaborative pianist for the Alabama Choir School. Prior to that he was the assistant organist at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham, Alabama, and was the director of music and organist at First United Methodist Church in Palmyra, Pennsylvania.



"We are exceedingly thrilled to welcome this immensely gifted young musician whose heart for God and congregational ministry are as prodigious as his musical talents," said the Rev. Thomas A. Sweet, the church's pastor. "Tyler's impact will be felt not only by our congregation but by the community as well. We are sure he will be an inspiring and integral part of our ministry to the region."

Canonico is a frequent concert artist and guest conductor. He has received awards and scholarships from the American Guild of Organists and performed at both national and regional conventions of the organization. In Harrisburg, he will serve on the executive committee of the local AGO chapter. In addition, he will be collaborative pianist of the Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus and perform as part of the keyboard duo *Allegro con Fuoco*.

Canonico will present an **organ concert on Friday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary, 20 South Second Street, Harrisburg.** Included in the program will be works of Bach, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Briggs and others. The concert is free and open to the public. Parking in the Market Square Garage, Second and Chestnut streets, will be provided by the church.

