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Donald VerKuilen

**Rising star organist to perform free concert
Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul**

(Saint Paul, Minn) Up and coming concert organist Donald VerKuilen will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 239 Summit Avenue. The concert is part of the Cathedral's Centennial - 2015 celebration. VerKuilen will perform Charles-Marie Widor's "*Symphonie IV in F minor*" along with selections by Saint-Saens, Bach and Peeters on the recently-expanded Aeolian-Skinner organ, one of two historic organs at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (read more on the restored organs <http://www.cathedralheritagefoundation.org/node/95>).

VerKuilen has been a finalist in many prestigious performance and hymn-playing competitions as well as an E. Power Biggs fellow to the Organ Historical Society. A native of Appleton, Wisc., he began his studies with Frank Rippl and has studied with Marie-Louise Langlais, Nathan Laube, Jonathan Moyer and others. In 2010 he performed at the International Festival of the Organ in Rome, Italy. VerKuilen has studied organ performance under the tutelage of James David Christie at Oberlin Conservatory of Music. In 2014, he traveled to France to study on some of that country's finest organs. He serves as organist at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark.

The concert is free and open to the public. Free-will donations will benefit the Organ Maintenance Endowment Fund.

Cathedral Hours: The Cathedral doors are normally open Sunday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Guided tours are given at 1 p.m. Monday through Friday year round except on Holy Days and civil holidays. No appointment is necessary. More information is available by calling our Welcome Center at 651-228-1766 or visiting www.cathedralsaintpaul.org.