

Dr. Michael Hix

Recent research publications and presentations:

Dr. Michael Hix recently completed his book *An American Organist in Paris: The Letters of Orville Lee Erwin 1930-1931*. The book examines the life and musical career of Alabama organist/composer Lee Erwin. Letters written while Erwin was studying in Paris form the core of the book. He writes of his lessons with famed organist André Marchal, harmony lessons with Jean Verd, classes with Nadia Boulanger, and dinner parties with Olivier Messiaen. Erwin's letters do not provide only the singular experiences of a young musician, but reflect the common experiences shared by the multitude of American composers2 (ne)0.co2 (n)0shared by the mformF(c)0.BT 6