JOHN MUELLER

ORGANIST

1927-2019

John Mueller was a legendary teacher and an iconic figure in the international organ world. He taught organ at Salem College from 1955 to 1995 and organ and harpsichord at the North Carolina School of the Arts from 1967 to 1995.

He and his wife Margaret were instrumental in reviving interest in the classic, mechanical-action “tracker” pipe organ in the United States. Together they established the Summer Organ Academy at Salem College, modeled after the famous Haarlem Summer Organ Academy in the Netherlands. The academy brought world-famous teachers and organists to Winston-Salem to instruct organists from throughout the United States.

In addition to his career as a gifted teacher, Mueller served as the consultant on the construction of 18 organs and served on the committee to oversee the restoration of the 1800 Tanneberg Organ for Old Salem Museums & Gardens.

He performed extensively on organs worldwide and he served as the organist at Centenary Methodist Church, First Baptist Church and St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, and as the summer organist at Harvard University Memorial Church.