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Taylor & Boody Pipe Organ at St. Michael's Episcopal Church

St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Bon Air has signed a contract with Taylor & Boody organ builders in Staunton, Virginia, for construction and installation of a three manual 36 stop tracker action pipe organ. This pipe organ is being crafted as part of the church's pending renovation. The organ, Taylor & Boody's Opus 64, is scheduled for delivery in December 2009. This organ represents a major shift in Taylor and Boody's approach to design. It has an eclectic specification and will include electric stop and combination action with multiple memory levels. The specification is available at www.taylorandboody.com.

Taylor & Boody Organbuilders, founded in 1977 by George Taylor and John Boody, is a small company of highly skilled craftspersons located in a renovated school building three miles west of Staunton.

Taylor & Boody organs are built to the highest standards of craftsmanship following centuries old traditions. The design of each organ, while built for today, is grounded in extensive research of antique instruments, which have proven to be of surpassing beauty and timeless

worth. Virtually all the parts of the organs are handmade in the local workshop, including the fabrication of the metal flue pipes and reeds. Only the finest materials are used in the organs including lumber cut and dried especially for use in organbuilding. The casework, windchests, bellows and action parts are all constructed of solid wood, carefully selected for its function. Careful attention to design and manufacture produces an instrument of responsive playing characteristics, great mechanical durability and outstanding musical quality.

Crystal Jonkman (Director of Music and Art at St. Michael's), George Taylor, and John Boody are available for interview regarding this exciting project. To schedule an interview or obtain additional information, please contact Anthony Creech at (804) 330-9976.



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