

# Mildred Andrews Boggess: Oklahoma's First Lady of the Organ

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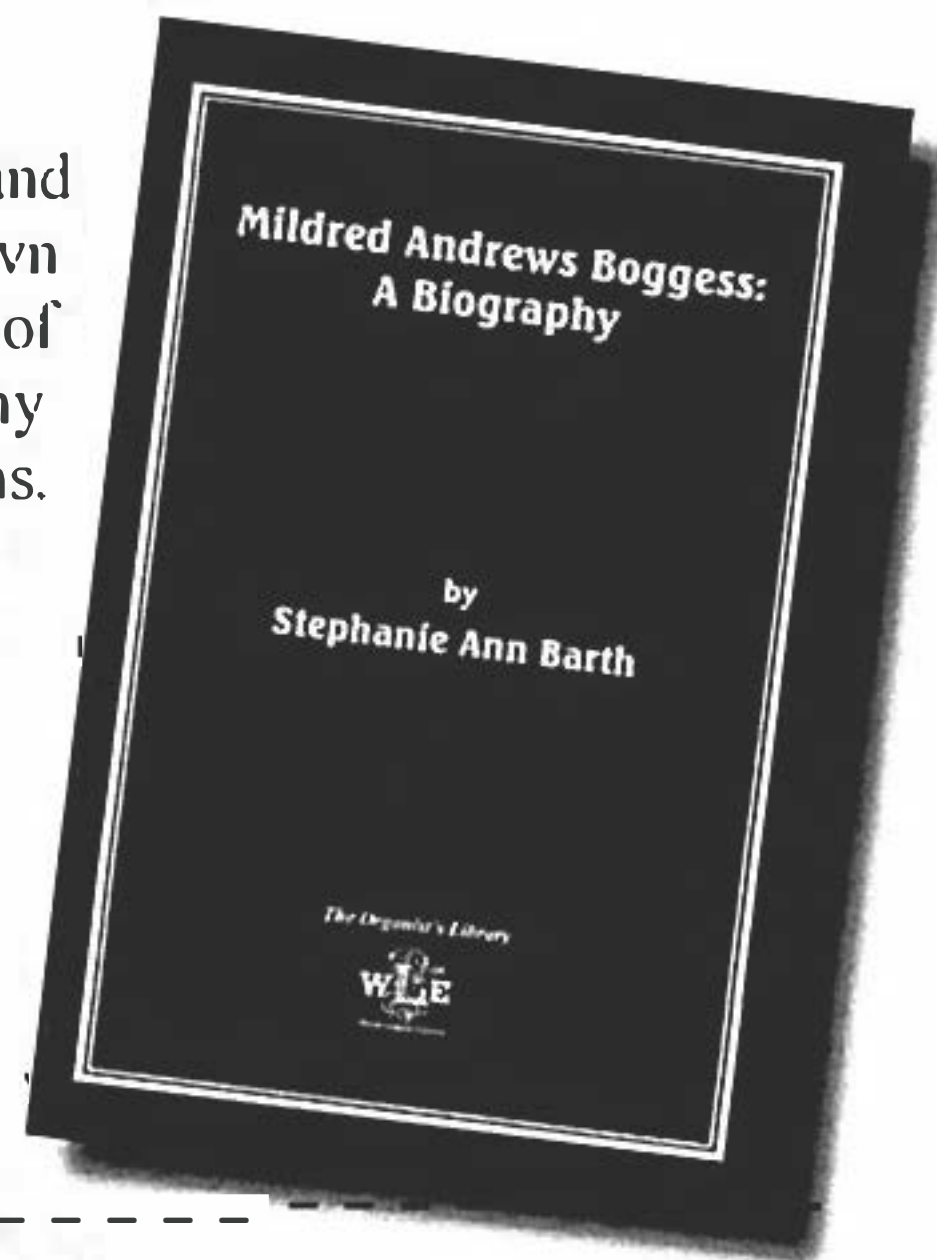
A definitive biography covering the life, performing, and teaching career of Mildred Andrews Boggess (1915–1987).

Boggess earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Piano (1937) from the University of Oklahoma and graduate degree in Piano Performance (1940) from the University of Michigan. She joined the music faculty at the University of Oklahoma in 1938. She served as organist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Norman, OK, from 1936–1962, concurrently serving as Instructor in Organ for the Evergreen Episcopal Music Conference in Evergreen, Colorado. She was the highest-honored Professor of Music at the University of Oklahoma School of Music from 1938 to 1976.

In addition to her excellence in sacred music and organ pedagogy, Boggess was particularly known for her dedication to the arts at the University of Oklahoma and discipline of her students, many of whom won national & regional competitions.

Over one dozen of her students won Fulbright scholarships to study music in Europe. Miss Andrews herself became one of the first female organists to play at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC and at Westminster Cathedral in London. Boggess was inducted in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1971.

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