Fantasia Apocalyptica

The California premiere of this multimedia work, composed by Stanford Professor Donald Knuth, will be performed at

St Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco 4 pm -- Sunday Dec. 5 and Sunday Dec. 12

as part of their weekly series of 45-minute Musical Meditations on Sunday afternoons. *Fantasia Apocalyptica* lasts 90 minutes and will take place on two successive Sundays. Admission is free and reservations are not required.



This is a unique work that can best be regarded as a "more or less literal" translation into music of the Greek text of the Revelation of Saint John the Divine. It was written for pipe organ accompanied by three video tracks.

The excellent organist Jin Kyung Lim will perform the work on the cathedral's Ruffati pipe organ, and three people, including Knuth, will control computers to synchronize the video tracks with her performance.

The world premiere in Sweden in 2018 celebrated Knuth's 80th birthday.

There have been two other performances, in Canada and in Czechia.

Knuth notes, "I'm hoping that the people who see this will understand why I love the pipe organ and why I devoted so much time to this endeavor."