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Newsletter of the Greater Kansas City Chapter – AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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FROM THE DEAN:

Greetings to everyone in our greater Kansas City area!

As with every new season, there is much to celebrate along with a few challenges to overcome. We are delighted to be able to offer a new program season of unique concerts, engaging demonstrations, and delicious table fellowship. We open our season celebrating the tenth anniversary of the French Festival followed by presenting the complete major organ works by César Franck in observance of the two hundredth anniversary of Franck's birth. Later in the season we will learn about the relocation of the Hal Gober organ from suburban Cleveland, Ohio, to Basehor, Kansas. We also invite youth and children (of ALL ages) to our Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza! - a program to introduce the pipe organ. Be sure to mark your calendars for these and other 2022-2023 programs listed in this newsletter.

Our chapter continues to explore and implement our new governance structure that was adopted in the fall of 2021. Our new governance structure allows for a more efficient, effective, and collaborative process in what, why, and how we operate as a chapter. One of the challenges we, and practically every other civic organization, face moving forward is long-term engagement and sustainability. It is important we preserve the successes of this chapter's past while recognizing the ever-changing present and future. We need your ideas, support, and engagement to carry on this chapter's legacy to the generations ahead.

I want to thank everyone: our chapter leadership; our members; our friends; our community; our supporters of past, present, and future for the great foundation we have as the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to me and the other chapter leaders if you have not done so already. I look forward to meeting as many of our members as I can this coming season, and be sure to invite a friend or two to our events. We have a lot to offer to each other and to our greater community.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Joshua G. Hearn, AAGO

Dean, GKCAO

Director of Music & Organist,

Southminster Presbyterian Church - Prairie Village, Kansas

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(Members' edition)

GKCAGO EVENTS for 2022-2023

Sunday, August 28, 2022 | 2 p.m.

French Festival X

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 11th & Broadway, Kansas City, MO

Sunday and Monday, September 18 & 19, 2022 | 7 p.m.

The Complete Franck Organ Works performed by Scott Dettra

Visitation Roman Catholic Church, 5141 Main St, Kansas City, MO

Dinner: Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 5 p.m. reservation requested: \$20 ahead / \$25 at the door

Sunday, October Date TBA, 2022 | 3:30 p.m.

Celebrating César Franck Instrumental & Choral Works

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

1307 Holmes St, Kansas City, MO

Sunday, November 13, 2022 | 3:30 p.m.

30th Anniversary of the Casavant Organ

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Ave, Prairie Village, KS

Concert of Organ and Organ-Plus Music

Catered dinner to follow: reservation requested: \$20 ahead / \$25 at the door

Sunday, January 16, 2023 | 3 p.m.

Duo Organists Ann Marie Rigler & Melody Steed

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1307 Holmes St, Kansas City, MO

Sunday, February 19, 2023 | 3:30 p.m.

Concert and Presentation of the Hal Gober Organ by Kevin Vogt

Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church, 15440 Leavenworth Rd, Basehor, KS

Reception to follow presentation and concert

Saturday, March 25, 2023 | 10 a.m.

Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza (Intergenerational)

Village Presbyterian, 6641 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Ave, Prairie Village, KS

April 2023 (Date TBD): 2022

NYACOP Winner Recital

Hope Lutheran, 6308 Qulvira Rd, Shawnee, KS

Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 2 p.m.

BACHATHON 2023

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Ave, Prairie Village, KS

Monday, May 15, 2023 | 5 p.m.

Installation of New Officers/Team Leaders

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, 708 N 4th St, Kansas City, KS

Bowling & Strawberry Hill Museum

Catered dinner reservation requested: \$20 ahead / \$25 at the door

FRENCH ORGAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

10th Anniversary

The tenth anniversary of the French Organ Music Festival will take place on Sunday, August 28, 2022 from 2 pm - 5 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This co-sponsored event between the GKAGO chapter and the Cathedral will celebrate this milestone in style!

The festival, started by chapter member Mario Pearson, will feature these performers: Jan Kraybill, Ken Walker, Paul Turner, Kurt Knecht, Paul Meier, and performing *Messe Solennelle* by Langlais will be the Cathedral Schola and

St. Andrew's Choir. The choir will be conducted by Tom Vozzella and accompanied by Jacob Hofeling. Additional highlights will feature congratulatory video messages from French organists acknowledging French music and culture in Kansas City. Previous performers at the festival are invited to attend, and they will be recognized for their contribution to the festival's ongoing success.

A reception will follow in the Cathedral's Donnelly Hall immediately following the event.



Organ, Basilique Saint-Nazaire-Saint-Celse, Carcassonne, France.
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LOOKING BACK AT OUR LAST PROGRAM IN MAY



Trumpeter William Landon with Dr. Beth Loeber Elswick

Monday May 23, 2022, The Rev Canon Gar Demo and Saint Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church in Overland Park, Kansas hosted the Greater Kansas City Chapter program titled Hybrid Organ Demonstration. Spoken presenter was Gerald Oehring (owner of Gerald Oehring and Associates of Lincoln Nebraska, representing the Global Organ Group within a four state region): "Hybrid organ concepts find origins in 1947 from Michael Harrison (son of G Donald Harrison with Aeolian Skinner), and are always much more successful when the instrument contains multiple ranks of acoustic pipes, which are all tonally finished for the respective venue." Featured performers were organist Dr. Beth Loeber Elswick (Director of Music Ministries for Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, and also Teaching Professor in Music Studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance) with trumpeter William Landon.

Norm Kinnaugh, GKAGO Chapter Reporter

FROM THE REGISTRAR:

I KNEW YOU WOULD RENEW!

Oh, the great days of summer! (Who ever says, "Oh, the great blustery chilly days of winter!") I hope you have had a fantastic summer so far. There are still many warm and wonderful days ahead! The Greater Kansas City AGO is planning some fantastic programs for our next season. Please renew, if you have not done so already! Our national office sends out 3 reminders to all of you who are due to renew. I will be sending some reminders, also. Please let me know if you do not wish to join us in the season ahead. I don't want to nag! If you have any questions about renewing your membership, please see my e-mail address or my cell phone number below.

Have you been on vacation lately? I enjoy traveling very much! This year my wife and I went "out East" and visited friends and family. Several of my friends took me to some great organs to play! Do you go "organ hopping" on your trips? The best organ, and the most fun, was at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. At around 120 ranks, and great acoustics, it certainly was a treat to play! My long-time friend, Dan, from Virginia, found a friend who knew the organist -- and we got in to test it out! I hope YOU like to try out organs when you travel. I certainly do!



I got an e-mail today, and found an "organ scam" to think about. A totally unknown person sent me an elaborate description of a wedding she was having,

and she needed an organist for an hour. Lots of details about what the organist should provide, Covid protocols, and so much more! But, how did this person get my name, where was the event, and lots of questions unanswered! A hoax, no doubt. Something like the "free piano" from a widow who has it in storage and would be happy to give it to you, with some certain "fees" being paid first. Stay alert, my friends! this person get my name, where was this person get my name, where was

If you have already renewed for the coming season . . . THANK YOU! If you need another reminder . . . here it is! When you renew, please consider giving a donation to one of our programs, or to the concert programs in general. You will be thanked, and mentioned in our concert program brochures! As always, we love our members and want you to stay with us!

All the best to you!

Boyd Ahrens, Registrar

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CERTIFICATION CORNER

Testimonial

"I thoroughly enjoyed the ChM exam. I studied hard for AAGO, and came away knowing more about counterpoint and performance of figured bass. The exams were challenging. They were, at that time, a crowning achievement and well worth the effort."

John Schaefer, ChM, AAGO

Make plans today to earn AGO Certification! For more information, visit www.agohq.org/certification.

FROM THE DIRECTORY CHAIR:

Did you know that there is a digital version of our membership directory available for your home computer or phone?

We launched the digital version of our member directory two years ago.

What you find in the digital directory:

- Members with pictures and contact information.
- New board member structure with pictures and contact information.
- Our 2022-2023 Concert Series programming.
- Coming Soon: Operating Procedures and National Officer Information

We are still going to produce our traditional paper directory, which is distributed by mail. Everyone will get a paper directory this year. Our printing and mailing costs have really increased over the last two years. Starting in 2023, you will have the option of opting out of the paper directory. One great thing about the digital directory is that it is updated monthly. The paper directory is only updated yearly. Updates to the directory can be submitted through the national AGO OnCard system, the app, or by emailing or writing me.

Submissions for changes to the 2022-2023 October PRINTED directory are due October 1st, 2022.

Submissions for changes to the printed directory can be done through the phone app, desktop version or through OnCard. I pull the information for the printed directory from the digital version. So, if it is not right there, it is not going to be right in the printed version. As always, you can either email or call me with changes.

Pictures Needed!

If we already have your photo GREAT! If not or you want to change your photo, please read on....

If you have already logged in to the digital directory, simply go to your profile and click on the button that says, "Edit my Family". You will see that you have no photo. Under where your picture should be click on the button that says, "Choose File". Select the photo you wish to use. I will then get an alert that you have submitted a photo for review and approval.

If you have never logged in to the directory, follow the steps below:

Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let me know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create log-in process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church. Any time updates are made, they will show on the Online Members' Website, too.

For more information about the members' website, go here:

<https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory>

If you don't want to go through this process and wish to email your picture, you can email it to dmadura26@gmail.com

It would be wonderful to have everyone's picture in the directory.

Dan Madura
Directory Chair
(816) 560-3738
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INCIDENTAL NEWS

Our very own Jan Kraybill was recently featured in AGO Chapter Leadership News. Congratulations to Jan for this recognition and for being an inspiration across the guild. We are so blessed to have her in our chapter.

Fox Valley dean Mark Downey shared the following in a recent chapter newsletter.

The rector at my former church would often come up to me after a special liturgy or program, extend his hand, and proclaim, "Mark, that was simply splendiferous!" I admit that I'd never heard that expression before, but it has always remained in the back of my brain as something to say when a truly memorable occasion has occurred. The word splendiferous implies a level of perfection, and I think this evening came as close as one could hope! On May 20, forty-two members of the Fox Valley chapter gathered for prayer, conversation, fellowship, outstanding food and wine, and most importantly, the opportunity to hear one of the most accomplished organists of our time, Jan Kraybill. Her performance was musically satisfying-and significantly better than sipping some Eagle Rare with just one round ice cube. She is personable, friendly, and engaging. However, I think her best trait is her ability to make the music come alive. She bares her soul when she performs. She feels the music and tells a story every time she plays! There were times when I didn't think the Annual Meeting and Dinner would ever return. May 20 is a day I will not soon forget.



CHAPTER OFFICERS 2022-2023

For this year we will elect Officers for a one-year term and Team leaders for a two-year term.

OFFICERS

Dean: Joshua Hearn
Sub-Dean: Keith Sandrock
Secretary: Jacob Hofeling
Treasurer: Dan Madura
Registrar: Boyd Ahrens

TEAM LEADERS

Administration: John Deahl
Education: Sarah Lyons
Finance: Ray Smith
Information: Debbie Winter
Membership: Nara Newcomer
Program: Steve Burk

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

NEEDED: HELP WITH PUBLICITY Do you have media contacts or like to spread the word about our chapter and its events? If so, we need you! We are looking for a few members who would be willing to help our Information Team with publicity matters. No previous experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Debbie Winter (deborahwinter1958@gmail.com or 913.226.0053). Thank you.

DOUGLAS O'NEILL

COMPLETE WORKS OF BACH, CONCERT #2

Friday, September 9, 7:00-8:30 PM

Atonement Lutheran Church 9948 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS

Tocatta in C, BWV 564; An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653; Sonata No. 1 in E-flat, BWV 525; Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720; Concerto in A Minor (after Vivaldi), BWV 593; Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547; Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 730; Partite diverse sopra il Corale "Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig", BWV 768; (Chorale and 11 Variations) Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731; Passacaglia in C Minor, BWV 582

DOUGLAS O'NEILL

COMPLETE WORKS OF BACH, CONCERT #3

Sunday, October 23, 4:00-5:30 PM

Hope Lutheran Church 6308 Quivira Road, Shawnee, KS

Prelude and Fugue in E, BWV 566; Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657; Trio Sonata No. 2 in C Minor, BWV 525; Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BWV 658; Concerto in D Minor (after Vivaldi), BWV 596; Fantasia super "Komm, Heiliger Geist," BWV 651; Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 652; Sechs Choräle von verschiedener Art (The "Schübler" Chorales), BWV 654-650; Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Wo soll ich fliehen hin, Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ, Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter; Tocatta and Fugue in F, BWV 540

SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

Substitutes listed are members of the local organ guild. The people who hold AGO certificates have passed requirements of the National American Guild of Organists for various levels of service playing and choral conducting. However, the GKAGO is not an endorsement agency for service provided by the persons listed here. To learn proficiency of substitutes, feel free to ask them for references. Feedback regarding the hiring of GKAGO substitutes is welcome and encouraged. Please send feedback to John Schaefer canonjohn40@gmail.com.

FAGO = Fellow certification | org = organist | lit = liturgical worship | dir = choral director | piano = pianist

Linda Mann, BME, SPC (Weddings/Funerals only)	organ, piano	816-353-4826, c. 816-289-9760
John Pitchford, MM, SPC	organ	913-663-3768 johnpitchford@kc.rr.com
John Schaefer, AAGO, Ch M	organ, piano, lit.	816-520-2084

The following also offer their services.

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Betty Bauer	org, lit	913-814-9021 hababab@earthlink.net
Steve Burk	org, lit, dir, handbells	785-331-7640 ssmkburk@gmail.com
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