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

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## FROM THE DEAN

As we approach a new program year in the greater Kansas City chapter of the AGO, I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to get to know more of our chapter members. I'm Jacob Hofeling, and I was recently elected the dean of our fantastic chapter alongside **Josh Maize** as sub-dean, **Elisa Bickers** as secretary, **Dan Madura** as treasurer and **Boyd Ahrens** as registrar. The team leaders remain the same spectacular individuals: **Sarah Lyons** as the education team leader, **Steve Burk** as the program team leader, **Nara Newcomer** as the membership team leader, **John Deahl** as the administration team leader, **Ray Smith** as the finance team leader, and **Debbie Winter** as the information team leader. I'm honored to serve and excited for what this year has in store.

The program team has been hard at work devising a schedule of events that will fulfill the mission of the American Guild of Organists. To name a few values, the AGO aims to celebrate the organ, nurture new organists of all ages, share knowledge and expertise, enjoy camaraderie at chapter events, and enhance skills as an organist and choral conductor. I believe the events this year will do this and much more. Mark your calendars for the upcoming French Organ Music Festival on Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Next, prepare for a spectacular workshop on practical practice skills by our very own Jan Kraybill. This workshop will encourage and help develop skill

Is which benefit musicians of all skill levels. This event will be Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm at Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch. Make sure to check the website and the newsletter for more information about these upcoming events. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time to share thoughts, concerns, ideas, or anything else you feel we need as a chapter to continue to grow and thrive. Thank you all, and I'll see you at our chapter events!

Jacob Hofeling  
GKCAGO Dean

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# French Organ Music Festival XI



**August 27, 2023**  
**2 pm - 5 pm**

**The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**  
*on the corner of 11th and Broadway*



## FRENCH ORGAN MUSIC FESTIVAL XI

The eleventh anniversary of the French Organ Music Festival will take place on **Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 2 pm – 5 pm** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in downtown Kansas City. This is a co-sponsored event between the Greater Kansas City chapter of the AGO and the Cathedral. The Festival, started by AGO chapter member and Cathedral music director, Dr. Mario Pearson, will feature organists Jan Kraybill, Fr. Paul Turner (pastor of the Cathedral), and Thomas Vozzella with soprano Lauren Auge, Audrey Pickering, Trevor Good, and Peiyao Yu. The Festival features a live video feed from the organ console, including program notes about the performers and composers. It is an event for organists, music enthusiasts, and those curious about the pipe organ. Free will donations.

More information at: <https://www.kcago.com/french-fest> Contact: [mpearson@kcgolddome.org](mailto:mpearson@kcgolddome.org)

### PERFORMANCE ORDER 2023

#### 2:00pm: Peiyao Yu

"Méditations sur le Mystère de la Sainte Trinité.	Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
II. La Sainteté de Jésus-Christ	
Variations sur un Noël, Op.20	Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

#### 2:30pm: Trevor Good

Suite Op. 5	Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
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#### 3:00pm: Tom Vozzella- Lauren Auge

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#### 3:30pm: Paul Turner

Poèmes Évangéliques d'après les textes sacrés	Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
L'Annonciation	
La Nativité	
Les Rameaux	

#### 4:00pm: Audrey Pickering

Suite pour orgue, JA 69	Jehan Alain (1911-1940)
Introduction et variations	
Scherzo	
Choral	

#### 4:30pm: Jan Kraybill

Le Carnaval des animaux (The Carnival of the Animals.)	Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
I. Introduction et marche royale du lion (Introduction and Royal March of the Lion)	
II. Poules et coqs (Hens and Roosters)	
III. Hémiions (animaux véloces (Wild Asses (Swift Animals))	
IV. Tortues (Tortoises)	
V. L'Éléphant (The Elephant)	
VI. Kangourous (Kangaroos)	
VII. Aquarium	
VIII. Personnages à longues oreilles (Characters with Long Ears)	
IX. Le Coucou au fond des bois (The Cuckoo in the Depths of the Woods)	
X. Volière (Aviary)	
XI. Pianists (Pianists)	
XII. Fossiles (Fossils)	

## CHAPTER MEETING LAST MAY

The Greater Kansas City Chapter was hosted on Monday May 22 by Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Shawnee, Kansas on Monday May 22, 2023 at social gathering and installation of Chapter officers for the 2023/2024 Chapter Year. Boyd Ahrens hosted the event, as Director of Music and Organist for the church. Jan Kraybill (FAGO) presided for the Installation ceremony where Dr. Jacob Hofeling (AAGO) is Chapter Dean, Joshua Maize is Subdean, Dr. Elisa Bickers (FAGO) is Secretary, Dan Madura is Treasurer, and Boyd Ahrens is Registrar.

Following the installation of the officers, members in attendance gathered in the church sanctuary to sing some favorite hymns. Hymn accompaniment was provided by Ray Smith (CAGO and Organist for Colonial Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri), by incoming chapter Dean Dr. Jacob Hofeling (formerly music director in this venue) and by Boyd Ahrens (music director for the host venue).

Norm Kinnaugh,  
GKCAGO Chapter Reporter



In the photo: Jan Kraybill, Boyd Ahrens, Dan Madura, Joshua Maize, Jacob Hofeling, absent Elisa Bickers

## COMPETITION CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the North Central Region American Guild of Organists 2023 AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists (RCYO) winners! The North Central Regional Convention was held in the Twin Cities July 4–7, 2023. The prizes have been made possible by a generous grant from Michael Quimby, President, Quimby Pipe Organs, Inc.

### Winner Results:

**First Place: Trevor Good, University of Kansas, student of James Higdon**

**Second Place: Aaron Looney, St. Olaf College, student of Catherine Rodland**

Trevor was the winner of the GKAGO chapter RCYO competition that our chapter held in April. Many thanks to Jacob Hofeling and all of our chapter members that assisted our chapter to again sponsor an AGO competition. This is a terrific culmination of that work, and a strong incentive for our chapter to continue to host competitions. Trevor had posted this on Facebook during the convention. "I was honored today both to compete alongside two outstanding competitors and to receive first prize at the AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists in Saint Paul, Minnesota, hosted by the Church of Louis, King of France. As part of the prize, I perform a brief program on Thursday at the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas, and I will also be performing at the 2024 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in San Francisco.

The list of individuals and communities I could thank for this accomplishment seems nearly endless, but I'd specifically like to extend my gratitude to the Kansas City AGO chapter for resurrecting their participation as hosts in the first round of this competition, without which I may not have considered entering at all. The journey continues. Oh - and Rock Chalk."

With our thanks to Jan Kraybill for sharing this information for us to share with the chapter.



Photo identification: Laura Smith (from Wichita, studying at Baylor), Aaron Looney, Trevor Good, David Jenkins (Dean of Twin Cities AGO chapter, Co-chair of the North Central Regional Convention)

Photo courtesy of Twin Cities chapter AGO on Facebook

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TREVOR GOOD!

After winning first place at the chapter level of the AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists sponsored by our chapter, Trevor won the regional level of competition as well! Trevor will perform at the 2024 National Convention. Thank you again to our chapter for coming together in support of the next generation of organists!

Sarah Lyons, Education Team Leader

## GKCAGO 2023-2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### AUGUST 2023

French Organ Music Festival XI  
 Sunday, August 27, 2023 2:00 - 5:00 PM  
 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Kansas City, MO

### SEPTEMBER 2023

"Practical Practice Skills" with Dr. Jan Kraybill  
 Monday, September 18, 2023 6:15 PM dinner and program 7:30 PM  
 Village Presbyterian, Antioch Campus, Overland Park, KS

### OCTOBER 2023

James Kealey in recital - 2022 NYACOP winner  
 Sunday, October 22, 2023 3:00 PM  
 Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS

### NOVEMBER 2023

"Getting Away from the Notes"  
 Robert Nicholls, presenter, *practical improvising skills*  
 Monday, November 20, 2023 6:15 PM dinner and program 7:30 PM  
 Park University Chapel with dinner in McCoy Meetin' House, Parkville, MO

### FEBRUARY 2024

Dr. Katie Webb in recital  
 Canon Musician at Trinity Cathedral, Portland, OR  
 Monday, Feb 19, 2024 6:15 PM dinner and program 7:30 PM  
 Visitation Parish, Kansas City, MO

### MARCH 2024

Dr. Elisa Bickers in recital  
 Friday, March 1, 2024 7:00 pm  
 Village Presbyterian, Prairie Village, KS  
 Co-sponsored event with Village  
 as a part of the church's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### APRIL 2024

Silent Movie – Brett Valliant, organist  
 TBD  
 Church of the Resurrection UMC, Leawood, KS

### MAY 2024

Bachathon XLV  
 Sunday, May 5, 2024 2:00 – 5:00 PM  
 Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, MO

### JUNE 2024

Social Event - Food and fun  
 exploring the 34-rank house organ at Burkfarm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ORGAN AVAILABLE

Hammond Elegante organ for free to someone who would enjoy it. Benefactor needs to provide the transportation to their place. The organ is in excellent condition, it has no scratches in the cabinet. Bought new 40+ years ago and has had only two service calls so far-the last one was to replace the motor for the internal Leslie speaker.

Contact Don McVay, 816-803-2733

### KANSAS CITY HISTORIAN LOOKING FOR ORGANISTS' PHTOGRAPHS

Randal Loy researched and published an extensive history of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. He is now doing more research and is looking for photos of **Edna Scotten Billings** (1900-1983 and founder of this AGO chapter) and organist **Powell McCullough Weaver** (1890-1951). Edna was organist at the cathedral for 50 years. Powell Weaver was a composer and organist at Grand Avenue Temple Methodist Church in Kansas City.

Contact Randal J. Loy, 816-452-5055

### IN MEMORIAM

Former member **David Josefiak** died on May 3, 2023 in Wichita. While living in Prairie Village, KS, David studied with and obtained his Master of Music degree studying with Dr. John Ditto & Dr. John Obetz at UMKC. He taught Harpsichord as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the UMKC School of Music. During this time, David was organist at Sixth Church of Christ Science in KCMO and was also a staff organist at the World Headquarters of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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Please keep **Kathy Hellwege** in your thoughts and prayers as she is currently recovering at Research Medical Center following surgery to repair a broken leg suffered during recent storms in the metro area.

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***Announcements need to submitted to the editor by the 20th of the preceding month. Newsletter is sent out on the 1st of each month, August—May. This QR code which will guide you through information needed for the editor.***



## **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 GKCAGO 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 GKCAGO substitutes is welcome and encouraged. Please send feedback to John Schaefer [canonjohn40@gmail.com](mailto:canonjohn40@gmail.com).

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