



Bombarde



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

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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends, I have been thinking about support lately. None of us can go very long or very far without support. Playing the organ takes support. Someone built the organ, someone cares for the organ, and we need support from people in our audience. By the same token, we support the congregation in singing and in their worship service. We all need each other. Our AGO chapter has a variety of programs this year, and we have tried to be supportive of various interests and locations of our events. What I'm very happy to report is that our members and friends have been very supportive of our programs and concert series. We have more than 45 individuals, couples, and organizations that have donated funds in support of this season's presentations! Our thanks to all of you from all of us!

The November Schola Cantorum and Organ

Students concert was a great success with a mix of singing and organ playing. Our Schola Cantorum was under the able direction of Jackson Thomas, who had previously sung with the group for several years. Matt Winterhalter was very skilled with his organ accompaniment on two of their numbers. The Cathedral of St. Peter, with a superb acoustical environment, really provided a fantastic backdrop for them. The six organ students gave us such satisfying organ music intertwined within the evening's choral performance.

This month we don't have a regular program scheduled, but **our members are invited to "Christmas with the Dean" on December 29th from 4-6 pm.**

January 20th of 2020, we convene at Blue Valley Baptist Church for an evening with Craig Smith and the Blue Valley team of

sound, light and video technicians. Every Sunday they have a large choir and orchestra presenting exciting and creative music. A three manual organ adds to the excitement of the service!

Our members and friends have been supporting the Kauffman Performing Arts Center since it opened. There have been several organ performances in November, and more coming in December. Jan Kraybill is playing for the Christmas programs from December 20 – 23rd. We attend one of these concerts every year and find it to be very enjoyable, and an inspirational prelude to Christmas. Jan reports that there have been many positive written notes of thanks and appreciation to the symphony and the Kauffman center in support of their use of the organ in Helzberg Hall. Please keep reminding them that we enjoy the organ and

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desire that they keep using it regularly!

I do want to also note that Jan Kraybill has been nominated in 3 categories for Grammy awards! Jan's nominations come from her most recent CD recording: **The Orchestral Organ**. This CD is excellent, and inci-

dentally was recorded on the organ at Helzberg Hall. Congratulations to Jan!

Thanksgiving is past, and I hope you were able to enjoy it with friends and relatives. We are very blessed, and we have so many reasons to give thanks.

Christmas is one of the very busy times of the year for organists, choir directors, and musical groups. And we do have many opportunities to enjoy music provided by others. Let us support one another in this season of great joy!

Boyd Ahrens, Dean

CHRISTMAS WITH THE DEAN * DECEMBER 29, 4-6 PM

The commercials reminding us to buy things for Christmas have been running now for weeks. Have you been influenced by them to go out and get a special someone a special something? Or perhaps you have been



working diligently to perfect the many special pieces of music you will present this busy time of year? Perhaps you will be attending the performances of other musicians and artists along the way this Christmas?

After December 25th has come and gone, you may be looking for a way to share your stories with your friends from our chapter. This year we have

scheduled a time to unwind with "**Christmas with the Dean.**" The Dean, and Mrs. Dean, are providing food and beverages for you up north, at **4505 NE 67th St. in Kansas City, MO.** We will gather at **4 pm with a catered buffet.** Along the way there will be music, singing, and merry making! Members and a guest are invited to attend! Please be so kind as to let the hostess plan for the food with an **RSVP by December 22 to Dean@KCAGO.com.**

NOVEMBER'S SCHOLA CANTORUM AND ORGAN STUDENTS PROGRAM

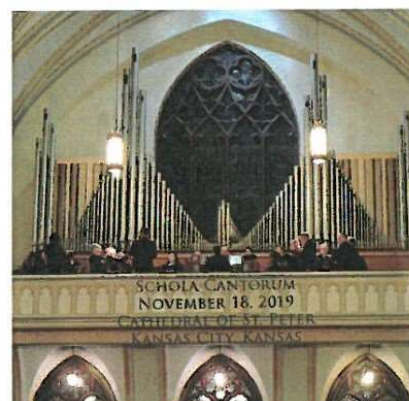


Schola Cantorum's new director, Jackson Thomas, selected a theme centered around St. Peter and St. Paul for our November program. This was most appropriate as it was presented at the Cathedral of St. Peter, in Kansas City, Kansas. The structure was built in the late 1920s and has a most satisfying acoustical space that is very reflective of that era as to interior finish. The 27 singers gave a balanced rendition of Durufle's *Tu es petrus*. Their second selection was a world premiere of L.V. Wood's *Peace*. In four sections, it attempted to portray the emotions of loss; denial and anger; bargaining; and grief, as felt by the composer. Several members of the group provided a solo and quartet portions.

Later in the program the choir ascended the narrow winding stairs to the balcony and gave us a different sound from high above at the rear of the Cathedral. Matt Winterhalter, director of music for



the Cathedral, knew the organ well and supported the choir brilliantly during their last two selections. Benjamin Britten's *Hymn to Saint Peter* was majestic and most appropriate to the setting. The evening was capped with Herbert Howells musical masterpiece: *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis* for St. Paul's Cathedral. Written for the great space of St. Paul's in London – it transferred very well to the grand space of the Cathedral in Kansas City! The applause at the close was loud and long!



Lara West worked with six organ students who performed music they had selected to play for us. Hope Giessen, Michael Mills, Megan McCoy, Robert Barthel, Timothy Schreiber, and Jacob Hofeling are all college and university students from the area. They did a marvelous job of playing their pieces during the concert. Our deep thanks to them and to Lara!

JANUARY PROGRAM

Monday, January 20, 2020 7:30 pm
TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA

Blue Valley Baptist Church 8800 West 151st Street Overland Park, KS

Craig Smith will host us at his church, Blue Valley Baptist, on the SW corner of 151st St. and Antioch in Overland Park. Every season our chapter has an educational and informational program. Craig's church is a large congregation with very up-to-date media and lighting structures in place. The team of specialists at his church will guide us through a multitude of features available to churches today. This is a program that will give most of us a new sense of what is available in modern worship centers.



A portion of the sound and video console at Blue Valley Baptist Church. The live streaming equipment has its own room!

Punch Bowl at 6:00 pm
 Dinner at 6:15 pm
 Catered by Sugar & Spice

DINNER MENU

Meat Loaf
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans / Sweet Corn
 Spinach Salad
 Rolls
 Assorted Desserts
 Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

Cost: \$12/person

Please call Nancy Ramirez at 816-436-9467 or email reservation@kcago.com by 9:00 pm Wednesday, Jan 15. Nancy will confirm your e-mail reservations. Please call if you don't get a confirmation. Remember, if you have a reservation (permanent or one-time) and miss dinner, you are still obligated to pay for your meal if you have not cancelled by **Monday, Jan 20**.

***** Please note: New "Walk-in" Dinner Price *****

In an effort to help our new caterer, and encourage timely reservations, the price for **unreserved** dinners will be **\$17**. If you reserve your meal in advance, the price remains the same at \$12.

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 Submissions:
*Deadline for
 submissions
 is the 20th of
 each month
 for the next
 month's edition.
 All submissions
 must be sent
 to the editor at
bombarde@kcago.com.
 No other email
 addresses, please.*

DECEMBER EVENTS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Advent Lessons, Carols, Poetry

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 p.m. The Family Tree of Jesus - Talk by Fr. Turner

7:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols Service

DECEMBER AT GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL:

The Mesner Puppets Theatre presents **THE NATIVITY**

Friday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m.

William Jewell College offers the **CITY COME AGAIN**

Monday December 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday December 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday December 15 at 2:00 p.m.

The Cathedral presents annual **MESSIAH SINGALONG**

Saturday December 14 at 4:00 p.m.

William Baker Festival Singers annual Christmas Concert

Sunday December 15 at 2:00 p.m.

The Trinity Choir **ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Sunday December 15 at 5:00 p.m.

SPIRE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE AND BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

Handel's *Messiah*

Friday December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

701 SW 8th Ave Topeka, KS 66603

Saturday December 21 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

11 E 40th St Kansas City, MO 64111

Sunday December 22 at 1:30 pm

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish

14251 Nall Ave Overland Park, KS 66223

<https://www.artful.ly/spire-chamber-ensemble>

WESTPORT CENTER FOR THE ARTS BROWN BAG CONCERTS:

Winter Solstice Concert by The Wires

Friday December 13 at 12:10-1:00 p.m.

Westport Presbyterian Church

2020 KCAGO EVENTS

Monday, January 20, 2020 7:30 pm

TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA

Blue Valley Baptist Church

8800 West 151st Street

Overland Park, KS

Sunday, February 16, 2020 4:00 pm

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES

Village Presbyterian Church

6641 Mission Road

Prairie Village, KS

Monday, March 16, 2020 7:30 pm

MEMBERS IN RECITAL

Barry Christian Church

1500 NW Barry Road

Kansas City, MO

Monday, April 20, 2020 7:30 pm

ERIC PLUTZ IN RECITAL

Community of Christ temple

200 South River Boulevard

Independence, MO

Sunday, May 3, 2020

BACHATHON XLI 2:00 – 6:00 pm

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

415 West 13th Street

Monday, May 18, 2020 7:30 pm

HYBRID ORGAN DEMONSTRATION

St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church

12251 Antioch Road

Overland Park, KS





**Happy and Meaningful Holidays
to all Bombarde Readers!**

**Because of the Christmas
schedule and the Editor being
out of town till January 4,
the next issue will be
January 10, 2020.**

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.

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Stephen Kucera, CAGO, BM	organ/piano/lit.	913-568-3873 skkansas@gmail.com
Linda Mann, BME, SPC (Weddings/Funerals only)	organ/piano	816-353-4826, c. 816-289-9760
Marjorie O'Konski, MM, MME, SPC	organ/piano	785-766-2545 mjokonski@hotmail.com
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John Schaefer, AAGO, Ch M	organ/piano/lit.	816-520-2084

*SPC = service playing certificate | CAGO = Colleague certification | AAGO = Associate certification |
FAGO = Fellow certification | org = organist | lit = liturgical worship | dir = choral director | piano = pianist*

The following have various degrees in organ or church music at the college or postgraduate level:

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Edward Poston – KU student org	edward.rposton@gmail.com
Marilyn VanderLinden org, lit	(816) 665-4441
Margaret Werth org	(785) 478-0256

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