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Season's greetings!

It is that time of year again. Are your anthems, voluntaries, and carols practiced and perfected? Is your annual report organized and ready for publication? Have you managed to find time to hang your stockings by the chimney with care? Yes, the holiday "marathon" is now well underway, and I hope you are finding time amongst all of the holiday cheer to care for yourselves and your families.

Even with the extra work that comes with this season, there is one aspect that is so exciting to me: singing! What other holiday has the breadth of tunes and melodies associated with it? What other holiday season encourages people to gather and sing *en masse* these tunes and melodies associated with it? What other season has groups of singers that travel from place to place to sing to the people who live there? What other holiday season has music for sacred and secular occasions or the sheer breadth of music associated with it? I think this is extraordinary. There is nothing more thrilling to me, as an organist, to lead and accompany communal song. Regardless of what sacred or secular holiday traditions you observe, each has music and song that is an essential component of the holiday.

I hope each of you has a wonderful holiday season, and I encourage you to find joy all of the music you perform, lead, or experience. What better gift is there to give or receive than music?

Happy holidays to all, and to all a good night.

Joshua Hearn
Dean, GKCAO

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our next program on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 3 p.m. Ann Marie Rigler and Melody Steed will perform a concert for organ duo at the historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church, at 13th and Holmes in Kansas City, Missouri.



The Freiburg Cathedral
(Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany). Photo shared
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REMAINING EVENTS FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON

Sunday, January 15, 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

NYAOP Winner Recital

Hope Lutheran, 6308 Quivira Rd, Shawnee, KS

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

BACHATHON 2023

Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, 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

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Southminster Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, and Pastor Karen Wright, welcomed the Greater Kansas City Chapter on Sunday November 13, 2022 in a Music Ministry celebration program to recognize the 30 year anniversary of the Casavant organ in their sanctuary. The program included the Southminster Choir, with the Bells of Peace and the Heartland Ringers handbell/handchime ensembles, plus trumpeter Samuel Milam, Marilyn Lake, director. The program included Marcel Dupre's Quartet Opus 52 for organ with String trio. Performers for the quartet were violinist Cecily Mahan, violist Alyssa Beckmann, cellist Matthew Beckman with organist Joshua Hearn (AAGO, Chapter Dean and Music Director for Southminster Presbyterian Church).

Norm Kinnaugh, GKCAGO Chapter Reporter

CERTIFICATION CORNER

Testimonial

"Taking the exam for the Service Playing Certificate was an area of personal satisfaction for me. The skills involved in that particular exam, such as sight-reading and Psalm accompaniment, are those I use frequently at my church job. The judges for the exam were well-balanced in their feedback. The whole process was made very smooth thanks to the local Chapter's support and to the thorough preparatory materials provided by the AGO."

Robert Barthel, SPC

Make plans today to earn an AGO Certification!

For more information, visit www.agohq.org/certification

Sarah Lyons, Certification Chair



photo identification: Marilyn Lake, Directing the combined performers

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

THE NATIVITY PRESENTED BY NATIVITY PUPPETS
FRIDAY DECEMBER 2, 10:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M
SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM
SUNDAY THE 4, 2:00 P.M.

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
415 W. 13th St. Kansas City MO

Oversized puppets, vocal and instrumental musicians, and a script that is informative, fun, and inspiring. The story of the foretelling of Christ's coming to his birth in Bethlehem and thereafter. Lasting about one hour, the performances are for all ages. Visit the [website](http://nativity-puppets.org) for more information. Tickets available from nativity-puppets.org and at the door.

THOMAS R. VOZZELLA
ADVENT ORGAN MUSIC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 12:00 NOON
WESTPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
201 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO

The Westport Center for the Arts' 2022-23 Noontime Concert Series continues on Friday, December 9 with a free performance by Thomas R. Vozzella entitled Advent Organ Music. Vozzella is Director of Music-Organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, and a staff organist at the Community of Christ World Headquarters in Independence, Missouri.

The Noontime Concerts previously were known as the Brown Bag series. However, following the pandemic, the name has been changed to Noontime Concerts and audience members are now asked not to bring a lunch as eating is not allowed inside the church.

TEACHING THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 5:00 pm

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 An event dedicated to help children know the carols and to engage all ages interested in history, related scripture, and music often intended to be sung in home and community. All ages welcome, cookie reception following.

PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS BENEFIT SERIES,
2ND CONCERT OF THE SERIES
LAWRENCE CHILDREN'S CHOIR
First United Methodist Church
Sunday, Dec. 18th at 5 pm

Ticket and Donation proceeds to benefit the world-renowned children's choir that teaches children as early as 3 years old the benefits and proper techniques of choral singing. New this year is the addition of a caroling party for all attendees immediately following the concert. Dress appropriate for the weather and come with us as we join all of our voices in community on Mass. Street! This concert is free and open to the public, but a ticket is still needed to enter. Visit tandyreussner.com for more information.

JAN KRAYBILL'S 24TH ANNUAL SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
ORGAN CONCERT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 2:00 PM
COMMUNITY OF CHRIST AUDITORIUM
1001 W Walnut Street
Independence, MO 64050

Save the date: after two years of video-only concerts, Jan is excited to announce that her 24th annual Super Bowl Sunday will be live and in-person! As is her tradition, she will play something special for the Chiefs if they are in the big game, and you will have plenty of time to view both events, as concert kickoff is at 2 pm and the game's is 5:30 pm. You'll hear the world premiere of a significant new work, Requiem for Solo Organ by Daniel E. Gawthrop, and other works celebrating the human journey from birth to resurrection. More info to come!

J.S. BACH WEIHNACHTS ORATORIUM, BWV 248,
MOVEMENTS V & VI
CHORUS AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA UNDER THE
DIRECTION OF STEPHANIE HENRY
SATURDAY JANUARY 14, 4:00 PM
 Thin-Air Productions
Southminster Presbyterian Church
6306 Roe Avenue, Prairie Village, KS
 Free Admission

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.

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
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John Schaefer, AAGO, Ch M	organ, piano, lit.	816-520-2084
Rachel Schulz	Organ, piano, lit, choral	717-466-8080 rschulz@ku.edu

The following also offer their services.

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Betty Bauer	org, lit	913-814-9021 hababab@earthlink.net
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Announcements need to be submitted to the editor by the 20th of the preceding month. Newsletter is sent out on the 1st of each month, August—June.

We now have a QR code which will guide you through information needed for the editor for an Event listing.

Thank you, Mike Maiden, for initiating this new tool to expedite our communications.