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*Happy Summer! Our next program will be:*

**Tenth Anniversary of the French Organ Music Festival**  
**Sunday, August 28, 2022 from 2 pm - 5 pm**  
**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**



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(Member's Edition)

The festival, started by chapter member Mario Pearson, will feature performers Jan Kraybill, Ken Walker, Paul Turner, Kurt Knecht, Paul Meier, and performing *Messe Solennelle* by Jean 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 following the event.**

## 43rd ANNUAL BACHATHON

Sunday, May 1, 2022, Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral of Kansas City, Missouri (Paul Meier, Director of Music) hosted the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual presentation of Bachathon by the Greater Kansas City Chapter. Bachathon chair was Stephanie Henry (Organist and conductor for Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Prairie Village, Kansas), assisted by Sub-Chair Brian Seever. Video streaming to the Cathedral live-stream network was produced by C.J. Scheppers and Chris Morrison. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Bachathon was made possible in part by grants from the **Martha Cain Tranby Music Enrichment Fund** and the **Ellen French Memorial Fund**.

Soloist performers were Joshua Hearn (AAGO and Chapter Sub-Dean), Roseann Penner Kaufman (DMA, Director of Music for Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, Kansas), Jan Kraybill (FAGO, Organ Conservatoire to the Kauffman Center for the Performonig Arts in Kansas City, Missouri, and Organist-in-Residence to the Community of Christ Headquarters in Independence, Missouri), plus Paul Meier (DMA, Director of Music at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, and Artist-in-Residence at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg).

Ensemble performers included Dancer Andrea Skowronek (dance and yoga faculty of Saint Teresa's Academy in Kansas City, Missouri), Violinist Kent Brauninger (member of the Kansas City Symphony), Flutist Lyra Pherigo (conductor for the Chancel Choir at the United Methodist Church in Bonner Springs, Kansas), and Pianist Robert Pherigo (Collaborative Pianist for Saint Teresa's Academy and for Unity Temple on the Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri).

The Greater Kansas City AGO Schola Cantorum with the Kansas City Baroque Consortium were directed by Jackson Thomas (Director of Choral Activities at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri). Schola Cantorum members were Soprano section Katie Blunkhorst, Stephanie Henry, Linda Martin, Dr. Stella Dayrit Roden, Jessica Seidler, and Carie Tucker; Alto section Patricia Eccles, Morgan Gibson, Kirsten Hyde, Lindsey Mayberry, Chloe Wade, and Kimi Yokoyama; Tenor section Gabriel Englehart, John French, Jim Ismert, Nick Schneider, and Nathan Sullins; Bass section Timothy Billingsley, Scott Chelgren, Carter Hintz, and John Schaefer. Accompaniment provided by the Kansas City Baroque Consortium (Trilla Ray-Carter, Executive and Artistic Director): Violin I Eric Williams, Violin II Dima Estanbuli, Viola Nell French, Cello Ho Ahn, Oboe I Erin Huneke, Oboe II Margaret Marco. Organ Continuo Robert Pherigo.

Norm Kinnaugh, Chapter Reporter



Photo: Jackson Thomas with the GKCAGO Schola Cantorum and the Kansas City Baroque Consortium



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR MANY IS THE END OF JUNE

Years ago, all membership renewals were due by the end of June, and everyone's membership started on July 1. With the advent of ONCARD, it became easy for people to have different renewal dates. However, most of our members still renew their chapter memberships by the end of June. I hope that you will take the time now to renew. Our national office sends out 3 reminders. I have included the link below for your convenience to access the renewal website. Please contact me if you have questions or problems with renewing your membership.

I would also like to ask that you consider contributing to our chapter programs while you are renewing. You can donate to several different programs, such as the French Festival or Bachathon, or select other ways to benefit our chapter. Also note that there are national funds and programs to help. Our contributors will be listed in the program brochures during the 2022-2023 cycle. Our chapter has enjoyed many great artists and groups at our programs due in part to extra gifts given by our members and friends. We are grateful to all who donate over and above their dues.

At this time we have 157 members. It is interesting to note that about 15% of group also belong to another chapter. These dual members often live in the area of their home chapter, and include us as a secondary chapter. We appreciate our dual members, and hope that we provide them a good value for their dues.

Thank you for your AGO membership! Please continue with us!

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Please use the link below to access the AGO membership renewal web site. Click on "Membership" then go to "Renewal" and follow the prompts!

<https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

## CHAPTER ELECTION 2022 RESULTS

Below are our chapter members that will comprise the board for 2022-23. Our many thanks to them for serving our chapter in this important role.

### 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  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

**Concert Jonathan Woody**  
**Saturday, June 4, 7:30 pm**  
**Westport Presbyterian Church**  
**201 Westport Rd Kansas City, MO 64111**

Bass-baritone Jonathan Woody is a sought-after performer of early and new music in New York and across North America and has performed with the Spire Chamber Ensemble since season two. We invite you to join this epic journey through the American songbook, featuring traditional and new hymnody, concert music by composers such as R. Nathaniel Dett, Adolphus Hailstork, and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, plus rousing spirituals. Our commissioned poet will explore both text and sonority through readings of poetry between musical selections. Do not miss this opportunity to hear Jonathan's voice hailed as "charismatic" and "riveting" by the New York Times.

**\$25 GENERAL ADMISSION/\$10 STUDENT TICKETS**  
**AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**

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Stephanie Henry is conducting **Durufle's Requiem on Sunday June 19th** (Father's Day) would like to invite singing members to join me. There are 4 rehearsals and 1 concert in 10 days. For more information, contact her at [sahenry652@gmail.com](mailto:sahenry652@gmail.com)

## 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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