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## BACHATHON 2023

The Greater Kansas City Chapter sponsored the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Bachathon on Sunday May 7, 2023. Host venue was Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas (Dr. Elisa Williams Bickers, FAGO, Principal Organist and Associate Music Director). Bachathon Organizer was Dan Madura. Bachathon 44 was made possible in part by grants from the Ellen French Memorial Fund and by the Martha Lee Cain Tranby Music Enrichment Fund.

Dan Madura was host announcer for Bachathon 44. Rick Deasley was designer of the printed program, Debbie Lynch coordinated advertising to the printed program, Mike Maiden, Tom Watgen and Debbie Winter coordinated publicity and social media. Video streaming was produced by Village Presbyterian Church.

Ensemble groups included. Dr Jacob Hofeling as soloist with conductor Staphanie Henry; continuo Elisa Bickers; violinists Betty Chen, Michael MacLaughlin, Jenny Lee Vaughn, and Joseph B. Vaughn; violist Alyssa Beckmann; cellist Matthew Beckmann; with string bass Richard Ryan. An additional ensemble featured Joshua G. Hearn as soloist along with recorder performer Dr. Sharon L. Hettinger and percussionist Anna Thiele.

Soloist performers included cellist Matthew Beckmann (regular performer with the Kansas City Symphony), Dr. Elisa Williams Bickers (FAGO), Joshua G Hearn (AAGO, and Director of Music Ministry for Southminster Presbyteian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas), Dr Jacob Hofeling (AAGO, Chapter Secretary and Chapter Competitions Chair, plus Director of Music and Liturgy for St. Mark Catholic Church of Independence, Missouri), Dr. Thomas Vozzella (Director of Music-Organist at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Missouri), and Dr. Geoffrey Wilcken (Organist, Pianist, Resident Composer and Arranger for St. Mary’s Episcopal Church of Kansas City, Missouri).



Norm Kinnaugh, Chapter Reporter

Soloist Jacob Hofeling, conductor Stephanie Henry with ensemble.

**NOTE:** Please find a video of this year’s Bachathon on the chapter YouTube channel. Open our chapter website and click on the YouTube link found on the home page; [kcago.com](http://kcago.com).

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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*





## RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FOR MANY!

We have a very fine program season for 2023-2024 coming up! Steve Burk and his team have been hard at work to provide us with a variety of artists, programs, and venues! Please renew your membership when you receive your notification from the national office. About 90% of our members have a renewal date of July 1. There is a slight increase in dues, as you will see from the table below. We have not had our dues increased in quite a few years. If you do not wish to receive the printed magazine, you can save some money. Our Chapter Friend membership is still \$30. In the past few years there has been a 3-month grace period to renew. You would not show "cancelled" until 3 months after your renewal date. That has been discontinued. Now you will be shown as cancelled if you haven't paid upon your renewal date. Please renew this month if your due date is July 1.

To renew you may simply go to the ONCARD web site: <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

We hope that you will go through the information concerning your personal profile and check for accuracy. Many of you have contributed to various programs such as the French Festival and Bachathon. Others simply donate a contribution to our programs or the general fund. We appreciate your generosity! Finally, be sure to check on how you would like your name listed in the program brochures throughout the coming year.

Boyd Ahrens, Registrar

### New Dues Structure, Effective July 1, 2023

Membership Category	Description	TAO Format	National/Chapter Split	Total Dues
Regular	Ages 30-64, full voting	Print + online	\$75/45	\$120*
		Online only	\$67/45	\$112*
Special	Age 65 & older, full vote	Print + online	\$60/35	\$95*
		Online only	\$52/35	\$87*
Young Organist	Under age 30, full vote	Print + online	\$40/20	\$60*
		Online only	\$32/20	\$52*
Regular Dual	2nd chapter or more	n/a	\$0/45	\$45
Special Dual	2nd chapter or more	n/a	\$0/35	\$35
Young Organist Dual	2nd chapter or more	n/a	\$0/20	\$20
National Subscriber	Nonvoting	Print + online	n/a	\$85
		Online only	n/a	\$77
International Subscriber	Nonvoting	Print + online	n/a	\$105
		Online only	n/a	\$77
Lifetime Membership				\$3,500

Independent members without chapter affiliation pay the total dues amount to AGO National Headquarters.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE who will serve a one-year term until June 30, 2024.

**Jacob Hofeling - Dean**

**Josh Maize - Subdean**

**Elisa Bickers - Secretary**

**Dan Madura – Treasurer**

**Boyd Ahrens – Registrar**

*Our many thanks to all of our chapter members serving on the chapter Board and Teams.*

## FROM THE DIRECTORY CHAIR

### New Question During Renewal

There has been a change in ONCARD as you renew your membership. There is a required field that asks you if you want the traditional printed directory mailed to you or if you want to opt out and use the online directory that is available for your PC and phone.

Receive Yearly Printed Directory:

NO – I will use the digital phone/desktop directory

YES – I would like a printed directory

Why are we asking this question?

Over the past few years, printing and postage costs to the chapter have gone up substantially. The time commitment to producing the printed directory is substantial. This is costing the chapter valuable resources that can be used towards other things such as programming and administrative costs. A few years ago, we made a very modest investment in Instant Church Directory. It is very easy to maintain. We have received many positive reviews of this new digital format. Benefits of using this directory:

- It is at your fingertips when you are writing emails to friends on your desktop computer.
- It is on your phone when you are on the go.
- It is updated monthly, while the printed version is only updated yearly.
- There is no cost to you to use it.
- It has the following content:
  - o Members contact information with pictures (if submitted).
  - o Board members and contacts. o Teams (committees) contacts.
  - o Chapter sponsored concerts (updated as changes occur).
  - o Ability to submit changes to your contact information.
  - o Future enhancements:
    - ☐ Attachments for download (Operating Procedures, etc.)
    - § Downloading ability of a print ready version of the directory. You will be able to print what you need on your own printer.
    - ← Links to our website, the national website and ONCARD, and links to other pertinent organizations to our chapter.

At the bottom of this article are some screenshots of the personal computer and phone versions.

How do I get the digital directory?

To get started, go to GKAGO Directory <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. 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 chapter. Any time updates are made, they will show on the Online Members' Website, too. You can make these updates through the online directory, or through AGO's website through the ONCARD system. We also would like to see who you are! Please submit a photo either through the app or you can email it to me.

Our chapter directory is available to view on your mobile device also! Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our chapter directory - has a free app for chapter members to download on their Apple and Android devices.

To download the app to your Apple device, click here: Apple Download <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>

To download the app to your Android device, click here: Android Download <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>

For more information about the desktop members' website, go here: Desktop Website Information <https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory>  
 For more information about the members' phone app, go here: Phone App Information <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/church-directory-apps>

If you have any questions about the directory, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Dan Madura Directory Chair and Treasurer

## FROM THE TREASURER:

### Giving Options

Your continued support of the chapter is extremely important and **very much appreciated**. It is an integral part of the budget that allows us to continue the high quality of programming offered by the chapter throughout the year. Since we are a 501c3 non-profit organization, your monetary donations are completely tax deductible. Your contributions will be listed in the digital and/or print programs at our events. You can specify how you would like your contribution listed. Giving can be done any time of the year, but most do it when they renew their membership. There was a change made this past year in ONCARD regarding giving (contributions). More options were added. The options are listed below in the screen shot from ONCARD:

Chapter Funds	
Greater Kansas City Chapter	
French Organ Festival Contribution	Contribute Now
Bachathon Contribution	Contribute Now
Concert Series Contribution	Contribute Now
General Operations (unrestricted)	Contribute Now
Donor recognition levels (across all programs): Sponsor - \$500 Benefactor - \$250 Patron - \$100 Contributor - \$75 Donor - \$50 Supporter - ≤\$49	
Program Listing	Contribute Now
If you would like a listing in the programs for the year, and web site to be different than simply your name, please indicate that preference in the segment of chapter specific items, titled: Program Listing.	

## There is another way to give:

### Your time

Your time is valuable. Offering to volunteer your time is also **very much appreciated**. We could not offer the quality of events without volunteer support. The screenshot below from ONCARD shows some of the possibilities of contributing your time. There are many more ways than are listed below. Email or call any board member for information on opportunities.

## AGO/QUIMBY REGIONAL COMPETITION FOR YOUNG ORGANISTS

Many thanks to all who made hosting the AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists such a success! I would like to publicly thank Jacob Hofeling, Competitions Chair, for all of his work to make this event happen, and Geoffrey Wilcken at St. Mary's Episcopal for graciously hosting. It was great to see our chapter come together in support of the next generation of organists. Pictured left to right: Heekyung Choi, judge; Jared Carlton, second place; Trevor Good, first place; John Schaefer, judge; Rosi Penner Kaufman, judge. Trevor Good will compete at the regional convention this summer. Should he win at the regional level, he will be invited to perform at the national convention.



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  
TBD  
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 AND EVENTS

### **An Afternoon of Music Celebrating Samuel Barber: An American Icon**

**Sunday, June 18, 2023 4:00 PM**

**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**6300 Roe Avenue**

**Prairie Village, KS**

Free concert featuring selections of Knoxville: Summer of 1915 with Chamber Orchestra and Soprano Lucille Windsor, Songs for Piano and Voice, Adagio for Strings, String Quartet; Reincarnations: Mixed Chorus Agnus Dei. Stephanie A Henry, Director. Presented by Thinair Productions.

### **Kansas City Theater Pipe Organ Concert**

**Sunday June 25, 2023 2:00 PM**

**Kansas City Music Hall**

**13th and Central**

**Kansas City, Missouri 64105**

Organ program: Midi playback of previous performance.

This program is a Midi Playback of the 4-manual Morton Theatre Organ from prerecorded Midi files of prior virtuoso performers like Walt Strony, Dave Wickerham, and others. Part 2 of the program is an open console event for the members of the audience who desire to try the Morton Theatre Organ. Freewill offering.

### **11th French Organ Music Festival**

**Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 2 pm – 5 pm**

**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Kansas City, MO**

(Flyer image on page 2)

### **John Ditto Scholarship**

The Kansas City Music Foundation is now accepting donations for a Dr. John Ditto memorial scholarship to be offered in 2024. The KCMF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial support for college music students and community music organizations. [www.kcmusicfoundation.org](http://www.kcmusicfoundation.org)



### **Organ Available**

FREE -- Allen practice organ w/2 speakers. Recipient responsible for moving. Contact J. Walker, Kansas City, 816-941-0235

## 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).

Linda Mann, BME, SPC (Weddings/Funerals only)	organ, piano	816-353-4826, c. 816-289-9760
John Pitchford, MM, SPC	organ	913-663-3768 <a href="mailto:johnpitchford@kc.rr.com">johnpitchford@kc.rr.com</a>
John Schaefer, AAGO, Ch M	organ, piano, lit.	816-520-2084
Rachel Schulz	organ, piano, lit, choral	717-466-8080 <a href="mailto:rschulz@ku.edu">rschulz@ku.edu</a>

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

### **The following also offer their services**

Boyd Ahrens	org, lit	816-453-8406 <a href="mailto:boydlee@aol.com">boydlee@aol.com</a>
Betty Bauer	org, lit	913-814-9021 <a href="mailto:hababab@earthlink.net">hababab@earthlink.net</a>
Steve Burk	org, lit, dir, handbells	785-331-7640 <a href="mailto:ssmkburk@gmail.com">ssmkburk@gmail.com</a>
Alisa R. Carmichael, BM	org, piano	270-535-4881 <a href="mailto:charmichael.alisa@gmail.com">charmichael.alisa@gmail.com</a>
Stephanie Henry, DMA Choral	org, piano, dir, lit	816-678-6372 <a href="mailto:sahenry652@kc.rr.com">sahenry652@kc.rr.com</a>
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Rachel Schulz	org, piano, lit, dir	717-466-8080 <a href="mailto:rschulz@ku.edu">rschulz@ku.edu</a>
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