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## FROM THE DEAN

Chapter members,

We had a fun virtual program in February, thanks to Boyd and Dan M., and everyone that helped us to present this variety show. I hope you were able to join us for that. And we are still taking this all a month at a time.

Please read in the newsletter about upcoming program updates, news from the board, and our slate of candidates for our next annual chapter election. The hope is that you will join us for an upcoming chapter event.

Mike

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest chapter members! We hope to engage with you soon at a chapter event.

Sean Holland  
Email: [holland.sean@outlook.com](mailto:holland.sean@outlook.com)

Danny Baker  
Email: [danny@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:danny@stjames-liberty.org)

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

(More info at [KCAGO.COM](http://KCAGO.COM))

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

2:00 - 5:00 PM Pedals, Pipes, and Pistons  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,  
KCMO

~~**Monday, April 19, 2021**~~

**CANCELLED FOR THE TIME BEING**

7:30 PM Reuter in Recital  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
21155 College Blvd Olathe, KS 66061

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

2:00 - 6:00 PM Bachathon XLII  
Village Presbyterian Church, PV KS

**Monday, May 17, 2021**

7:30 PM Jacob Hofeling  
German Romantics  
Atonement Lutheran Church, OP KS

**Monday, June 7, 2021**

6:00 PM Chapter Potluck  
Liberty Christian Church, Liberty, MO



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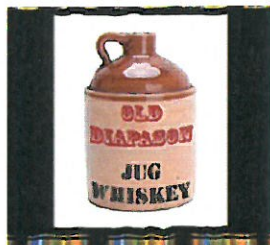
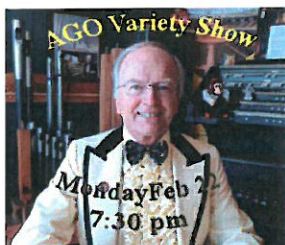


## FEBRUARY PROGRAM REVIEW

### AGO Variety Show

Monday, February 22, 2021 7:30 PM

What fun! We hope you were one of the 45+ people on Zoom for our February program. Boyd Ahrens created a wonderful program for us: AGO Variety Show. We enjoyed interviews, "Name That Tune & Organist", Hammond Organs, Spam, "Orgelbau", Old Diapason jug whiskey, "Ahrens Café", Masked Organists and our special guest Paul Nyakatura, producer for public radio station 89.3, KCUR. Our gratitude to Boyd and Louise Ahrens, and Dan Madura for creating, compiling and presenting this fun program. Our apologies for the technical difficulties with getting into the program. Technology is great, until it doesn't work quite right. Thanks to all of our members that assisted with this program: Lynn Bratney, John Deahl, Kelly Ker Hackleman, Jacob Hofeling, Jan Kraybill, Ron Krebs, Stephen Kucera, Mike Maiden, Keith Sandrock and Craig Smith. What fun indeed!



*Pictured above: Host Boyd Ahrens interviewing Jan Kraybill and special guest KCUR Host Paul Nyakatura.*

## MARCH PROGRAM

### Pedals, Pipes, and Pistons

Sunday March 14, 2021 2:00-5:00 PM

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

416 W 12th St Kansas City, MO 64105

The PPP committee is still planning for this event, but we only have one participant registered. You should have received emails with details about this event. Thanks to those that helped to publicize from that, and if you have not yet shared these details, please do so. If you have, or know of, a piano student aged 9-18 with at least two years of piano study we invite them to join us. Covid-19 protocols will be maintained to protect all participants and to ensure safety. We will charge \$10 per student participant for this event. Parents are welcome to join us also. For more information and to register please visit [kicago.com/ppp](http://kicago.com/ppp). When we get more participants we will finalize the schedule for that day and share it with the chapter members. All are welcome to join us as we share the 'King of Instruments' with young piano students.

## APRIL PROGRAM

### Reuter in Recital CANCELLED

We do not yet have a replacement program for our original April program, Reuter in Recital, that has been postponed. We are exploring options with chapter members to present a livestream or pre-recorded program for us to present in April. We will share more details about this as we finalize these plans.



## BACHATHON XLII

**May 2, 2021 2:00-6:00 PM**

**Village Presbyterian Church**

**6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208**

Bachathon XLII will take place at Village Presbyterian Church, however, a few things will be different this year due to the pandemic.

Bachathon will be live streamed, making it accessible for your friends around the world. It will also be open to a limited in-person audience (advance sign-up required). An opportunity to sign up will be shared with GKCAGO members in the weeks leading up to the event.

In order to provide the live stream audience with written information, we will produce a program in pdf format, with a small number of paper copies available at the event. We do not plan to have a café, and our Bach marathon may be shorter than its usual 4-hour length.

Our Schola Cantorum (director, Jackson Thomas) will sing a cantata (masked and distanced), accompanied by a small instrumental ensemble from the KC Baroque Consortium. Elisa Bickers will perform a solo organ segment. Other performers will be announced soon.

Although the event is simplified compared to some past years, we still have costs associated with live streaming and hiring the ensemble for the Schola performance. In addition, we anticipate lower offering receipts and lower advertising income.

**If you are able, please consider making a donation to help cover these costs, using one of these two methods:**

1. Send a check, made out to GKCAGO with Bachathon 2021 in the memo line, to:

Greater Kansas City Chapter  
American Guild of Organists  
Bachathon 2021  
PO Box 45124  
Kansas City, MO 64171

2. Donate using this PayPal link:

[Bachathon 2021](#)

Lara West and Stephanie Henry,  
Bachathon XLII co-chairs

## CHAPTER BOARD NEWS

### 2021-22 CHAPTER ELECTION CANDIDATES

Dean: Geoffrey Wilcken

Sub-Dean: Joshua Hearn

Secretary: Jacob Hofeling

Treasurer: Dan Madura

Registrar: Boyd Ahrens

Auditor: Ray Smith

Long Range Planning - vote for three; two three-year term/one two-year term:

Ana Hawkins, Douglas O'Neill, Blake West  
(Blake West will serve a two-year term to replace Joshua Hearn.

The other two candidates will serve the full three-year term.)

The Nomination Committee:

Dan Brown, chair, Stephanie Henry, Dan Madura, Craig Smith, and Chloe Stodt.

Our thanks to the chapter members willing to serve on the board, and on the nomination committee.

Later this month chapter members will receive via email bios for these candidates and the election ballot.

### CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS RESTRUCTURE DISCUSSION

Our chapter long-range planning committee has recommended, and presented to the chapter board, to restructure our chapter board meetings to reduce the number of members required to attend. Currently, on paper, we have over 40 board positions for our chapter. And we have over 30 chapter members serving on the board. As you might imagine a meeting with that many people attending can be difficult to manage and make productive. The proposal will divide the board positions into teams based on function; Finance, Program, Communications, Administration and Membership. The board meetings would be attended by the chapter Executive committee, with a liaison from each team where that liaison cannot be a member of the Executive committee. This is all still being discussed by the board, and we will share more details with the members as we finalize our plans for this.



## COMPETITION CHAIR (CHAPTER BD. NEWS CONT.)

Our chapter long-range planning committee has recommended, and the chapter board has approved, for us to resurrect the Competition Chair position for our chapter board. This position has sat unfilled for a number of years now, as it was postponed as we prepared for the 2018 AGO National convention. The chapter maintains a fund to support these efforts, the Luther Crocker fund.

1. Resurrect local competition for spring 2022 and future even-numbered years.

- High school and undergraduate students
- Required to be studying with a member of the GKCAGO chapter
- Small prizes to be offered (to the tune of \$600, \$400, \$200)

2. Apply to be a site for the Quimby RCYO for spring 2023. Note: this sometimes happens in Wichita, Topeka, or elsewhere, so it might not happen every odd-numbered year.

If you have a passion for organizing competitions for young organists, and would be interested in this position, or have any questions, please reach out via email to dean@kago.com.

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## CERTIFICATION CORNER

### DEADLINE APPROACHING

Candidates for the June 2021 FAGO, AAGO, and ChM examinations may now apply online. **The deadline is April 1, 2021.**

Beginning February 10, 2021 online applications for the June upper-level exams are available at the Guild's website by going to the Certification page and clicking on the appropriate level of examination (FAGO, AAGO, or ChM).

Online applications for the Service Playing Certificate test and Colleague examination will be available later in the year.

Sarah Lyons  
Certification Chair

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CORNER

There are many possibilities for learning at [agohq.org](http://agohq.org)

Lessons for the New Organist, number 14 is entitled "Varying Organ Registrations." Fred demonstrates with the hymn tune "Ellers." He recommends starting the introduction a bit softer than when the congregation comes in. The first verse he plays as written, for the second verse he solo's the Soprano with the right hand. For the third verse, he uses what he calls a "symphonic texture" adding to the harmony parts and playing an octave higher with a 16' stop or coupler to make a richer sound.

The AGOYO Fridays for March 12, 2021 at 11 CST is a panel discussion, "Board Positions in the Guild and Serving in Leadership Roles" Tune in to find out more about how to serve the chapter.

Looking at past AGO Webinars in case you missed it the first time, an excellent one is "Improvisation for Beginning Organists" by Anne Laver. Principal number one is "Improvisation is Within Your Grasp". This is an excellent demonstration, and I never realized the power of using 4th's and 5th's as a starting technique. Enjoy!

Dan Cline  
Personal Development Chair



Organ bellows, Santa Maria dei Sabbioni, Rovigo, Italy. Photo shared via Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported license.



## EVENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### SCHOLA CANTORUM ACCOMPANIST

GKCAGO's Schola Cantorum seeks a rehearsal and performance accompanist for this year's "Bachathon." Four to five regular rehearsals (mostly Tuesday evenings) in April, dress rehearsal, and performance at Village Presbyterian Church on May 2nd with safety precautions. Performing BWV 144 "Nimm, was dein ist, und gehe hin." Stipend available.

Contact Jackson Thomas, Schola Cantorum director, at [jacksonthomas@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonthomas@gmail.com).

### PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

The Kansas State University-Manhattan Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a Pipe Organ Encounter at First Presbyterian Church on June 21 -26, 2021. POE Faculty includes: Elisa Bickers Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kansas; Lynne Davis Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, Jacob Hofeling, St. Luke 's Episcopal Church, Shawnee, Kansas; Jan Kraybill, Kauffman Center, Kansas City, Missouri; David Pickering, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas; Hentus van Rooyen Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. Scholarships are available. For complete details refer to [ksupoe.weebly.com](http://ksupoe.weebly.com).

### KANSAS CITY THEATER

#### PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

Save the date! MARCH 28, 2021 at 2PM  
A 1926 Douglas Fairbanks silent film classic

*The Black Pirate* is a 1926 silent action-adventure film shot entirely in two-color Technicolor about an adventurer and a "company" of pirates. It stars Douglas Fairbanks, Donald Crisp, Sam De Grasse, and Billie Dove. In 1993, the film was included in the annual selection of 25 motion pictures to be added to the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress, being deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant".

Bill Rowland will be at the console of our Magnificent Morton. This event will comply with COVID-19 rules. The audience will be required to wear face masks at all times and observe social distancing rules.

**STEPHEN KUCERA HAS DONATED HIS RODGERS** (Model # 322, circa 1966) 3-manual electronic theatre organ and two external speakers to our organization. The organ has a detachable concave pedalboard and is in working condition. Stephen has agreed that the proceeds from selling the organ will benefit the KCTPO. If you (or someone you know) is interested, please call the KCTPO information line at 913-381-0256 and leave a message.

### MEMBER NOTICE CAUTION!

Marjorie O'Konskie has had her email hacked. If you receive an email from her asking for anything, this is not from her! If in doubt contact Marjorie from the directory contact information before doing anything.

### THE GKCAGO CHORAL LENDING LIBRARY

Remember the GKCAGO Choral Lending Library is now up and running! The process is simple. Check the holdings on our website. (Our holdings now include a separate catalogue of anthems by Eugene Butler.) If you locate something you want, call Mary Davis (816-436-1419) who will assist you in acquiring the sheet music. This library is housed in Fairway, KS thanks to the generosity of William Baker and the Choral Foundation. Happy hunting!

Stephanie Henry



Organ Stop, Todmorden Unitarian Church, West Yorkshire. Photographer: Tim Green. Shared via Creative Commons Attribution 2.0 Generic license.



## **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:**

*Deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the next month's edition.*

*All submissions must be sent to the editor at [bombarde@kcago.com](mailto:bombarde@kcago.com).*

*No other email addresses, please.*

## **JOB PLACEMENT LISTINGS**

**Placement Coordinator:** John Schaefer [canonjohn40@gmail.com](mailto:canonjohn40@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 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](mailto:canonjohn40@gmail.com).

**These substitutes have passed various levels of AGO certification requirements :**

Mary Bronaugh Davis, MA, CAGO	organ	816-436-1419, c. 816-456-0343
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Barbara Eichenberger, BM, CAGO	organ/piano	816-568-3873 <a href="mailto:musicaltouch36@gmail.com">musicaltouch36@gmail.com</a>
Stephen Kucera, CAGO, BM	organ/piano/lit.	913-568-3873 <a href="mailto:skkansas@gmail.com">skkansas@gmail.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:mjokonski@hotmail.com">mjokonski@hotmail.com</a>
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

*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 also offer their services.*

Joyce Berg, MM	org	816-741-7388 <a href="mailto:joyberg74@gmail.com">joyberg74@gmail.com</a>
Alisa R. Carmichael, BM	org, piano	270-535-4881 <a href="mailto:charmichael.alisa@gmail.com">charmichael.alisa@gmail.com</a>
John Deahl, MM	org, dir, lit, bass soloist	785-250-4141 <a href="mailto:johnldeahl@gmail.com">johnldeahl@gmail.com</a>
Stephanie Henry, DMA Choral	org, piano, dir, lts	816-678-6372 <a href="mailto:shenry24@kc.rr.com">shenry24@kc.rr.com</a>
Sharon Hettinger, DMA	org, lit, dir, handbell	785-842-2053 <a href="mailto:slhett.sunflower.2016@gmail.com">slhett.sunflower.2016@gmail.com</a>
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Ann Marie Rigler, DMA	org, lit	816-808-8663 <a href="mailto:amrwjc@gmail.com">amrwjc@gmail.com</a>
Rachel Schulz	org, piano, lit, dif	717-466-8080 <a href="mailto:rschulz@ku.edu">rschulz@ku.edu</a>
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Doris Daniels	org, lit	816-431-3244
Phillip Grubbs	org	816-721-2325 <a href="mailto:pgrubbs@embassylandscape.com">pgrubbs@embassylandscape.com</a>
Marilyn VanderLinden	org, lit	816-665-4441

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