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# Bombarde



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## FROM THE DEAN

Chapter members,

This is a busy month for our chapter, how exciting! With two wonderful musical events presented live and via livestream we can enjoy the hard work of our chapter members. Tomorrow we will enjoy the delightful music of J.S. Bach in our 42nd annual Bachathon at Village Presbyterian church. The program looks delightful. And on Monday, May 17 we will enjoy Jacob Hofeling in recital sharing German romantics at Atonement Lutheran church. I am so excited for both of these programs.

And next month we will close the program year with a picnic at the shelter in Loose Park. You can find more details about all of these later in the newsletter. And I have been saying we will take this all a month at a time, and I think we all have done a great job to adjust and realign and present a full chapter program year. My thanks to all of our members that have engaged and contributed to any of this. Great job! I hope to see you at chapter event this month.

Mike

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

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

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

2:00 - 5:00 PM Bachathon XLII  
Village Presbyterian Church, PV KS

**Monday, May 17, 2021**

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

**Monday, June 7, 2021**

6:00 PM Chapter BYOE picnic  
Loose Park shelter KC MO

## 2021-22 CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

<b>Dean:</b>	<b>Geoffrey Wilcken</b>
<b>Sub-Dean:</b>	<b>Joshua Hearn</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jacob Hofeling</b>
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<b>Registrar:</b>	<b>Boyd Ahrens</b>
<b>Auditor:</b>	<b>Ray Smith</b>
<b>Long Range Planning:</b>	<b>Ana Hawkins</b>
	<b>Douglas O'Neill</b>
	<b>Blake West</b>

(Blake West will serve a two-year term to replace Joshua Hearn.)

We will plan to install the newly elected officers and board members at the May meeting. Our thanks to the chapter members willing to serve on the board.

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## APRIL PROGRAM REVIEW

**Songs of Promise Rebroadcast**  
**Monday, April 19, 2021 7:30 PM**  
**Zoom only**

The hope is that you were able to join us to experience the Songs of Promise Rebroadcast. It was a superb program and we welcomed friends from the Topeka AGO chapter and others for this program. We are very grateful to Elisa, and Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, for allowing us to share this wonderful program with our chapter. Apologies for the muting issues during the meeting, and the volume issues, if you experienced that. We tried to forewarn of the volume issues in the email Zoom notice, and we did mean one might choose to use ear buds to listen. If you would like to listen, and watch the video again use [vimeo.com/523502123](https://vimeo.com/523502123).

## BACHATHON XLII

**May 2, 2021 2:00-5:00 PM**  
**Village Presbyterian Church**  
**6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208**  
**Bachathon XLII**

**Live streamed** at <https://www.villagepres.org/online.html>

**In-person attendance by advance reservation** at <https://forms.gle/ECRAEJHE4bKai5g57>

Schedule & Repertoire details at <https://www.kcago.com/bachathon>.

There are a limited number of seats (70) for in-person attendance, available on a first come, first served basis by registering through this Google Form <https://forms.gle/ECRAEJHE4bKai5g57>. Those who register are invited to "Come when you can; leave when you must," as usual. Volunteers and performers do not need to register in advance and may attend the entire event. Everyone attending in person should park in the north parking lot and enter through the north entrance, where they will be required to sign in. Masks and social distancing will be required throughout the event.

Please share the live stream link with friends far and wide. A link to the pdf program for our online viewers will be available on the GKCAGO website (<https://www.kcago.com/bachathon>) on the day of the event.

Contact Bachathon chair Lara West with questions ([laralwest@gmail.com](mailto:laralwest@gmail.com)).

## MAY PROGRAM

**Jacob Hofeling in Recital**  
**Monday, May 17, 2021 7:30 PM**  
**Atonement Lutheran Church**

Please plan to join us, live or via livestream, as we will be able to experience the musical excitement of German Romantic composers in a program by our own chapter member Jacob Hofeling. This promises to be a wonderful program, and perfectly suited for the wonderful Martin Ott organ at Atonement. Social distancing and masks are required for the entire event. There will be no dinner. We will have a short chapter meeting starting at 7:20 pm in the sanctuary. Watch for more details about the program and livestream details soon in an email.

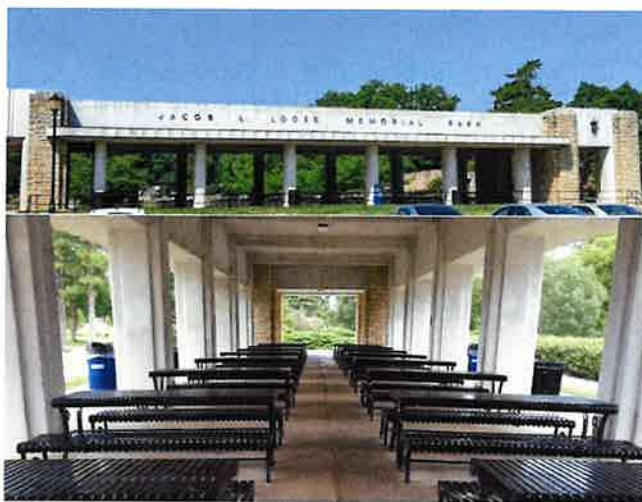


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## JUNE PROGRAM

Chapter BYOE picnic  
 Monday, June 7 6:00 pm  
 Loose Park Shelter  
 5110 Wornall Rd KC MO

Our chapter will close out this program year with a BYOE, bring your own everything, picnic at the shelter at Loose Park. There is parking right in front of the shelter. We will have the shelter all of that day, so feel free to stop by anytime to take advantage of the park. Otherwise we will gather at 6 pm for some socialization and food under the shelter. You will need to bring everything you want for your picnic meal with you, the chapter will not provide anything for this event, other than the shelter, due to limitations from the pandemic. There are lots of tables in the shelter so we can space apart and be socially distanced. With many thanks to Boyd for reserving the shelter for us. If you feel comfortable to get out come early June, please join us for some food, fun and fellowship!



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Lessons for The New Organist #16 at <http://agohq.org/> is entitled *Reharmonizing Hymns*. Fred Hohman again reiterates that hymns are choral music. The first technique he recommends is playing the melody on a solo manual with the right hand, alto and tenor in the left hand, and the bass on the pedal. He suggests practicing this regularly for proficiency.

He notes that most of the time our hymnals stick to basic cords, tonic, subdominant, and dominant.

Hymns often have very emotive themes, sin, redemption, salvation. Using more complex harmonies can help emphasize those themes. He shows a good example of this. By adding 7th's, passing tones, minor and other chords, the meaning of the text can be emphasized.

He does warn that you should notify the choir if you are going to change the harmonies, and ask them to sing only melody for that verse.

Take a look at upcoming and past webinars that are available at <http://agohq.org/>. One that looks interesting on Thursday May 6th at 3pm CST, is "There Must be 50 Ways to Raise Some Money".

Dan Cline

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONCERT

Westport Center for the Arts Livestream

Brown Bag Concerts:

Livestream Program Features Diverse Organ Music

May 21 at 7 p.m, free livestream concert.

Westport Center for the Arts' Brown Bag Concert Series continues its Livestream Friday Evening Concert Series with a diverse organ program by Elisa Williams Bickers. Entitled "New Life," the performance will feature



works by Böhm, Bach, Portman, and Cooman. Join us on Friday, May 21 at 7 p.m. Online donations are welcomed and encouraged to help support our concert series. You can watch on our facebook page at: [facebook.com/westportcenterforthearts/live](https://www.facebook.com/westportcenterforthearts/live) or on our website at: [wcakc.org/livestream-events/](http://wcakc.org/livestream-events/)

## EVENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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### FREE CHOIR ROBES

38 free choir robes with reversible stoles – excellent condition, machine washable. One robe with Velcro sleeves for director or organist. I will deliver in the KC area, or you can come get them. Two racks to hold them - \$40 for both racks.

Dr. Kelly Ker Hackleman  
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### JAN KRAYBILL'S NEWEST CD RECORDED AT GRACE CATHEDRAL, TOPEKA

Steve Burk relates: Being forced to record music and worship services because of the pandemic may not have been a favorite musical activity, but working with the GRAMMY®-nominated organist Jan Kraybill to record her newest CD here at Grace Cathedral has been a musical joy! Jan's performance on this CD is just stunning and the music that was selected can be just as appreciated by the classical music connoisseur as can be a musical novice. The final product should be available in late May from ProOrgano.com and distributed worldwide by NAXOS.com. Both physical CDs and downloadable MP3 recordings will be available. Steve will be passing on details about just how you can get your copy of the recording and hosting a **CD Release Concert Event with Jan Kraybill on Sunday, June 20 at 4 p.m.** Tickets for that event will be available soon.

### 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).

### 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 loft of St. Maria Königin, Cologne, Germany. © CEphoto, Uwe Aranas

**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@kicago.com](mailto:bombarde@kicago.com).*

*No other email addresses, please.*

**JOB PLACEMENT LISTINGS**

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**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).

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

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*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.**

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