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Newsletter of the Greater Kansas City Chapter – AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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## JOIN US TODAY! BACHATHON XLIII

A Celebration of the Music of Johann Sebastian Bach Sunday May 1, 2022

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, 415 West 13th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105

Each year, the Greater Kansas City chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents a program of the music of J.S. Bach. Please join us for this beloved event.

And many thanks to all of our chapter members that are assisting with this event.

### PROGRAM

**2:00 pm**

GKCAGO Schola Cantorum, Jackson Thomas, director  
Kansas City Baroque Consortium

**2:30 pm**

Lyra Pherigo ensemble

**3:00 pm**

Paul Meier

**3:30 pm**

Roseann Penner Kaufman

**4:00 pm**

Joshua Hearn

**4:30 pm**

Jan Kraybill

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## PEDALS, PIPES, AND PISTONS REVIEW

Sunday March 27, 2022 Southminster Presbyterian Church and Village Presbyterian Church (both of Prairie Village, Kansas) and the Greater Kansas City Chapter successively hosted seven elementary school children in a Pedals, Pipes and Pistons program. Stephanie Henry (Youth Team Leader for the Chapter) was the coordinator for the program which commenced at Southminster Presbyterian Church and concluded at Village Presbyterian Church. Chapter Presenters and Coaching participants included John Bechen (pipe voicing staff from the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas), Joahua Hearn (AAGO and Chapter SubDean), Jan Kraybill (FAGO), Ann Posey (CAGO), and Geoffrey Wilcken (Chapter Dean).

Norm Kinnaugh, GKCAGO Chapter Reporter



Joshua Hearn with youth at Village Presbyterian Church



Geoffrey Wilcken with youth at Southminster Presbyterian Church

## APRIL PROGRAM REVIEW

Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral of Kansas City, Missouri (Dr. Paul Meier, Director of Music), and the Greater Kansas City Chapter hosted organist Eric Plutz, University Organist at Princeton University of Princeton, New Jersey. Mr. Plutz program on Sunday April 24, 2022 was the fulfillment of the original intention to celebrate the 150 year anniversary of Louis Vierne within calendar year 2020. This was now completed after the lifting of the lockdown conditions, with Mr Plutz performing both the Premier Symphonie and the Sixieme Symphonie.

Norm Kinnaugh,  
GKCAGO Chapter Reporter



photo identification:  
Eric Plutz at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral,  
Kansas City, Missouri

## MAY MEETING

*Please join us for a Hybrid organ demonstration  
featuring Beth Elswick and Gerry Oehring.*

**Monday, May 23, 2022**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church  
12251 Antioch Rd, Overland Park, KS**

Punch Bowl at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:15 pm

Catered by Sugar & Spice

### Dinner Menu

Chicken in Creamy Mushroom Sauce

Butter Parsley New Potatoes

Tuscan Vegetable Medley

Mixed Green Salad / Rolls

Assorted Desserts

Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

**Cost: \$15/person**

Please call Nancy Ramirez at 816-436-9467

or email [reservation@kcago.com](mailto:reservation@kcago.com) by **9:00 pm Wednesday,**

**May 18.** Nancy will confirm your e-mail reservations. Please call if you don't get a confirmation. Remember, if you have a reservation (permanent or one-time) and miss dinner, you are still obligated to pay for your meal if you have not cancelled by Monday, May 23. In an effort to help our caterer, and encourage timely reservations, the price for **unreserved** dinners will be **\$20**. If you reserve your meal in advance, the price remains the same at \$15.

### \*\*\* Covid-19 Safety Information \*\*\*

Our caterer will be following current precautions. She will serve us buffet style. We will follow the current masking precautions. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available. Please call Nancy Ramirez at 816-436-9467 if you have any questions.

## CERTIFICATION CORNER

Certification Corner: Testimonial

"I really enjoyed working on CAGO certification. The process did help improve my hymn playing, and improve my skill with early improvisation and transposition. The repertoire pieces were fun to work on, especially one by a modern composer I was not familiar with. As someone who does not have a music degree, I felt the certification gave some validation to my abilities as an organist."

Dan Cline, CAGO

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## OUR MEMBERSHIP IS UP!

As of April, 2022, our membership totals 157! This is a big increase from the last several years. We are most appreciative to our national office for offering FREE memberships to our Young Organists this season. They have taken advantage of the offer, and we have 24 of them this year. The number of Special Members (65 and older) continues to increase and stands at 73. The number of Regular members has declined and is now 50. We have 9 Chapter Friends, and 1 Lifetime Member.

Our Membership Team is actively considering ways to be of service to our members, and ways to potentially grow our membership. One of the things we would like all of our members to consider is why we belong to our Greater Kansas City AGO chapter.

This is always an ongoing question of course, as many of us will soon be asked to renew our membership. What are things we are doing well, and what might we consider to be improvements to our role as a group of organists, musicians, and friends?

Our next scheduled event that includes a dinner is May 23 at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church in Overland Park. I would like to remind people that this is a GREAT opportunity to meet other members and friends over a meal. Please consider phoning in your reservation and gathering before the program with us. It has been a long time since we have gotten together and I hope you will take advantage of this time of fellowship!

Boyd Ahrens, Registrar

## CHAPTER ELECTIONS 2022

For this year we will elect Officers for a one-year term and Team leaders for a two-year term.

### 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**

**Finance: Ray Smith**

**Information: Debbie Winter**

**Membership: Nara Newcomer**

**Program: Steve Burk**

Please refer to the chapter email sent on April 12 for candidate bios and the link to vote. Nominations Committee: John Deahl; chair, Boyd Ahrens, Kathy Hellwege, Chloe Stodt Our Thanks to them, all of our chapter members will be serving on the board and to You for voting!

## EVENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Earline Moulder of Drury University passed away today. No arrangements have been provided at this time. She was a dual member of the Kansas City Chapter for many years. Earline taught organ and piano and was university organist at Drury University where she received degrees in music, biology and French. She held a master's degree in music from Indiana University and a doctorate from the University of Kansas, where her dissertation was *Jewish Organ Music of the Twentieth Century*.

**CHORAL EVENSONG, SUNDAY, MAY 1, 5:00 PM** Service music by Martin How, Michael Bedford, Tim Sharp, Théodore Dubois and others. Directly following Evensong, Michael Rathke, Music Director/Organist at St. John's Lutheran Church, LeMars, Iowa will present The Postlude Recital. Dr. Thomas R. Vozzella, Conductor; Canon John Schaefer, Organist.

### BENEFIT ORGAN RECITAL

**Sunday, May 1, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

**1700 Westport Road, KCMO**

**Robert Barthel, Organist**

You are invited to a free-will offering will support Gathering Table, which serves homeless and needy people in northeast Kansas City. Masks Required. Selections from Bach, Widor, and others. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

### A WORLD FESTIVAL FOR THE ORGAN ONLINE

**April 18 to May 1, 2022**

The 1st International Online Organ Festival (IOOF) will take place from **April 18 to May 1, 2022**, with tickets available from February. Munich, Dresden, Cologne, Hamburg, Vienna, Paris, Milan, Vicenza, Moscow, Los Angeles, New York, Taiwan, Tokyo, Korea, Amsterdam, Finland. A stunning two weeks of more than 25 exclusive film contributions from the world's great organ stages, encounters with great and well-known organists, webinars, master classes, top-class online symposia with topics related to the organ - and all digitally accessible for music fans worldwide. The center is Munich and the patrons are the German UNESCO Commission, star conductor Kent Nagano and former Bundestag President Norbert Lammert. All information and registration for the current newsletter at [io-of.org/en/](http://io-of.org/en/).

### DOUGLAS O'NEILL IN CONCERT

**Friday, May 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

**Westport Presbyterian Church**

**201 Westport Rd Kansas City, MO 64111**

Internationally Awarded Local Organist to Present Complete Organ Works of Johann Sebastian Bach. Douglas O'Neill will embark on a series of 14 concerts presenting the complete organ works of the great Johann Sebastian Bach, in order to benefit the *Christus Rex Schola Cantorum* of Christ the King Classical School in Kansas City, Kansas. The concerts will be presented at various locations throughout the metropolitan Kansas City area. Concert #1 will be an Easter-themed program presented on the Martin Pasi organ. The concerts will be free and open to the public, with donations to benefit the Christus Rex Schola Cantorum, a children's choral program primarily serving low-income minority families in Wyandotte County. Dr. O'Neill is Director of Formation in Sacred Music and Liturgy at Christ the King Classical School, and Christ the King and Blessed Sacrament Churches in Kansas City, Kansas.

## 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).

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
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

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

***The following also offer their services.***

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