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FROM THE DEAN

Greetings!

It was wonderful to be able to get together again at the Reuter In Recital program, to enjoy a meal together for the first time in a long time, and of course to hear a delightful program of music played live by some of our colleagues. Well done, all!

This month's program comes early, as we have been invited to join in the celebration for the 25th anniversary of Bales Recital Hall and the Helmuth Wolff organ. There are not a large number of performing venues built specifically, explicitly to house a fine new organ; there are also not many musical spaces in the world where one can hear such generous reverberation and yet still be within viewing range of the organist - even from the very back. I've had the privilege of singing a few times in Bales, as well as hearing some fine organists there. It is quite a unique place.

KCAGO members have been invited to come hear either of two festival recitals on Thursday October 7 and Friday October 8 at a well-discounted ticket price. Thursday's recital by KU Professor James Higdon features a palette of French music from André Raison to Olivier Latry, who was to have been the featured performer but was regrettably prevented from travelling by the Plague. Our member price is \$20.00. On Friday for \$15 you can

hear three of KU's organ students each of whom has won international competitions. Both are at Bales Recital Hall on the KU campus in Lawrence, just about an hour from downtown Kansas City.

Meanwhile, we continue working to keep the music going everywhere we can! Be safe and blessed, and I hope to see you again!

Geoff

2021-2022 Dean

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER AGO 2021-2022 PROGRAM YEAR

Thursday, October 7th, 2021, 8:00 pm
James Higdon, 25th Anniversary of Bales Hall
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas
[See information in an article below for tickets](#)

November Program to be Announced

Sunday, January 16, 2022, 5:00 pm
Behold the Star of Bethlehem
St. Andrews Episcopal Church,
6401 Wornall Terr, KC MO

Sunday, February 13, 2022
David Briggs in Recital
Grace Episcopal Cathedral
Topeka, KS

Sunday, March 20, 2022
Pedals, Pipes, Pistons, and Perhaps Pizza
Venue details TBD

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2021-2022 Calendar continued**Sunday, April 24, 2022****Music of Louis Vierne: Eric Plutz in Recital**

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

415 W. 13th St, KC MO

Sunday, May 1, 2022, 2:00-6:00 pm**Bach-a-Thon XLIII**

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Monday, May 23, 2022, 7:30 pm**Hybrid Organ Demonstration**

St. Thomas the Apostle

12251 Antioch Rd

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FROM THE REGISTRAR**Our Membership Is Up!**

Thank you to all our members who have renewed their membership throughout the summer months! Right now, we have 144 members, which is up a bit from this time last year. We look forward to a great year with our chapter, and its programs. The ONCARD program makes it quite easy to renew your membership or to make changes to your profile, change phone numbers, and so on. Simply log into your account at: <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/> Your username is your first initial and your last name, without spaces. Your password is the five-digit number shown on your address label of The American Organist magazine. If you have any questions about working with the ONCARD system, please send me an e-mail, and I would be happy to help you. You are also encouraged to call the national office phone number, and Molly or Leah will be happy to help you and make any changes for you. Their number is: 212-870-2310.

I am so happy our chapter has 18 Young Organists this season! Over 10% of our members are under 30 years old. We hope to see them at some of our meetings, and we encourage them to participate in chapter events. Something as simple as volunteering to handout programs is a way to get to meet some of the fine people who are part of our chapter.

I appreciate working with so many wonderful people who comprise our group of organists, and friends of the organ. Let us always keep in mind that we are ambassadors for the organ and do our best to promote it whenever and however we can.

Boyd Ahrens, Registrar

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Reuter in Recital

The Greater Kansas City Chapter was hosted by Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Olathe, Kansas (Tom Watgen, Music Director and Organ Builder) on Monday September 20, 2021. The program was the first full recital on the Watgen opus One at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church. Performers were friends and colleagues from the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas: John Bechen (organ and soprano saxophone), John Deahl (organ), Ronald Krebs (organ and with colleagues), Thad Reist (piano), David Swanson (tuba), plus Tom Watgen (organ). The program title was Reuter in Recital.

With many thanks to Ron, Tom and John for creating and presenting a wonderful program



OCTOBER PROGRAM

University of Kansas Program Change

The KCAGO program committee originally planned that our October program would be in conjunction with the University of Kansas Organ and Church Music anniversary celebration of twenty-five years of the Bales Recital Hall and Wolff organ. The original plan was that to comply with occupancy restrictions at Bales, we would offer a livestream broadcast at a location in Kansas City and gather together as the KCAGO. The occupancy restrictions have since been eased, and we anticipate that there will be adequate seating in the recital hall, so we invite the KCAGO to travel to Lawrence to hear the organ in its best environment. The original plan anticipated a feature recital by Notre Dame Cathedral organist and William T. Kemper Artist-in-Residence Olivier Lamy. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions by the U.S. and France have prevented his travel. **The recital on Thursday will now feature James Higdon, Dane and Polly Bales Professor of Organ. The recital is Thursday, October 7, at 8:00 pm. Tickets are available at <https://music.ku.edu/organ> or at the door.**

There will also be another recital on Friday evening, October 8, featuring KU alumni who have won international competitions: Tyler Boehmer, Robert Horton, and Douglas O'Neill. Tickets for the concert are also available at the link above or at the door.

We realize that the KCAGO usually does not charge for events, but these are sponsored by the KU Organ and Church Music Alumni Network at no cost to the KCAGO, so it seems appropriate to support our local students and performers in this way.

Anyone can register for the **entire 25th anniversary conference which will be held from Oct. 7-9.** KU organ and church music alumni will be the presenters for this event. To register, go to www.organ.ku.edu.

Concert tickets will be available starting Monday, Sept. 27th through the Lied Center Box Office at 785-864-2787 or at the Box Office on the evening of the concerts.



EVENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*

Saturday, November 20, 2021, 7:30 pm

Country Club Christian Church

6101 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64113

Spire Chamber Ensemble and Baroque Orchestra

One Performance Only

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Selections from Handel's *Messiah*

Tuesday, December 21, 2021, 7:00 pm

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

701 SW 8th Ave, Topeka, KS 66603

\$20 Adults / \$5 Students / 12 and younger are free

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Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 20th of each month for the next month's edition. All submissions must be sent to the editor at bombarde@kcago.com. No other email addresses, please.

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 GKCCAGO 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 GKCCAGO substitutes is welcome and encouraged. Please send feedback to John Schaefer canon-john40@gmail.com.

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

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