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

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## FROM THE DEAN:

Fall has arrived in Kansas City, and its arrival is accompanied by cooler weather, deep jewel-toned colors of the foliage, the beginning of the fall harvest, and many concert opportunities. Just a couple of weeks ago we had the opportunity to hear Scott Dettra give a fine performance of the twelve major organ works of César Franck in two concerts on the Lively-Fulcher organ at Visitation Parish in Kansas City. It was a great pleasure to listen to Scott's exciting interpretation of Franck's works on a beautiful organ and space. On behalf of our chapter, I want to thank everyone who was able to attend these concerts, and I especially want to thank our patrons for their continued generous support of our chapter and its programs.

We have a bumper crop of concerts featuring the organ this month! Kansas City is so fortunate to have a municipal pipe organ housed at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, and we have the opportunity to hear Jan Kraybill perform with the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra the second weekend of October. Please be sure to attend one of the performances if you can; it is important to us to not only support Jan, but is also important for us to express our desire to hear the organ in Helzberg Hall. We also have an opportunity to celebrate the life and ministry of Sr. Claudette Schiratti with a concert of organ music in her honor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City. Elisa Bickers will perform a concert at Leawood United Methodist Church as that congregation celebrates the twentieth anniversary of the Berghaus organ. Geoffrey Wilcken will perform as part of the Community Concerts at Shawnee Presbyterian Church in Shawnee. And we continue our chapter's celebration of César Franck with a third and final concert of selected instrumental and choral works at Asbury United Methodist Church in Prairie Village.

What a sampling of what our KC organ community has to offer this month! Please attend as many of these concerts as you can. Not only do we want to support our fellow chapter members, but we also want to show our community how much we appreciate our instrument and the compositions inspired by it.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Joshua Hearn  
Dean, GKCAGO

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## **GKCAGO October Program Note Change of Venue**

**Sunday, October 16, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.**

**Celebrating César Franck: Instrumental & Choral Works**

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

**5400 W 75th Street**

**Prairie Village, Kansas 66208**

**The church is accessed from 75th Street with parking available on the east and west sides of the church campus.**

### **COMING AGO EVENTS for 2022-2023**

**Sunday, November 13, 2022 | 3:30 p.m.**

**30th Anniversary of the Casavant Organ**

**Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Ave, Prairie Village, KS**

**Concert of Organ and Organ-Plus Music**

**Catered dinner to follow: reservation requested: \$20 ahead / \$25 at the door**

**Sunday, January 16, 2023 | 3 p.m.**

**Duo Organists Ann Marie Rigler & Melody Steed**

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1307 Holmes St, Kansas City, MO**

**Sunday, February 19, 2023 | 3:30 p.m.**

**Concert and Presentation of the Hal Gober Organ by Kevin Vogt**

**Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church, 15440 Leavenworth Rd, Basehor, KS**

**Reception to follow presentation and concert**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023 | 10 a.m.**

**Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza (Intergenerational)**

**Village Presbyterian, 6641 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS**

**Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Ave, Prairie Village, KS**

**April 2023 (Date TBD): 2022**

**NYACOP Winner Recital**

**Hope Lutheran, 6308 Quivira Rd, Shawnee, KS**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 2 p.m.**

**BACHATHON 2023**

**Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Ave, Prairie Village, KS**

**Monday, May 15, 2023 | 5 p.m.**

**Installation of New Officers/Team Leaders**

**St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, 708 N 4th St, Kansas City, KS**

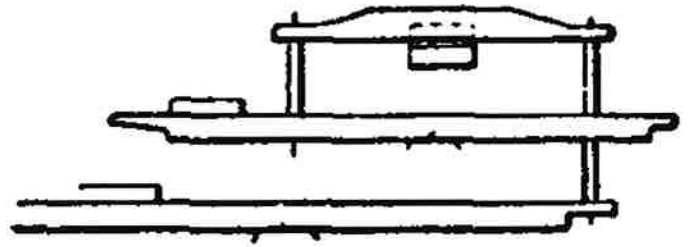
**Bowling & Strawberry Hill Museum**

**Catered dinner reservation requested: \$20 ahead / \$25 at the door**

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Honoring the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of César Franck, Visitation Parish Catholic Church (Alejandro Manso, Director of Music and Liturgy) and the Greater Kansas City Chapter hosted a two-evening program on September 18 and September 19, 2022. Concert Organist Scott Dettra performed the complete Organ Works of César Franck, divided into both evenings.

Photo identification: Scott Dettra at the console, Visitation Parish.

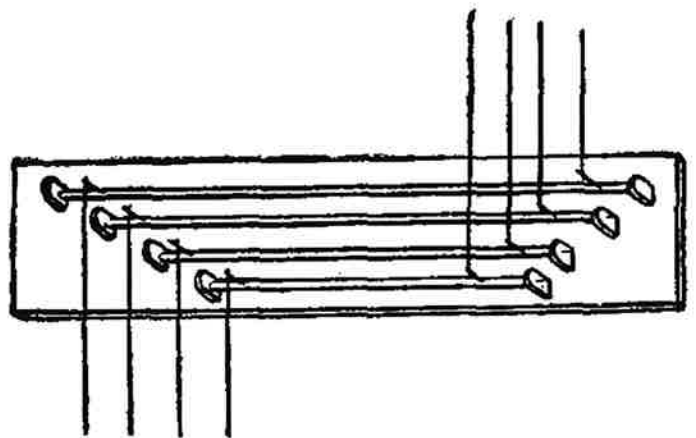


## CERTIFICATION CORNER

Certification Corner: Testimonial

“When I was in college, my home church organist needed to be free one Sunday a month. The choir director asked if I would be interested in filling in. Yikes! I was a piano major, and I loved the organ and was very excited at the thought of playing this instrument for church, even though the only organ I had ever played was one with a mini-keyboard and buttons on the side to play the chords. The church had a 49-rank pipe organ, and I felt like someone who had only driven a Volkswagon and was being asked to drive a gigantic earth-mover!! I immediately began taking organ lessons at college and after graduation continued my studies. When the church organist resigned, I was asked to continue playing on a full-time basis. Studying for the Service Playing Certification was an absolutely wonderful way to hone the skills I needed for church. There are materials available to help you, and you can learn at your own pace. When you are ready, the test is available. It is never too late to continue learning!”

Linda Mann, SPC



## OUR SHEPHERD REPORTS THE NEWS FOR OCTOBER

Last Sunday the Gospel lesson was about the shepherd who had 100 sheep and 1 of them was lost. The shepherd left the 99 and went out looking for that lost sheep. This time of year, that is what your Registrar is doing – out looking for some non-renewing members. Most of our members renew their membership on July 1. This year I had about 14 members who did not renew with us in a timely fashion. As a shepherd is wont to do, I went looking for my non-renewing members. I am grateful to have “found” most of you. There are a few still out there who have not renewed their membership with us. I hope this message will be a reminder to you that we would love to have you back in our flock!

As of the middle of September we have 146 paid members, and 7 who have still not renewed as of July 1. This is similar to what we have had in past years, and we are grateful to all of you who renew in a timely manner! Thank you for staying with us, and being a part of one of the larger chapters of the AGO. Your dues and appreciated contributions to our programs and concerts give us the means to provide many wonderful and valuable events throughout the year!

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Shepherd and Sheep photo courtesy of Unsplash.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### ST. FRANCIS CHORAL EVENSONG

#### and POSTLUDE CONCERT

Sunday, October 2, 5:00 PM

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

6401 Wornall Terr, KCMO 64113

No Admission Charge

Dr. Thomas R. Vozzella, Organist/Director

Canon John Schaefer, Accompanist

**Organ Music** by Daniel Pinkham

**Service Music** by Mason, Barnby, Hogan,

Dyson, and Forrest

**Postlude Concert** presented by Cucharada

Kansas City's Tango ensemble Cucharada brings its take on the immortal Argentine style to St. Andrew's. Cucharada is tango without borders. From the birth of Tango in the Mar del Plata region of South America on the border of Uruguay and Argentina to its rebirth in the United States. Having studied under some of this generation's greatest Tango instrumentalists, Cucharada will take the listener through the evolution of this music from its early days in the late 19th century until today.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Berghaus Organ

#### Leawood United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 9, 2023 3:00 pm

Dr. Elisa Bickers, Principal Organist and Associate Director of Music at Village Presbyterian Church and

Lori Adami, Principal Organist and Pianist at Leawood United Methodist Church, along with musicians from

the **Kansas City Horn Club** and Leawood UMC. The concert includes several new works for organ by local composers.

### GEOFF WILCKEN, ORGAN RECITAL

October 15, 2022 3:00 pm

Community Concerts at Shawnee Presbyterian Church

6837 Nieman Road, Shawnee, KS

Meet and greet reception following the performance

### OCTOBERFEST featuring THE HAPPY WANDERERS

#### GERMAN BAND

Sunday, October 16, 5:00 PM

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

HJ's Youth and Community Center

6425 Wornall Road, KCMO 64113

No Admission Charge

Spirits and brats will be available.

The Happy Wanderers is German band that plays traditional and some not-so-traditional songs from the beer hall, beer garden and from all around Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Oompahs, waltzes, marches and more! The ensemble is made up of tuba, euphonium, tenor sax, alto/soprano sax and clarinet, but they mix things up once in a while. All members have played in various concert and community bands in the greater Kansas City area.

### DOUGLAS O'NEILL COMPLETE WORKS OF BACH, CONCERT #3

Sunday, October 23, 4:00-5:30 pm

Hope Lutheran Church

6308 Quivira Road, Shawnee, KS

Prelude and Fugue in E, BWV 566; Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657; Trio Sonata No. 2 in C Minor, BWV 525; Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BWV 658; Concerto in D Minor (after Vivaldi), BWV 596; Fantasia super "Komm, Heiliger Geist," BWV 651; Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 652; Sechs Choräle von verschiedener Art (The "Schübler" Chorales), BWV 654-650; Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Wo soll ich fliehen hin, Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ, Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter; Toccata and Fugue in F, BWV 540

**OLIVIER LATRY IN RECITAL****TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 7:30 pm****Bales Recital Hall, University of Kansas****1600 Stewart Dr. Lawrence, Kansas 66045**

Olivier Latry, organist of Notre-Dame-de-Paris and William T. Kemper Artist-in-Residence at the University of Kansas will play a recital in the Bales Organ Recital Hall as part of his residency with KU. Program: Cortège et Litanie (Marcel Dupré), Salve Regina (Olivier Latry), and Symphony No. 6 (Louis Vierne). Latry's Salve Regina was originally improvised in a live concert in Bales Recital Hall. He later transcribed and published the work.

\$40 General Admission

10 for current students from any college or university

Free for organ students – Quantity is limited

**JOURNEYS INTO FREEDOM****KIMBERLY MARSHALL IN CONCERT****Village Presbyterian Church****Tuesday, November 15, 2023 at 7 pm.**

Her program will include works by J. S. Bach and Apache and black composers.

**PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS BENEFIT SERIES****2<sup>ND</sup> CONCERT OF THE SERIES****LAWRENCE CHILDREN'S CHOIR****First United Methodist Church****Sunday, Dec. 18th at 5 pm**

Ticket and Donation proceeds to benefit the world-renowned children's choir that teaches children as early as 3 years old the benefits and proper techniques of choral singing. New this year is the addition of a caroling party for all attendees immediately following the concert. Dress appropriate for the weather and come with us as we join all of our voices in community on Mass. Street! This concert is free and open to the public, but a ticket is still needed to enter. Visit [tandyreussner.com](http://tandyreussner.com) for more information.

## SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

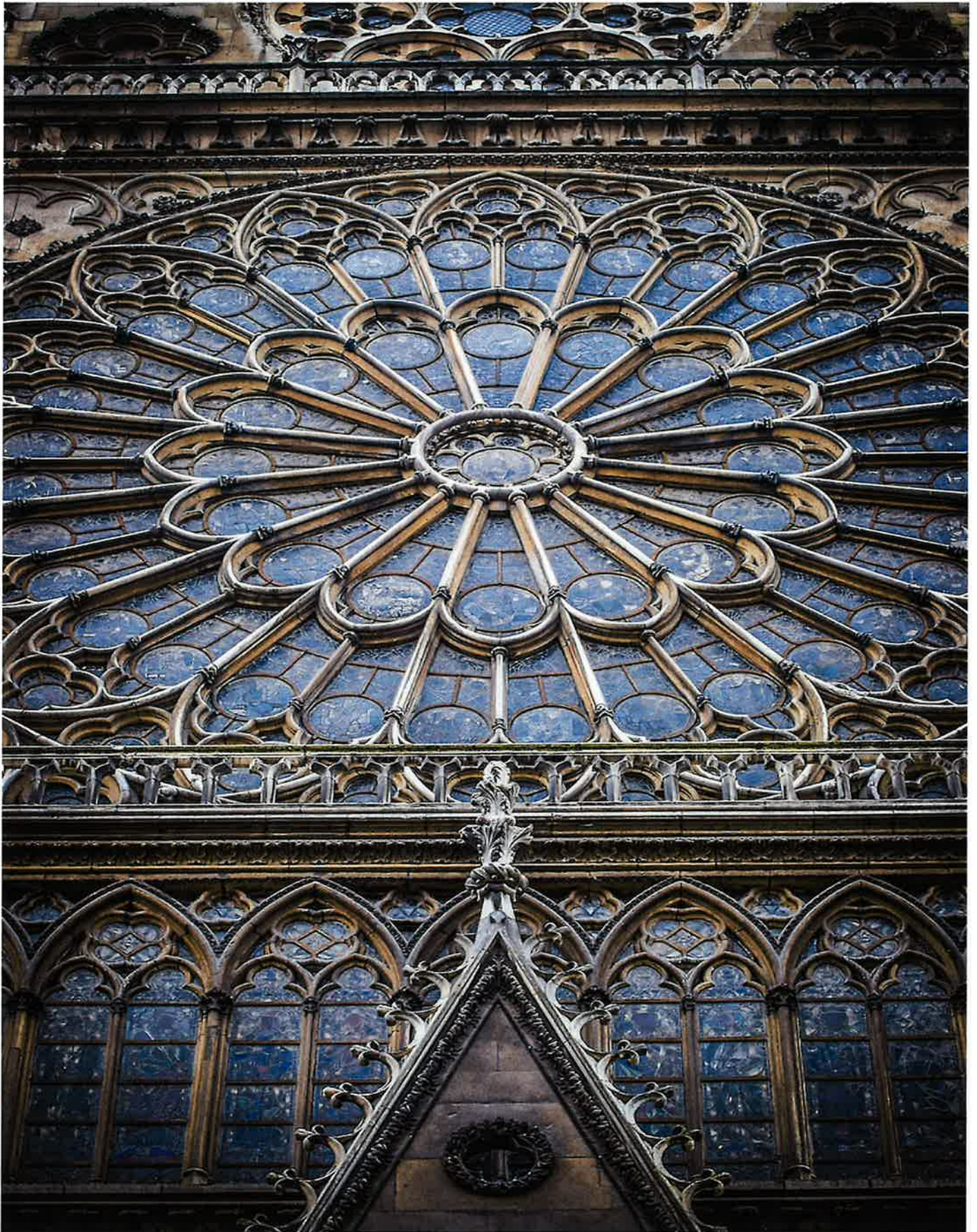
Substitutes listed are members of the local organ guild. The people who hold AGO certificates have passed requirements of the National American Guild of Organists for various levels of service playing and choral conducting. However, the GKCAGO is not an endorsement agency for service provided by the 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).

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

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