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

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FROM THE DEAN

Chapter members,

Our program year is off to a great start following the remarkable French Festival. It was good to get back to a live performance, thanks to all who participated. And we offered that as a live stream too on our chapter Facebook page, and we will share videos from the event on our YouTube page soon. Wow! Find more details later in the newsletter. But our planned September event will instead now be held as a Zoom meeting. more about that later also.

Thanks to all who completed the chapter survey. Your input is important as we work through this chapter year. I will say this often this year, we will take this a month at a time. Be safe. Wear a facemask. Vote.

Mike

NEW MEMBERS

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

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CALENDAR REMINDERS:

Monday, September 21, 2020

7:30 PM Pipe Dreams - The Documentary
~~BV Baptist Church, OP KS~~ ZOOM ONLY

Monday, October 19, 2020

7:30 PM Adam Pajan in Recital
Grand Avenue Temple, KC MO

Monday, November 16, 2020

7:30 PM Members' Recital—(Schola Cancelled)

Visitation Catholic Church, KC MO

Monday, January 18, 2021

7:30 PM Organ Music Reading Session
Episc. Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs MO

Sunday, February 14, 2021

4:00 PM David Briggs in Recital - Great Spaces
Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Topeka KS

Sunday, March 21, 2021

2:00 - 6:00 PM Pedals, Pipes and Pizza
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, KCMO

Monday, April 19, 2021

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

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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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Monday, September 21, 2020

7:15 PM Chapter meeting

**7:30 PM Pipe Dreams -
The Documentary**

Please join us as we enjoy Pipe Dreams, a film produced, written and directed by Stacey Tenenbaum. Pipe Dreams follows five young organists as they compete in the prestigious Canadian International Organ Competition in 2017. Who will master the 'King of Instruments' to take home the top prize?

Preceding the movie we will Zoom with Alcee Chriss III, a star of this movie.

This program will be held only via Zoom. The week prior to the event we will send in an email from the chapter the details to join the Zoom meeting. We will open the Zoom meeting at 7 pm and anyone that wants to join early to ensure they can work through Zoom can join. We will have other Zoom experienced chapter members available to assist. The movie is 75 minutes in length. We hope you will join us for another virtual event for our chapter.

AGO CONVENTION UPDATES

From the AGO National office: All of the 2021 AGO Regional Conventions have been postponed. For the North Central region, The Twin Cities in Minnesota will host our regional convention in 2023. And this is the list of sites for the upcoming AGO National conventions.

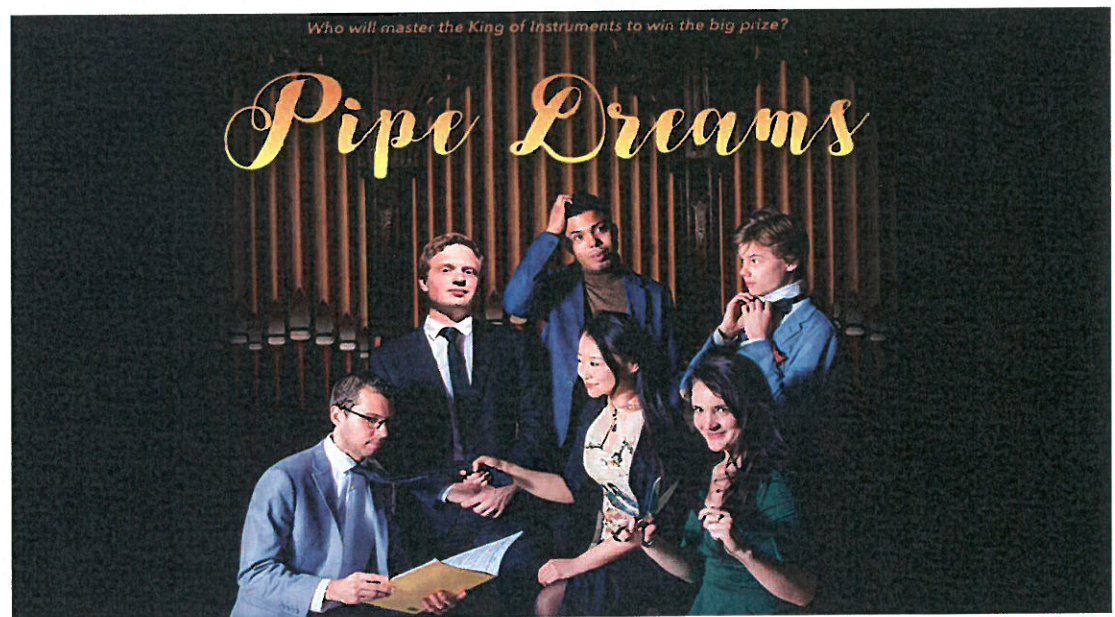
2022 – Seattle, WA

2024 – San Francisco, CA

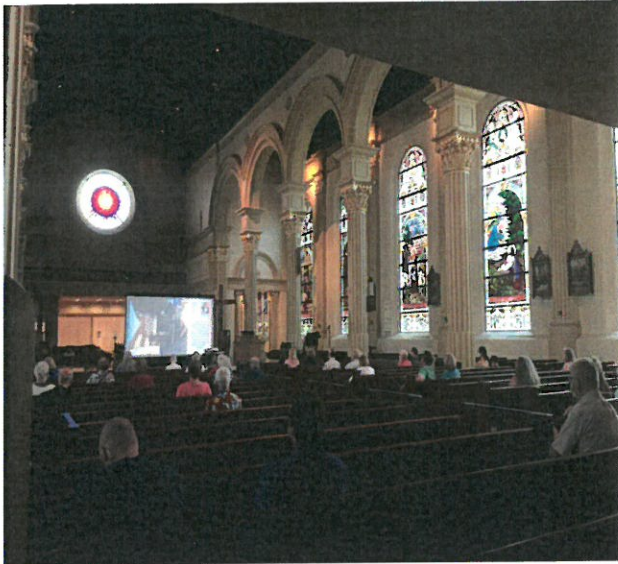
2026 – St. Louis, MO

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 12 10:30 am. This meeting will again be held using Zoom. We will send out an email closer to that day with Zoom details. And from discussions with the Executive committee we will hold our remaining board meetings for 2020 using Zoom; Oct. 10 and Nov. 14. See you on Zoom!



FRENCH FESTIVAL 2020



It was great to offer a live performance, and live stream, with our annual French Festival event this year. It was again an amazing event! If you had to miss it or want to watch recordings of the performances, please go to the chapter YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpSeX3GA8s88MiTsFzC4Xw> or go to Youtube.com and search for 'Kansas City AGO'.

We offer our many thanks to: Chair; Mario Pearson, Performers; John Deahl, Jan Kraybill, Nicholas Liese, Douglas O'Neill, Kevin Vogt, Tom Vozzella, Festival committee; Troy Alldaffer, David Bryant, Dan Madura, C.J. Scheppers, Volunteers; Boyd Ahrens, Louise Ahrens, Elisa Bickers, Dan Brown, Lynne Everett, and all others that assisted to make this event happen. Great job by all!

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Deo +
Gloria +

OCTOBER PLANNED PROGRAM

Adam Pajan in Recital
Monday, October 19, 2020 7:30 PM
Grand Avenue Temple
205 East 9th St. Kansas City, MO 64106

Plan to join us as we present Adam Pajan in recital on the EM Skinner Op. 190 organ at Grand Avenue Temple. Adam is a very talented younger organist living in Oklahoma. Adam lists on his website adampajan.com that he currently is Instructor of Organ at The University of Oklahoma, Director of Music at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Norman, OK and Artist in Residence at Saint John's Episcopal Church Tulsa, OK. And he has earned First prize awards in these competitions: Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition in Organ Playing and Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival National Competition, plus more. And he holds a DMA from the University of Oklahoma-American Organ Institute. That is quite a resume! And he will give us a wonderful program on this historic organ.



MUSIC DONATIONS

Our thanks again to **Annette Luyben** and a reminder that she has donated the remaining stock of **solo organ music** to our chapter following the closing of the store. Contact Mike Maiden to see what is available: dean@kicago.com.

Our thanks also to **Dr. Eugene Butler** who has given an extensive amount of choral music (multiple copies of each title) to our lending library now managed by Stephanie Henry. The list is on our website: kicago.com choose About>Choral Library. Please share this new information with any choir director that might have interest to explore what is available here. We want these resources to be shared and used to make beautiful music.

FROM THE CHAPTER REGISTRAR

We begin our new 2020-2021 season with old news, the virus is yet with us. It has long ago stopped surprising us with what it can do, and what it can prevent. It prevents all of us from doing what we used to take for granted: getting together and socializing unfettered. It used to be we "socially distanced" ourselves from that pesky relative or office co-worker because we did not want to be around them. Now we do it to most everyone because we want to stay well and of course to keep them safe.

At this time there are 36 of our members who have not renewed their memberships. We understand that these are difficult days for many of us, and we hope none of our members are having financial hardships. The national office sends out several reminders to us when it is time to renew our membership and magazine subscription. I know I have sometimes ignored these reminders as I think I will get around to it later.

If you have not renewed by now, you will probably have received a note from me asking you to please consider going online or calling the national office to renew your membership. We love our members, and we hope that you will want to continue as members of our chapter. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your membership.

You can log in to ONCARD for easy renewal: <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/> or you may phone in, and Molly or Leah will typically be the person who can easily guide you through renewing your membership, or to join if you are new to us.

PHONE: 212-870-2310 AGO National Headquarters

It is so easy to remain with us, even during these difficult times! We look forward to better days ahead when we will all enjoy our AGO programs together side by side and unmasked! Boyd Ahrens, Registrar Our thanks to all of you who have renewed your chapter membership! If you haven't, we hope you will soon!

Boyd Ahrens



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THE NEW ELECTRONIC 2020 MEMBER DIRECTORY IS HERE!

We are excited to launch the electronic version of our GKCAGO chapter member directory. You can access the directory though your phone or your home computer. Details are listed above for getting the app on your phone.

You can also access the electronic version on your home computer. Just go here:

<https://kicago.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=52942c3d5d6689cd0ca6f7459&id=110b94b8ba&e=05d64d5507> then click on the "Create Login" button below "First time signing in?" Use the email address that you have on file with OnCard.

We are still going to produce our traditional paper directory, which is distributed at the October program and by mail. Everyone will get a paper directory this year. Starting in 2021, you will have the option of opting out of the paper directory. One great thing about the electronic directory is that it is updated monthly. The paper directory is only updated yearly. Updates to the directory can be submitted through the national AGO OnCard system, the app, or by emailing or writing me.

Submissions deadline for changes to the 2020-2021 October PRINTED directory is October 1st, 2020.

Submissions for changes to the printed directory can be done through the phone app, desktop version or through OnCard. I pull the information for the printed directory from the electronic version. So, if it is not right there, it is not going to be right in the printed version. As always, you can either email or call me with changes.

Pictures Needed! Our goal is to get everyone's picture in the new electronic directory. You can submit your picture directly through the app or desktop version or you can email it to me. Don't have an electronic version to send? No problem. Call or email me and I can arrange for you to mail it to me. I have a scanner!

Dan Madura
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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CORNER

The next installment of "*Lessons for the New Organist*" at aQohg.org is entitled "*Mixtures and Mutation Stops*". In it Fred Hohman discusses Mixture stops, including chorus mixtures which he notes enrich the harmonics of the organ tone and Solo Mixtures such as Cornet Stops that add harmonics to 8' stops to create beautiful solo voices. He shows how mutation stops add different pitches to an 8' stop to create an effect. He notes that Chorus Mixtures add a "Crown" the top of the chorus.

Looking at the Master Classes, in the second part of Marie-Claire Alain's master class, she discusses that her brother Jehan's "*Three Pieces*" were first published in 1943 during World War II when paper and ink were in scarce supply. She notes that in the First Edition, Jehan did not provide tempo or registration guidance in his manuscripts stating, "I don't care, if people are musical, they will find it." She and her brother Olivier worked on the subsequent edition, making suggestions as they remembered from hearing Jehan play the pieces.

Marie-Claire states that the most important thing she wants to impart to students is to "Follow the counterpoint in all the voices", always being aware of the duration of each note.

Dan Cline
Personal Development Chair

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REGGIE WATKINS SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS POSTPONED

The memorial services for our long time member, Reggie Watkins, have been postponed due to concerns over the COVID-19 virus. Several of the churches and venues where Reggie had been a member or participant were scheduled to host programs during the second weekend of September. According to family members, these services are **now being planned for the middle of March in 2021**. This would mark the first anniversary of Reggie's untimely passing from us.

CALLING ALL TENORS AND BASSES!

We have a special virtual singing opportunity for you. Dr. Alan Martin, former Grace Cathedral Assistant Director and now on the music faculty at SUNY Oswego in New York, has offered to lead a virtual T/B anthem project and has prepared everything you need to learn and record your video. Alan has selected Aaron Copland's "Zion's Walls." This exciting anthem for four-part T/B choir is a wonderfully fun anthem to sing and we hope that you and any of your tenor or bass friends will want to participate. Alan has produced all of the learning and recording videos in a similar format to our virtual choir processes, so that should make it easy for you to do the recordings.

We hope that you will want to take part in this special project, but we also hope that you have some friends currently not singing with us that will also record for this special project. Please forward this email along to your tenor and bass friends and encourage their participate. Besides being used for one of the Sunday Cathedral streams, we will also post this anthem as a standalone project.

The link for learning tracks, uploading, and instructions is in Alan's note below. The **deadline for submissions is Friday, Sept. 4**, so get started today. Contact me or Alan (alanmartin2k@msn.com<mailto:alanmartin2k@msn.com>) with any

Steve Burk
Grace Episcopal Cathedral
Topeka, KS

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT PROPOSAL

GKCAGO chapter members - I invite you to be a part of an exciting project proposed by my good friend, Dr. Matthew Thompson, who is the Director of Music at my church, Country Club Christian, and a new chapter member. Matt's idea is to assemble a virtual Christmas concert featuring Kansas City's organs and organists. It would feature a wide selection of music, instruments and artists. Matt has experience and success in projects such as this. Please let me know of your interest in this project using johnbrewolla@gmail.com. I hope to hear from many of you.

John Trewolla
Country Club Christian Church
Kansas City, MO

Newsletter Submissions:

Deadline for submissions 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 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.

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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 have various degrees in organ or church music at the college or post-graduate level:

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