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

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FEBRUARY 2024

Dr. Katie Webb in recital

Canon Musician at Trinity Cathedral

Portland, Oregon

Monday, Feb 19, 2024

Dinner 6:15 PM

Program 7:30 PM

Visitation Parish

5141 Main Street

Kansas City, MO 64112

**FEBRUARY AGO DINNER
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024
DR. KATIE WEBB IN RECITAL**

Visitation Catholic Church, 5141 Main St, Kansas City, MO
Dinner at 6:15 pm

Dinner Menu

Meat Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Mixed green salad
Assorted Desserts
Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

Cost: \$20/person

Payment due at the dinner by Cash, Check, or Credit Card

PLEASE NOTE: NEW EARLIER DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE

Please call Nancy Ramirez at 816-436-9467 or email reservation@kicago.com by 9:00 AM Monday, Feb 5. 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 Feb 5 morning.

Please reserve your dinner in advance. The price for unreserved dinners is \$25.

GKICAGO 2023-2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MARCH 2024

**Dr. Elisa Bickers in recital
Friday, March 1, 2024 7:00 pm
Village Presbyterian, Prairie Village, KS
Co-sponsored event with Village
as a part of the church's 75th Anniversary.**

APRIL 2024

**Silent Movie – Brett Valliant, organist
TBD
Location to be announced**

MAY 2024

**Bachathon XLV
Sunday, May 5, 2024 1:30 – 4:00 PM
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, MO**

JUNE 2024

**Social Event - Food and fun
exploring the 34-rank house organ at Burkfarm
Monday, June 17, 2024 6:00 PM**

GKCAGO BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

We are excited to share that our chapter has received a generous donation in the amount of \$48,487.23 from the estate of June Walker. This donation will become a music scholarship fund, administered by the chapter.

Many thanks to John Deahl, who has served as administration team leader, and to Mike Maiden, who has served as guru of website/email blasts/elections. Would you like to serve the chapter in one of these roles? If so, contact Jacob Hofeling at dean@gkicago.com. Rest assured that training and encouragement will be provided!

LOOKING BACK AT JANUARY'S EVENT

On January 20, 2024, Southminster Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS (Joshua Hearn, Music Director), and Trinity Lutheran Church in Mission, KS (Lara West, Minister of Music), plus the Greater Kansas City Chapter hosted approximately 20 young people with their parents to a Pedals, Pipes and Pizza presentation. Special Guest for the program was Stephen Smith of the Central Iowa Chapter. Stephen brought along the Orgelkids kit owned by Central Iowa AGO, and was coach for the participants toward their assembly and playing of the completed instrument, (named "Piper"). Further local chapter coaches and coordinators were Stephanie Henry, Sarah Lyons, chapter dean Jacob Hofeling, Boyd Ahrens, Dan Madura, Mike Maiden, and Deborah Winter, Norm Kinnaugh, GKCAGO Chapter Reporter.

Article and photos by Norm Kinnaugh



Stephen Smith coaching the young participants with the Orgelkids assembly (at Southminster Presbyterian Church)



Group photo (at Trinity Lutheran Church)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED WEBMASTER + ELECTION COMMITTEE PERSON.

The Information team will have an opening for a webmaster starting in July 2024.

What does the webmaster do:

1. Attend bi-monthly team meetings.
2. Post items on the chapter website
 - a. monthly chapter newsletters
 - b. update substitute list
 - c. create job opening email blasts.
 - d. updates emails in MailChimp
 - e. create events on website.

The information team will also have an opening on the Election Committee. Once the nominating committee completes their work and has a slate of candidates for the annual election, this position will organize the election, create, and distribute ballots, capture, and report election results.

This position works with the nominating committee, communications committee, the webmaster, newsletter editor, and the dean. The election takes place in April and March would be the preparation month.

Both these openings could be handled by the same person or two different people. The webmaster is a year-round position, and the election committee currently would be working in March and April. (Unless there is a special election.)

Detailed process documents exist for both openings. If you are interested and would like to review the process documents describing the tasks involved, or if you would like to shadow Mike Maiden for the rest of the year, please contact Debbie Winter, Team Lead.

CERTIFICATION CORNER

Planning to take the Colleague Examination in May? Don't miss the upcoming **March 15** deadline. For more information and to register, visit www.agohq.org/certification.

Sarah Lyons
Education Team Leader
Certification Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 11, 2024 2:00 pm

Community of Christ TEMPLE

201 S. River Blvd, Independence, MO, 64050

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS: JAN KRAYBILL'S 25TH ANNUAL SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ORGAN CONCERT

Jan has played a concert on Super Bowl Sunday every year for the past quarter century! This 25th anniversary concert, titled "Most Valuable Players," will celebrate many who have impacted our lives. You'll hear works celebrating our beloved Kansas City Chiefs; works by master composers Bach, Widor, Sowerby, and Dupré; works that honor John Obetz and Michael Barone; and more, including the return of the most popular guest artist of all the Super Bowl Sunday concerts. The concert begins at 2pm and will conclude by 3:30, allowing plenty of time to view the big game. Details at www.jankraybill.com.

Sunday, February 11 at 4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church

801 Leavenworth Street,
Manhattan, Kansas

A Hymn Festival WITH Michael Burkhardt

The festival is entitled "This Is My Beloved Son," reflecting the overall journey of the Epiphany season with the call for us to share in that journey and light. The event is free and open to the public and will feature First Presbyterian Church's 1983 Dobson organ (Op. 24, II/43). The hymn festival is free and open to the public!

Please feel free to email dpickeri@ksu.edu with any questions

FROM THE DIRECTORY CHAIR

It was decided by the Membership Team, which was approved by the board of directors, that there will no longer be a printed directory. This decision was not made lightly. Postage and printing costs have gone up substantially and it was decided that the money spent on the printed directory would be better used to support programming. However, our digital online directory is working well and has become very popular. One of the great things about the digital directory is that it is updated monthly. Any changes you make in ONCARD will be updated in the digital directory. You can also submit changes in the digital directory, and I will update ONCARD.

In addition to the digital directory, we will be emailing a printable version of the directory every October. This will be formatted so you can print it on your home printer. It will have all the content that was in the printed directory.

Operating procedures that used to be in the printed directory will now live on the website.

Operating Procedures (<https://www.kcago.com/operating-procedures>)

The screenshot shows the website for the American Guild of Organists Greater Kansas City Chapter. On the left, there is a vertical list of member names and photos, including Ahrens, Boyd; Ahrens, Louise; Baker, William DMA; Bastien, Robert SPC, ATM; Bauer, Betv A.; Bauer, Michael J. DMA; Bennett, Dakota; Beckers, Elise W. FAGO, DMA; Blomquist, Roy BS PMP, ATM; Branson, Keith R. DMA; Bratney, Lynn SPC BS; Braun, John W.; Brooks, BRL; Brown, Daniel L. MA; and Burk, Steve, BAJE. The central part of the page features the AGO logo and the text 'American Guild of Organists Greater Kansas City Chapter'. On the right, there is a section titled 'French Organ Music Festival X' with a photo of a church building and some text.

To get started to view the online directory, go to:

[KGCAGO Directory \(https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/\)](https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

You will be asked to enter your email address as it is listed in ONCARD. Click on "First time signing in? Create Login". Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create log-in process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our chapter.

We also would like to see who you are! Please submit a photo through the app or you can email it to directory@kcago.com.

Our chapter directory is available to view on your mobile device also! Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our chapter directory - has a free app for chapter members to download on their Apple or Android devices.

To download the app to your Apple device, click here:

[Apple Download](#)

(<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>)

To download the app to your Android device, click here:

[Android Download](#)

(<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>)

For more information about the desktop members' website, go here:

[Desktop Website Information](#)

(<https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory>)

For more information about the members' phone app, go here:

[Phone App Information](#)

(<https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/church-directory-apps>)

If you have any questions about the directory, please don't hesitate to ask!

Dan Madura

Directory Chair, directory@kcago.com

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.

Linda Mann, BME, SPC (Weddings/Funerals only)	organ, piano	816-353-4826, c. 816-289-9760
John Pitchford, MM, SPC	organ	913-663-3768 johnpitchford@kc.rr.com
John Schaefer, AAGO, Ch M	organ, piano, lit.	816-520-2084
Rachel Schulz	organ, piano, lit, choral	717-466-8080 rschulz@ku.edu

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

The following also offer their services

Boyd Ahrens	org, lit	816-453-8406 boydlee@aol.com
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Alisa R. Carmichael, BM	org, piano	270-535-4881 charmichael.alisa@gmail.com
Stephanie Henry, DMA Choral	org, piano, dir, lit	816-678-6372 sahenry652@gmail.com
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Ann Marie Rigler, DMA	org, lit	816-808-8663 amrwjc@gmail.com
Rachel Schulz	org, piano, lit, dir	717-466-8080 rschulz@ku.edu
Marilyn VanderLinden	org, lit	816-665-4441