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Please like the Omaha Chapter Facebook page. Information is posted regularly! Our page name is: Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

TEACHERS

Please let Jean Johnson know if you have a Young Organist who has joined for the first time.

FROM THE DEAN

Summer Scenes

St. Benedict Center in Schuyler - Michael Bauer led a "Faith and the Arts" Retreat during two beautiful days. Lots of thinking about beauty in our lives and how we live and react to it every day. Sr. Claudette Schiratti and Reuline Nightengale were also there, and we met a bunch of new folks, which is always a learning and fun experience.

Yvonne Andrews and I had lunch with former member and current North Carolina resident, Susan Beschorner. Susan sends her greetings to all of you. She keeps up with us and with friends at St. Michael Lutheran via our newsletters.

Watching the AGO Regional Virtual Area meeting. Thanks were given to Omaha AGO member Claire Eason, who has completed her term as a Regional Councilor. If you were watching, you probably were as proud as I when they showed the names of those receiving certification - and the only two on the SPC list were our very own Colleen Jeffrey and Gianna Manhart!

Available on the national AGO website is a publication called "Employing Musicians in Religious Institutions". It is downloadable and recommended for churches as they think about hiring musicians - or maybe for you to know what to ask when you are applying. There is a section about how to figure out the number hours of work it takes for an organist to prepare for a service. It's free!

Did you see the Omaha Chapter article and photo on page 59 of the new TAO? We are slowly getting the word out about our activities - and it is fun to see someone we know in the magazine.

This week I viewed a 5-hour virtual St. Olaf Conference on the Arts and Worship. The real thing has been an important part of my life as a church musician. When it is in-person next year, I would recommend it. This year it was interesting to hear about how the college handled

FREE MEMBERSHIP

The AGO National Council is committed to membership recruitment, retention, and growth within our organization. During the Year of the Young Organist, July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022, any individual under the age of 30 can become a member or renew her/his membership for free as part of this program. Events and new initiatives will be held throughout the year.

Pandemic protocol and dealt with racial issues, being close to Minneapolis. We can do as they did in talking with choirs - listen - care enough about others that respect is shown. From that will come trust. Other thoughts - “we have a hunger for others and a need to belong” - “you can sing things you wouldn’t say to someone” - “Jesus walked the streets and met the people”. Dr. Marques Garrett, who is our presenter in February, had two compositions sung during the concerts. Beautiful works.

A committee has met to begin the work of mentoring some of our 19 to 30-year-old members. Marie Meyers, Steve Bartelt, Sr. Claudette Schirratti, and I have begun to get ideas on paper. Laura Scow will be joining with us also. After our work is typed up, it will be presented to the Board, and after adding suggestions from some of our teachers, will be offered to the membership. It is hoped this important work will begin this fall.

Kali Matz will be doing some of our communicating - thanks Kali! Communication will always be done through AGO channels. We realize that email is not used in communication by many today. When in doubt, check the website or use the old telephone to ask!

Don’t forget to watch Marie Rubis Bauer on August 22 when she performs as part of the Organ Historical Society Virtual Conference. You have received details and the info is in the TAO. Congrats Marie!

Blessings and peace,
Jean Johnson, Dean

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August 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
Certification Seminar
via ZOOM
presented by Sr. Claudette Schirratti

Log-in details published in the August *Windchest*



Please find the Zoom link on our webpage at www.omahaago.org or use:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86493895495?pwd=MXg4UW9sRWlUOE1LRWE5c1dBMI1dz09>

YOUNG ORGANISTS

Young Organists are encouraged to check out: www.yearoftheyoungorganist.com for program information, read about other Young Organists and see articles by Young Organists.

2021-2022 OMAHA AGO EVENTS

Omaha AGO Chapter events are posted on the chapter website at www.omahaago.org. The next upcoming event will be on the home page and all of the season events are listed under the "Events" page.

AGO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND CERTIFICATION

Have you noticed the requirements and deadlines for the AGO

Certification program that are in the July, 2021 issue of TAO?

Which Certificate are you looking at pursuing?

If you have questions about the certification process, please join the August 21 zoom at 10:30 - noon. You can also send questions to me ahead of time at cschiratti1@gmail.com to be sure that I cover your concern.

The zoom will begin with a few minutes talking about the AGO Achievement Awards which are free and administered by the local chapter.

Professional development is always a good idea to pursue.

Sr. Claudette Schiratti, RSM, AAGO
Omaha AGO Certification Chair

JAN KRAYBILL RECITAL

Installation and tonal finishing of the new organ at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska, is complete! In order to fill this large space with sound, a new organ is placed in three locations: the main organ behind the Sanctuary, the Antiphonal, with a horizontal trumpet, at the back of the Nave, and the Ancillary division behind the choir loft. Dr. Jan Kraybill will play the dedicatory recital on Sunday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Photos:
Sébastien Kardos
Casavant Frères



BEAUTY AND HOPE CONCERTS

Marie Rubis Bauer will continue the Beauty and Hope concerts at St. Cecilia Cathedral post-pandemic on the first Friday of each month. Programs will also be presented on selected first Friday evenings.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

An Omaha Chapter financial report was emailed to you all recently. If you have questions please ask David McCain, Treasurer.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

August 11: Certification Seminar. Seminar will be conducted on Zoom. Coordinator is Sister Claudette Schiratti. Interested participants are asked to contact Sister Claudette at cschiratti1@gmail.com. Please find the Zoom link on our webpage at www.omahaago.org or use: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86493895495?pwd=MXg4UW9sRWlUOE1LRWE5c1dBMlI1dz09>

September 12: Fall Kickoff. Together again with lots of conversation and mixing, good food, a chapter update from our Dean Jean Johnson, and a sampling of recent organ compositions by Steve Bouma. Event begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor of First Central Congregational Church, 421 S 36th St. (Note on parking: Church parking is east of the building. The large parking lot west of the building is a pay lot!) Enter through the door on the west side of the building in the courtyard. Reservations are a necessity to make sure you have a meal. RSVP to the chapter email: omahaago@gmail.com. Cost is \$10, payable at the door. You will also have the opportunity to donate to the chapter "Scholarship Fund." The chapter assisted three beginning organists this spring. Your generosity will enable the scholarship program to expand.

October 3: Recital by Mark Kurtz. Chapter member Mark Kurtz will present a recital at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St. at 4:00 p.m. The recital will feature his composition, Re-Formations (after Bach). This award-winning composition was featured at the 2018 Kansas City AGO convention. Mark is planning to include some of his other compositions, as well as other classics.

November 13: Presentation by Tom Trenney. As life begins to approach "normalcy" in Nebraska, we all can profit by an inspirational pep talk, as only Tom can do. Tom serves at First Plymouth in Lincoln and is active in the Abendmusik program as well. We meet at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 925 S 84th St. at 10:00 a.m.

A postscript: If you have not yet watched the excellent virtual recital by many of our student organists, be sure to do so: <https://youtu.be/-xSCEODn2A4>

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PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

Work is well underway for the June 19-25, 2022 Pipe Organ Encounter in Omaha! Housing has been secured and a planning committee has been selected. Now we will move on to filling the committees, contacting churches and faculty, and planning the recitals and events for the week.

We are quite fortunate to have several fine instruments to feature, including two new organs. This will be a great opportunity to bring national attention to the Omaha Chapter and city of Omaha.

Please contact Jeff Hoffman at omahaago@gmail.com or 402-317-8887 with questions or to volunteer to help!

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KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLORS, A FESTIVAL OF PIPES

Excitement is building for the premiere of **Kaleidoscope of Colors, A Festival of Pipes** — five Sunday programs featuring **fifteen** instruments across fourteen states representing three centuries of organ building in America.

It's easy to watch. Go to <https://organhistoricalsociety.org/> and click the button that brings you to the program.

Daylight Time Each Sunday in August a new program will premier at 5pm Eastern. Each Sunday's program will remain on our YouTube channel through Thanksgiving.

Click here to purchase your copy of the festival program book today!
<https://ohscatalog.org/kaleidoscope-of-colors-festival-program-book/>

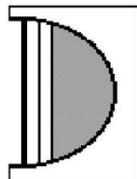
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(MT=meantone; WT=well-tempered)

Reduentes (Buxheimer Orgelbuch, ca. 1450/70) MT Anon.

Toccate e partite d'intavolatura, Libro 1 Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1615) MT (1583–1643)
Toccata Nona

Fiori musicali (1635) MT Girolamo Frescobaldi
Messa degli Apostoli: Toccata per le levatione

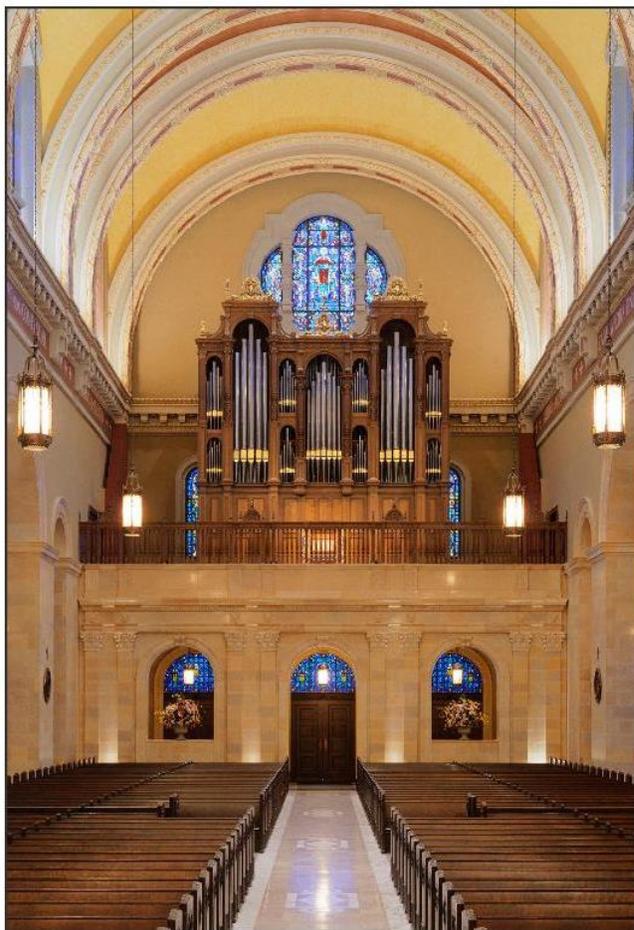
Intabolutura Nova di Balli pub. Antonio Gardane
(Venice 1551) MT
Pass'e mezo antico
Pass'e mezo antico secondo
Pass'e mezo antico terzo

Messe des Couvents pour orgue François Couperin
(1690) WT (1668–1733)
Fugue sur la Trompette [Kyrie II]
Tierce en Taille [Élévation]

Interludes pour l'Hymne "Ave Maris Stella" René Vierne
(1913) WT (1878–1918)
I. Andantino [Fonds]
II. Lento sostenuto [Gambe, Voix Célestes]
III. Maestoso e marcato [Grand Choeur]

O Antiphon Sequence (2018) WT Cecilia MacDowell
6. *O Rex Gentium* (b. 1951)

Praeludium für die Orgel in F (1829) WT Fanny Mendelssohn
(1805–1847)



ABOUT THE PERFORMER

Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer is Director of Music for Saint Cecilia Cathedral in the Archdiocese of Omaha, NE. She has been the steward of the Pasi Op. 14 since its inauguration in 2003. During the 2020–2021 pandemic she launched and continues a series of weekly spiritual concerts on the Pasi organ, Beauty and Hope. She teaches organ and harpsichord at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She has performed throughout the US and Europe, including at conferences of the AGO, ALCM, Musforum, OHS, NPM, and on Pipedreams.