

THE WINDCHEST



OMAHA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

JANUARY 2022

DONATIONS

To raise funds for our Scholarship Fund, we are asking for donations when we meet. It is one way we can all support our fellow young organists.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS!

Omaha AGO has a new mailing address: **PO Box 45062, Omaha, NE 68145**. As we organize a Pipe Organ Encounter, it is important that personal information be sent to a secure location!

FROM THE DEAN

Waiting....

By the time you read this, the waiting we've been doing in Advent will be over - or almost over. I hope you were able to have a Merry Christmas and enjoy time with family or friends. All the work and preparation you have put into the season's music at your church has been appreciated by all.

But what we all have been waiting 2 years for is not over yet. I hope you are making sure that you are protected, for you and for everyone around you. The Omaha AGO programs will proceed as planned, with the caveat that things may need to change. The January Post-Holiday social will take place. Please watch closer to the date in case the venue needs to change.

On my recommendation, the Board has appointed the following Nominating Committee to fill the officers' slate for 2022-2023: Sr. Claudette Schirrati (from the Board) Dirk Lindner and Julie Sandene.

New Young Organist member recently received: David Perez 6336 Lakeside Lane, Lawrence, KS 66049. david.cubanorganist@gmail.com. 316-295-9789. Main chapter is Wichita.

Friend of the Omaha Chapter Annette White has a new email address: hannettewhite@icloud.com. The Roster is always available on-line at omahaago.org. Contact Jeff Hoffman if you need the password.

Vance Wolverton ChM has had serious complications following surgery. Please keep Vance and Peggy in your thoughts. We also grieve with David McCain at Bill's death.

Advent - we've been waiting to "see God" born in a manger. The story is always a remembrance of the circumstances of Jesus' birth. Through productions by those young and old, the setting has been "cleaned up" a lot. We know it was not a lovely night under nice conditions. Maybe that can speak to us this year - Jesus still came. There is no waiting here

FREE ORGAN SHOES!

I have a pair of mens size 10 Organmaster shoes that are free to anyone that would want them. My son used them when he was taking lessons and has outgrown them. They are practically new.

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POE NEWS

Registration is open and two students have signed up so far! Now that the holidays are over the detailed planning will be completed.

Please let Jeff Hoffman know at 402-317-8887 or at buildandencourage@gmail.com if you would like to help in any way!

- Jesus is with us now. He will be with us throughout this Pandemic and beyond. I pray for you all as you plan the next part of the year, trying to be ready to always adapt. That's just how it is. If you need to talk with someone, if things get to be too hard, please call me 402-571-7945 and I will listen and get you in contact with someone trained to help. Know you are all important and, as an organization, we will support each other.

Get some rest and have a Happy New Year!

Jean Johnson, Dean

2022 CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Sunday, January 9 – A wonderful winter event after the busy holiday season. Join your fellow chapter members at a post-holiday social featuring light refreshments, fellowship, and beautiful piano duets by two of our chapter's newer members, Peggy Wolverton and Mary Norton. We meet in the Lakeside Village Grand Hall, 17475 Frances Street, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Enter Lakeside from 180th and Frances. Be sure to put the date on your calendar and bring a mask "just in case." If any changes need to be made due to COVID, watch your email for any possible developments.

Saturday, February 5 – Presentation on African-American organ and choral music by Dr. Marques Garrett. Dr. Garrett is a professor of choral music at UNL. We gather at First Christian Church with Ann Spangler as host, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 5 – Registration Workshop led by Mark Kurtz at First United Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Registration is an on-going challenge for all organists. Mark will be covering everything from the basics to fine tuning our registration choices. Open to all. Young organists are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, April 30 – "Pipes and Pizza," for young organists (as well as not-so-young organists) at Countryside Community Church, hosted by Alex Ritter, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are wanting a good introduction to the organ using a fine new instrument, this is the event you want to attend. Also open to piano students with an interest in the organ.

BEAUTY AND HOPE

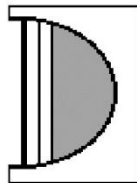
This month's *Beauty and Hope* recital at St. Cecilia Cathedral will be played by Michael Emmerich.

Friday, January 7 at Noon.

Monday, May 23 – We are finally hoping we can end our season on a climax with a fellowship dinner. We meet at First Presbyterian, Bellevue, 6:00 p.m. Program will include installation of officers and a presentation from Elizabeth George from the national AGO.



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