

THE WINDCHEST

OMAHA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS



NOVEMBER 2021

HANSON DAY CONCERT WITH SCOTT WATKINS

Bethlehem
Lutheran Church,
504 W 8th Street,
Wahoo, NE
7 p.m.

Free Will
Donations for
Hanson House
Fund

Scott Watkins,
American classical
pianist and author
of a book on
Hanson, will be
performing on
piano. Music will
include pieces by
Howard Hanson
and a newly
discovered Hanson
manuscript
that has not been
played in public
since 1920.

FROM THE DEAN

November - time to give thanks. Even in this unusual and unsettling time, we can say thank you for the world in which we live. Thanks to our scientist friends who have been able to figure out a way for us to come out of the Pandemic. I give thanks for each one of you who have carried your congregations and choirs through the uncertainty of singing. We keep singing and praising as we encourage members to come back to church, come out of aloneness to be a part of the fold. Thanks to our Omaha Board who have continued to meet to carry out the mission of the Guild. Special thanks to Stephen Bartlet, SubDean and his committee who have planned some good programs for us this year.

Our Chapter recently presented member Mark Kurtz, organist at First United Methodist Church, in a concert titled "Before and After: The Art of Variation". The audience enjoyed Mark's compositions employing many genres of music wrapped around familiar church melodies. Also included were the Haydn "Flute Clock Pieces" and 2 Jig Fugues by Buxtehude and Bach. Three J.S. Bach Chorale Preludes followed, which were the patterns Mark used to create "Re-Formations (after Bach)", the piece which earned him the 2018 AGO/ Marilyn Mason Award in Organ Composition. This was a joy-filled recital, and a welcome beginning to chapter programs open to the public.

Although not a chapter event, Omaha welcomed a newly built St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and a new organ by Casavent Freres which has 3 locations: the main organ, the Antiphonal, with a horizontal trumpet at the back of the Nave, and the Ancillary division behind the choir loft. Dr. Jan Kraybill played the dedicatory recital on September 26.

In October Omaha member Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer presented Windows of Comfort: Two Organbooks by Dan Locklair, which were commissioned in 1996 by First Presbyterian Church in Topeka, Kansas while Dr. Rubis Bauer was organist there. The 10 pieces describe musically the Biblical scenes depicted in the 1911 Louis Comfort Tiffany windows in the church. In this, the 25th anniversary year, Dr.

MARIE RUBIS BAUER ON THE NEWS!

Channel 3 news interviewed Maris Rubis Bauer prior to her recital this past Sunday afternoon. Watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VnUaopaFFU>



SHOWCASE

Sunday, October
30, 2021
2 – 4 p.m.
Strauss Performing
Arts Center on the
UNO Campus

One of Dr. J
Gordon
Christensen's
organ students will
perform!

Rubis Bauer played the Pasi organ at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha. If any of you readers were in Omaha for the Regional AGO convention after 1996, you might remember these wonderfully descriptive pieces which were played alongside slides of the windows. She will perform these in the First Presbyterian Church, Topeka, surrounded by the images in Spring 2022.

Congratulations to Kali Matz and her husband on the birth of Michael Marion.

PROFESSIONAL COURTESY

Often there are other groups or congregations meeting in our buildings. Maybe someone is using your sanctuary for a program or wedding. It is professional courtesy always to speak with the organist of the church if someone else would like to play the organ. Make sure your pastor, secretary, and congregation council know the questions to ask when someone wants to play the organ. It is imperative they speak to you. Think memory levels, piston settings, music set at the ready. If you are one of the many who are subbing - ask the questions, please!

TOM TRENNEY - please come on November 13 to hear a wonderfully uplifting, encouraging, and faith-filled message from Tom. He is music minister at First Plymouth Church in Lincoln.

SCHOLARSHIP BOX - Bring a few dollars for our Scholarship Box collection each meeting to raise funds for organ students. Feel free to bring a check, too!

Enjoy the falling leaves!

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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.

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A CHAPTER PROGRAM?

Each of us probably has in the back of our minds an idea for a program that we always wished our chapter could present. Our program committee will soon begin to think about the 2022-2023 program year. Now would be a good time to share that idea with our program committee, and maybe it can become a reality. The program committee is chaired by our Sub-Dean Stephen Bartelt. Other members of the committee are Colleen Jeffrey, Reginald Pifer, and Ann Spangler.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

If you want an inspirational “shot-in the arm” . . .

You will want to attend the November program presented as only Tom Trenney can do! We gather at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 925 S. 84th St., Saturday November 13 at 10:00 a.m. Tom’s presentations are usually part pep talk, part inspiring, part informative, and wholly fascinating, interesting, and guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat. Don’t miss this event.

2021-2022
NOVEMBER

OMAHA CHAPTER
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

November 13, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.
Presentation by Tom Trenney, Lincoln Ne
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
925 South 84th St, Omaha, NE



No program is planned for December as we all will be involved in our own holiday events and traditions. Put the afternoon of January 9 on your calendar, however, for a chapter social event. Watch the December *Windchest* for details.

10TH ANNUAL UNC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS/PIEDMONT NC AGO HIGH SCHOOL ORGAN FESTIVAL & COMPETITION

The Festival weekend is January 28-30, 2022, in Winston-Salem, NC, and will feature workshops, masterclasses, recitals, and the annual competition. This year’s recitals and masterclasses will highlight music of César Franck celebrating the bicentennial of his birth. Deadline to apply is **Friday, December 17, 2021**. All High School students in the U.S. (who have not previously won First Prize) are eligible to participate and compete. All information, including the online registration form and corresponding links can be found here: <https://www.uncsa.edu/music/events/organ-festival.aspx>

Any questions may be directed to Timothy Olsen at the contact information listed below.

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 MEMBER!

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Dual Member:
South Dakota

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!



A choral work by Michael McCabe, commissioned for the event in Sally's honor, and an organ partita by Jeff Hoffman in Carole's honor will be offered in thanksgiving to God for their service to St. Augustine at the 10:30 worship service.

All AGO members and friends are welcome to worship and the reception!

HALLOWEEN ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday, October 31st at 4pm
Countryside Community Church
13130 Faith Plaza, on the Tri-Faith Commons

Please join us for a Halloween concert ranging from Bach and Boëllmann to music from the film *Interstellar* and a Covid-19 fugue.

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.

POE NEWS

The Pipe Organ Encounter Committee is currently at work finalizing the faculty and beginning to secure venues!

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



OMAHA CHAPTER AGO YOUNG ORGANISTS (AGOYO) MENTOR PROGRAM

Any AGO member between the ages of 19 and 30 is considered an AGOYO

Purpose of the Program

- To provide at least a one year AGO membership for Young Organists
- To encourage AGO Young Organists to become further involved in the organ community
- To help AGO Young Organists see the benefits of membership and certification
- To encourage relationships among mature AGO members and AGO Young Organists

A Chapter Coordinator will contact all Omaha Chapter Young Organists to encourage and determine participation in this program. The Coordinator will then work to coordinate an appropriate relationship between mentors and Young Organists.

Mentors are members of the Omaha Chapter AGO who have agreed to the following:

- To contribute through the national office a membership for at least one year (\$50)
- To be in contact with the Young Organist during the year to offer encouragement
- To meet with organist at least two times to further support involvement in the organ community

Relationships may be renewed on an annual basis.

ALL SOULS DAY REQUIEM MASS

Each year during the month of November we remember loved ones
who have gone before us to their eternal rest.



Tuesday, November 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Saint Cecilia Cathedral

701 N 40th St.

Omaha, NE 68131

You are invited to the celebration of a solemn Requiem Mass
including Gregorian Chant and music by Gabriel Fauré,
sung by the Saint Cecilia Cathedral Choir.

Rev. James M. Buckley, Presider

We pray for the repose of the souls of people buried from the Cathedral, our departed loved ones,
those who have died in the COVID 19 pandemic, and the souls of all the faithful departed.

ABENDMUSIK SEASON SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 4:00 FREE ADMISSION

The Jason Max Ferdinand Singers

Sponsored by Matthew and Ann Finkner and the Lincoln Community Foundation's Give to Lincoln Day

Non-profit partner The Malone Center

The JMF Singers are a true phenomenon in choral music, recognized since their online debut in March 2021. These talented singers breathe life into music of BIPOC composers that will move us forward in our lives and times. America's hottest new professional choir makes its Midwest debut! SNEAK PREVIEW: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lhttpspi_WusRJA

Sunday, November 28, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

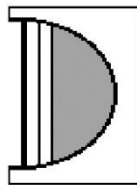
Handel's Messiah Community Sing

sponsored by Susan Sehnert Stuart

Non-profit partner People's City Mission

Hallelujah! Come one, come all: Raise your voice and join with professional soloists at Lincoln's annual community sing of George Frideric Handel's monumental masterpiece, *Messiah*. Scores will be available to borrow or to purchase if you do not have your own.

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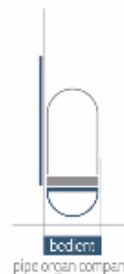
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