

THE WINDCHEST

OMAHA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS



FEBRUARY 2023

FROM THE DEAN

If you missed the January event, you missed a good event. Dr. Elizabeth Grimpo helped us with some creative ways to adapt pianistic accompaniments for the organ. One of our Board members commented recently that in her opinion, the events of our chapter rivaled and even exceeded some of the sessions she attended at the national convention. If you have been missing them, you should reconsider and come to the next events. See the detailed information below, but on February 11 Ryan Luckey from Bedient Organs will help us understand more how our instrument works. Then on March 11, Past Dean Jean Johnson will lead a panel discussion on the do's and don't's of beginning and ending a position and the challenges of subbing. These events are planned for helping us all become better in our profession.

The nominating committee has been hard at work recruiting members for various positions. One thing they are reporting is that we have a problem finding willing leaders. Many of our older members have already served in several leadership positions. We only have a limited number of younger members who could be serving. Many of them are involved with family and employment challenges. As we look toward the future, it is imperative that more of our members come forward and accept leadership positions in the chapter. The success of our chapter will continue to depend on the willingness of our members to get involved.

We are happy to promote the St. Paul's Council Bluffs Lenten organ series, since all of the recitalists are members of the chapter. If you can, come on Wednesdays during Lent and support our members offering these half hour recitals.

One more thing to begin to think about. We are planning a "Member's Recital" on April 23. What we are asking members to play is one of their favorite "go-to" pieces. Hopefully, this will be something fairly short, and something one loves to play. We are not asking for virtuosity or for something that takes members a lot of work to get ready. We just want to play for each other a favorite and accessible piece, so we can applaud and encourage each other in our playing.

Be sure to read the information about the Wichita Pipe Organ Encounter. We were not able to hold the POE here last year as we had wanted. But we are offering our members the opportunity to nominate a high school student who could benefit from attending the POE in Wichita. The chapter is offering a limited number of \$250 scholarships to these students.

Stephen Bartelt, Dean

BEYOND THE CONSOLE -- FEBRUARY 11 CHAPTER EVENT, 10:00 a.m.

Do you know what happens when you press that key or pull that stop? The console is only the game controller. What it controls is usually hidden from view in a case or behind a screen. Ryan Luckey, our chapter member, from Bedient Organ in Lincoln will be leading a seminar on what happens when we operate the console. He knows all about that since his firm constructs the “guts” of our instrument. We will meet at the MSGR Graham Cathedral Cultural Center (behind St. Cecilia Cathedral), second floor, Room 201 (choir room) on Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. There is an elevator to the second floor. Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer from St. Cecilia tells us there is a tracker instrument in that room that Ryan can dissect and explain to us. No matter how much or how little you know about the pipes, the chests, and the action, there will be something you will learn from Ryan’s presentation. What better expert could we have than our own member who builds what we play? You will be glad you decided to attend.

THE CHURCH MUSIC JOB – “BEGINNING, ENDING, AND LIFE AFTER”

Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, 2650 Farnam.

Enter the Office Door on Farnam Street. There is a large parking lot to the west. The meters are active on Saturday - 25 cents per hour.

The panel discussion will be chaired by Jean Johnson. Panelists will be David Schack, Mary Norton, Barbara Fremder, Dirk Lindner, and Diane Hill. All are experienced organists who have retired from full time playing. However, there is music life remaining and experience to share.

A panelist will give background on an issue, their perspective and their best advice about how to proceed. The ideas for the day are as follows:

Ready to begin a position - what to ask - contracts

Time to change positions - full time and part time - making the decision to leave

Retirement from a full-time position

Decision to substitute - how to proceed - keeping track

Music life remaining - music - relationships - physical challenges

Questions are welcome!

"SAVE THE DATE" FOR APRIL AND MAY EVENTS!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 23 Members recital. Find that favorite "go-to" piece that you can play at a moments notice and share it with your fellow chapter members. This is designed as a low-key fun event. Watch for complete details!

MONDAY, MAY 22, 6:00 p.m. End of season fellowship banquet. Meal will be catered. Location: St. John Lutheran, 633 Willow Ave. Council Bluffs. Details including cost and reservations will be coming closer to the event.

LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 239 Frank Street, Council Bluffs announces its Lenten Organ Recitals. The series features all Omaha AGO recitalists. Thirty minute recitals are held at noon on Wednesdays during Lent. Lunch is served following the recitals. There is no charge for the recitals. A poster regarding the series is attached. Please use as appropriate.

February 22	Timothy Frank
March 1	Wayne Kallstrom
March 8	Laura Scow
March 15	Zachary Zieschang
March 22	Stephen Bartelt
March 29	Peggy Wolverton

WICHITA PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

The Wichita Chapter is sponsoring a Pipe Organ Encounter for teenagers, ages 13-18 on June 25-30 at Wichita State University, Wichita. Participants should have achieved an intermediate level of keyboard proficiency, but no previous organ study is necessary. What is necessary is an interest in learning what the organ is all about and an eagerness to explore if pursuing the organ might be right for the student.

If our chapter members are aware of students who might benefit from attending this POE, our chapter has decided to offer a limited number of \$250 scholarships to students nominated by one of our chapter members. Chapter members should contact the Dean, Stephen Bartelt, through the chapter email, omahaago@gmail.com to request a scholarship for any students they may nominate with detailed information about the student and their application. Since our chapter was not able to hold the POE we wanted to sponsor last summer, we want to make attendance at this "nearby" POE workable for any interested students in our area. A circular regarding this POE is attached to the *Windchest*. It includes enrollment information. Note the April 1 deadline for "early registration."



Pipe Organ Encounters is an educational outreach program of the American Guild of Organists. Major funding for Pipe Organ Encounters is provided by the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America. Additional support is provided by the American Institute of Organbuilders and the Jordan Organ Endowment. POE scholarships are provided by the AGO New Organist Fund.

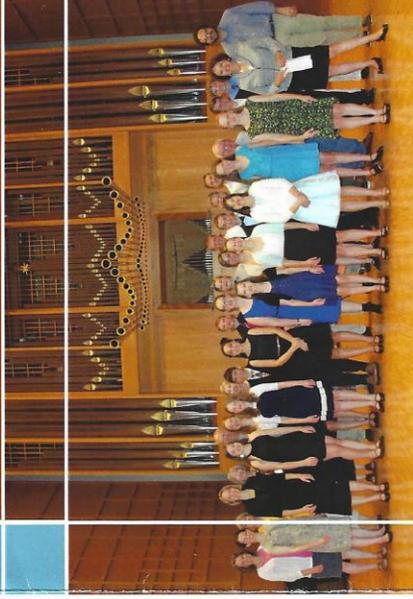
Scholarship

Scholarship assistance is available through the American Guild of Organists. Please contact Carole Pracht at prachtc1@gmail.com for information on initiating the online scholarship application process. In addition, students may also contact AGO chapters or religious institutions if financial aid is needed.

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Wichita Chapter



June 25 - June 30, 2023

Wichita State University,
Wichita, Kansas

www.agowichita.org/poe

"Wichita POE 2015 assured me that there was a community of organists to engage with and that the instrument most definitely has a real future, even for young people. Now that I have been able to compete abroad and experience that community on a larger level, it reminds me of how important opportunities like this are for young organists!" Aidan Hill, Organ Student at the University of Kansas, Wichita POE 2015, Cincinnati POE 2016, Tuscaloosa POE 2017.

An Overview

POE is designed for teenagers, ages 13-18, who have achieved an intermediate level of keyboard proficiency. Previous organ study is not required. Special consideration with regards to age and training may be allowed by the POE Committee on an individual basis.

POE Highlights

The Wichita POE will include daily organ lessons (one teacher for every two participants), workshops, and a final participant recital. Other activities will include daily recitals by accomplished organists and field trips (a tour of tracker organs on the plains). Topics to be covered may include Hymn Playing and Introductions, Organ Registration, Theory, and Organ Building.

Featured Instruments

- Casavant Frères Ltée, IV/62, East Heights United Methodist Church
- Casavant Frères Ltée, II/18, Wichita State University, Grace Memorial Chapel
- Marcussen, IV/81, Wichita State University, Wiedemann Hall
- Rudolf von Beckerath, III/74, Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- Schantz, III/46, Plymouth Congregational Church

**Instruments and Faculty are subject to change without notice.*

**Refund Policy: Cancellations postmarked prior to May 20, 2023 will receive a full refund less a \$25 processing fee.*

Faculty Members

Faculty will include distinguished concert organists and church musicians, including Dr. Michael Bauer, Dr. Elisa Bickers, Dr. Tyler Boehmer, Lynne Davis, Scott Montgomery, Dr. Shirley Sprunger King, Dr. David Pickering.

Accommodations/Travel

Participants will be housed on the campus of Wichita State University - Shocker Hall. All rooms are double occupancy. The registration fee covers housing, all meals from Sunday dinner through Friday lunch, and special event costs. Transportation will be provided to and from private lessons, recitals, and special events. Adult supervision will be provided at all times.

Wichita is easily accessible via Interstate 35, as well as the Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport.

Application Instructions

Registration is limited to the first 24 applicants.

Apply online at:

<https://www.agoqh.org/education/poe/poe>

Early Bird Registration: \$495 | April 1, 2023

Regular Registration: \$550 | May 15, 2023

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Student Registration

STEP ONE:

Registration for all POE events is exclusively available online. Please visit: <https://www.agoqh.org/education/poe/poe>

STEP TWO:

--PAYMENT FORM--

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____

POE Registration Fee: \$550

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$495, if registered by April 1, 2023.

The final registration deadline is May 15, 2023. Full payment is due at the time of registration.*

Please make checks payable to:
Wichita Chapter AGO

Please send this form and check to the
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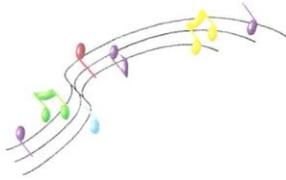
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Presents:

Wednesday at Noon

Lenten Organ Recitals

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church invites you to a series of Lenten Organ Recitals to be held on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent. The free recitals begin at 12:00 p.m. lasting 30-35 minutes. Lunch will be served following the recitals in the church undercroft.

2023 Series includes:

February 22nd ~ Rev. Timothy Frank

March 1st ~ Wayne Kallstrom

March 8th ~ Laura Scow

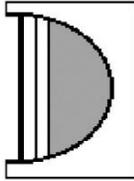
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March 22nd ~ Rev. Stephen R. Bartelt

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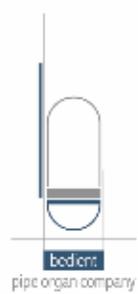
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