

The Windchest

Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



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Mission

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

From the Dean

From the dean's perspective, the Omaha Chapter AGO continues to be an increasingly influential, professional organization not throughout the Omaha/Council Bluffs metropolitan area, but in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa as well. Omaha AGO continues to grow in membership. Members serve in musical and administrative leadership roles in churches and schools. Moreover, Omaha AGO members hold leadership responsibilities in many civic, community service, and educational organizations.

Our membership continues to grow. Members who are under 30 years old are registered as "Young Members." One statistic that has caught the eye of National AGO Headquarters: our chapter 2018-2019 Membership Directory lists eleven members in the "Young Members" category; at least one member, an 18 year-old high school senior, is not listed as a "Young Member." Our future continues to be established! In addition, Omaha AGO has gained new members through transfer from other chapters; inquiries for membership are encouraging.

Omaha AGO members heartily support and encourage programs of fellow members. Witness, for example, membership attendance at concerts, recitals, programs, and music related events directed, presented and sponsored by fellow members or their organizations. Members are sensitive for the well-being of fellow members and their families, often communicating needs of others to chapter leadership. Positive, supportive communications offering support and encouragement to fellow members and families only serves to strengthen the chapter!

We are on the threshold of the 2019-2020 Season, which promises to be a landmark one. To be announced at the annual "Season Finale Banquet" at Dundee Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 20, our new season includes concerts, recitals and liturgical events that include regional and nationally recognized artists. The season's opening event will be an outdoor garden dinner party with entertainment, introduction of new members, and time for visiting. Many of the season's events will be followed by a reception, offering opportunity to meet the artists and visit with fellow members and friends.

It is important to acknowledge the significant leadership contributions of retiring board members Marie Rubis Bauer and Jean Johnson. Marie has served as Sub-Dean for four terms, while Jean filled out the three year "Member-at-Large" position, followed by serving a full three year term. Both Marie and Jean accepted major leadership responsibilities, especially in program development—with remarkable and deeply appreciated success! Omaha AGO heartily extends a sincere "Thank you" to Jean and Marie.

Be sure your calendars are marked for the "Season Finale Banquet" Monday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. Dundee Presbyterian Church. Check an article elsewhere in *The Windchest*.

Peace and good will. Psalm 96:1,2

Soli Deo Gloria!

Dr. J. Gordon Christensen, AAGO

2019 Regional Convention Information

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

JUNE 16-19
2019



GREAT MUSIC ON A GREAT LAKE

Please review the 2018 convention information now!
<http://www.agomilwaukee.org/>

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Hotel: Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
June 16-19, 2019
Larry Wheelock
(Coordinator)
3112A W. Highland Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(Cell) 414-617-2535
llwheels@icloud.com

facebook

Please like the Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Facebook page. Information is posted regularly so that we may update those passionate about the organ frequently. Our page name is: Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Omaha Chapter 2019 Season Finale and Annual Meeting

What: Season Finale Banquet
Hosts: Dr. Wayne Kallstrom; Dr. Christensen
Where: Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Avenue, Omaha
When: Monday, May 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: Catered meal by TISH'S RESTAURANT, Council Bluffs
Self-Serve Buffet
Beef and White Meat Chicken dishes; salad; vegetable; roll; dessert; beverage
Price: \$25.00/plate; payable at the door
Meeting: Election of Officers and Board Members
Program: Performance by members earned AGO certification in 2018-19.
(Three SPC; one AAGO)

Guests are more than welcome!
RSVP to: drigordonchristensen@gmail.com by May 16.

OMAHA CHAPTER
of the
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

**SEASON FINALE
BANQUET**

Monday, May 20, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Dundee Presbyterian Church
5312 Underwood Avenue, Omaha, NE

Election of Officers and performance by members earning AGO
certification in the 2018-2019 season.

Nomination Committee Report

Nominations committee: Ann Spangler, chairman; Julie Sandene and Dr. Wayne Kallstrom

Election of officers for 2019-2020 will be an agenda item during the annual chapter business meeting following end-of-season banquet at Dundee Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Nominations:

Dean: J Gordon Christensen
Sub-dean: Dirk Lindner
Secretary: Gregory Johnson
Treasurer: Gina Simpson
Laura Rau: Member-at-Large 2019/20 -2021-22
(Sonja Lundgren: Member-at-Large 2017/18 - 2019/20)
(Jeff Hoffman: Member-at-Large 2018/19 - 2020/21)



A choral and spiritual retreat in the heartland

A CHORAL AND SPIRITUAL RETREAT IN THE HEARTLAND First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska | July 19-21, 2019

We invite you to come to join us here in the heartland for a weekend choral and spiritual retreat—a gathering intended to offer inspiration for those who love to sing their faith and healing for those who long to refresh their spirit through singing and worship. Tom Trenney will shepherd the retreat choir as our pastoral leader in rehearsal and in Sunday worship. Ariel Merivil will share his spiritual gifts as a true minister of music. Rev. Barbara Crafton’s deep and meaningful reflections will comfort and challenge us. Dr. Michael Hawn will open our eyes to a broader vision of our faith experience, opening us to new vistas of joy. We look forward to welcoming you to the sanctuary of our church and to the heart of our ministry where you can truly sing your faith and refresh your spirit.

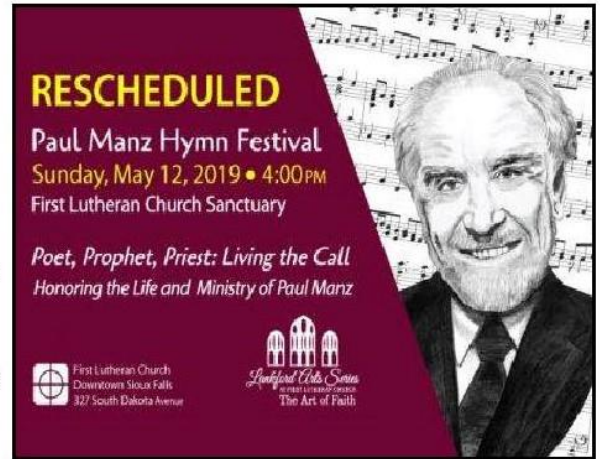
Retreat fee: \$75.00 (includes two meals and choral music)

http://www.firstplymouth.org/singyourfaith/

Hymn Festival

A Hymn Festival Honoring the Life & Ministry of Paul Manz led by David Cherwien, Dr. Paul Westermeyer, and The Augustana Choir Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church 327 S. Dakota Avenue—Sioux Falls

2019 marks what would have been the 100th birthday of Lutheran organist Paul Manz. Dr. Manz served for many years as Cantor/Director of Music and organist at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Chicago. Throughout his life, Paul Manz was known around the country for his leading of hymn festivals, as he inspired congregations to sing together in creative ways using the organ and improvisation as the primary vehicle for musical expression. Seating is limited. Free tickets are available at www.flcsf.org or by contacting First Lutheran Church at 605-336-3734.



Recital

Rise Heart: Thy Lord Is Risen
Songs of Love, Light, and Life

Janet Campbell, Mezzo-soprano
Christi Zuniga, Piano

Sunday, May 5, 2019 2:00 p.m.
Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
2650 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE

Summer Sings!



Do you miss singing with your choir during the summer months? Join *Abendmusik* for our annual community Summer Sings!

This year’s piece is W.A. Mozart’s **Requiem** conducted by our incredible Artistic Director, Tom Trenney!

No entrance fee. No preparation necessary. No auditions required. No sign-up, just come ready to sing!

Music, hospitality, air conditioning, refreshments, and fun provided!



Wednesday | July 31 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. ~ First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln

Thursday | August 1 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. ~ Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Omaha



Check www.abendmusik.org or contact us at 402-476-9933 for more information

Music that inspires

Pipe Organ Encounter Events for 2019

(as appearing in THE
AMERICAN ORGANIST
Magazine)

Pipe Organ Encounters (for ages 13-18)

July 15-20, 2019
Cape Cod,
Massachusetts
Cape Cod and Islands
Chapter

July 14-19, 2019
Seattle, Washington
Seattle Chapter

July 28-August 3, 2019
St. Louis, Missouri
St. Louis Chapter

August 1-7, 2019
Helsinki, Finland
Finland Chapter

Pipe Organ Encounter- Advanced

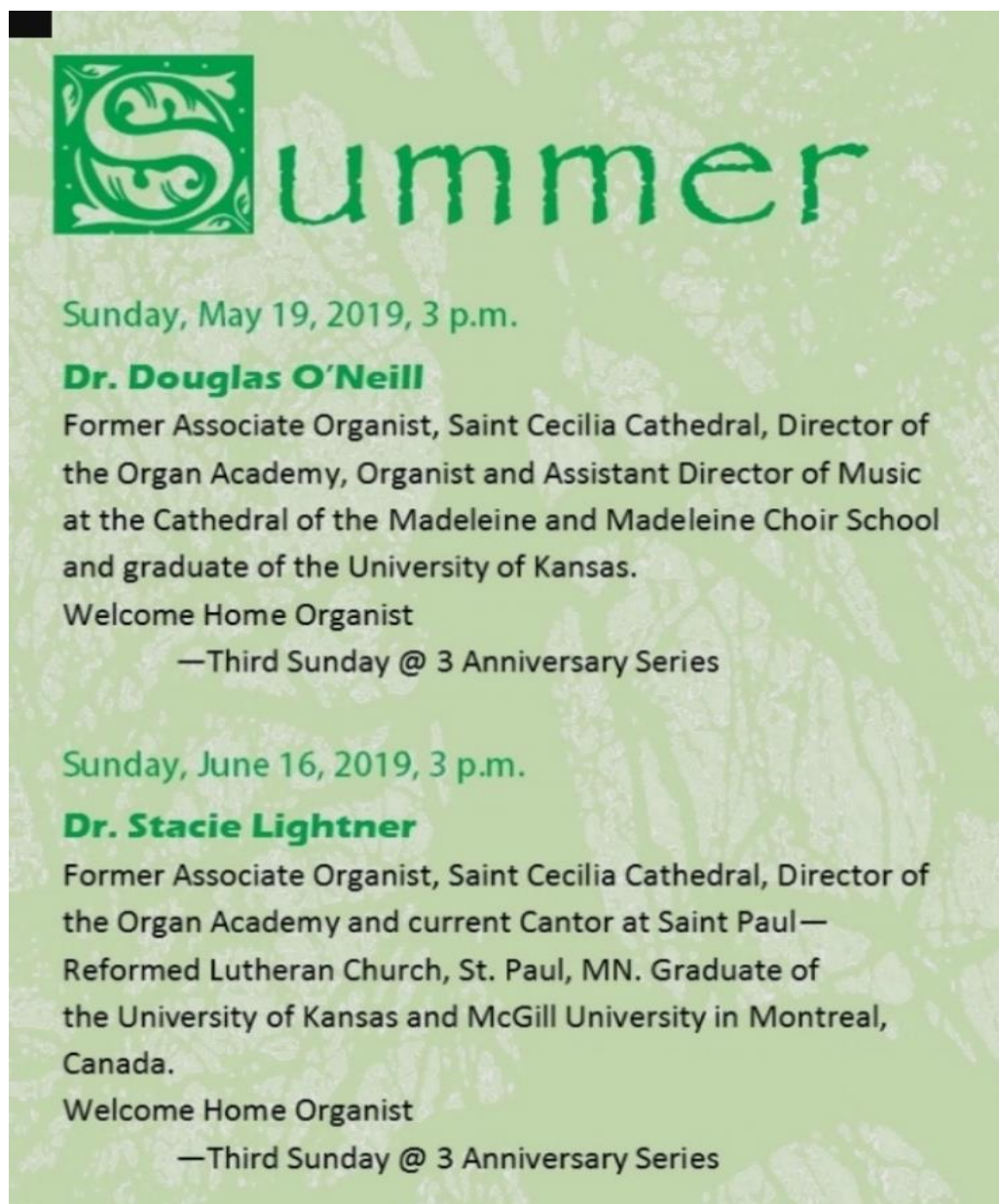
(for grades 9-12)
June 23-28, 2019
Houston, Texas
Houston Chapter

Pipe Organ Encounter- Technical

(for ages 16-23)
July 21-27, 2019
River Forest, Illinois &
Oak Park, Illinois
Berghaus Organ
Builders, Inc. /
Chicago Chapter

The Pipe Organ Encounter-Plus (for Adults) is not available in 2019

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



Summer

Sunday, May 19, 2019, 3 p.m.

Dr. Douglas O'Neill
Former Associate Organist, Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Director of the Organ Academy, Organist and Assistant Director of Music at the Cathedral of the Madeleine and Madeleine Choir School and graduate of the University of Kansas.
Welcome Home Organist
—Third Sunday @ 3 Anniversary Series

Sunday, June 16, 2019, 3 p.m.

Dr. Stacie Lightner
Former Associate Organist, Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Director of the Organ Academy and current Cantor at Saint Paul—Reformed Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN. Graduate of the University of Kansas and McGill University in Montreal, Canada.
Welcome Home Organist
—Third Sunday @ 3 Anniversary Series

Organ Historical Society



Dallas is proud of their organ culture. Once home to numerous Pilchers, Hook & Hastings, Estey and Aeolian-Skinners, the region's prosperity through the decades has resulted in these instruments having been replaced with newer instruments, more in keeping with their time.

Texas has a long and storied past, and its often-overlooked tradition of organ building is no less interesting; to explore this, some long-time Texas builders and organ historians will guide attendees in this historical narrative.

Omaha Chapter member Marie Rubis Bauer will present a recital on the 2005 Pasi Organ Builders, Inc., Op. 16 (II/20) at the OPHS Convention on July 16, 2019.

2018-2019 Business Directory

Darrow Pipe Organ

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Onawa, Iowa
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712-252-1804
darrowpipeorgan.com
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New Instruments,
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Service

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Cell: 402-720-5305
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956 Hwy 30
North Bend, Ne. 68649
Answering Machine:
(Home) 402-652-3366

Keyboard Kastle

Gregory A. Johnson,
Manager
Allen Organ
Representative
7031 Dodge Street,
Omaha, Ne. 68132
Ofc: 402-593-9400
Cell: 402-7191923
Ofc: 1-800-642-1271
Fax: 402-593-1104
Email:
gj1814@earthlink.com
Website:
keyboardkastle.com
www.allenorgan.com

Church Organs of Nebraska

2600 North 48th St.
Lincoln, Ne. 68504
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ska.com
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