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FROM THE DEAN

It's the New Year! 2020! The "New Year" is a traditional time of anticipation, renewal, forward thinking and planning. The "New Year" provides opportunities for growth, exploration, excitement, continued development of earlier goals as well as the identification and listing of new goals! The "New Year" is indeed one of the most exciting –and challenging—times of the year. What is a dependable, yet simple, way to document our goals for the "New Year?" The answer? Make a "New Year's Resolution" list. Below is a "New Year's Resolution" that offers resolutions that may well appear on organists' lists:

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR ORGANISTS

- Always cultivate a positive attitude with thanksgiving for the gifts, talents and opportunities we as organists and choral directors have been given to serve churches, synagogues, schools, conservatories, universities and colleges with quality, well-chosen and prepared organ and choral music.
- Support fellow organists, choral directors, especially fellow American Guild of Organists members.
- Attend local AGO- sponsored programs and related events.
- Offer to serve community music/arts related panels and boards that develop community-wide music related programs.
- Register for and attend AGO Regional and National conventions. Consider attending the 2020 National AGO convention in Atlanta this summer).
- Recruit a new AGO member: or persuade a former member to renew membership.
- Seek opportunities for professional growth: earn AGO certification.
- Plan (and keep) a specific practice time schedule.
- Register to attend organ and/or choral training/renewal workshops, seminars or other educational opportunities.
- Always be learning new repertoire.
- Catalogue and develop an efficient filing for your organ and choral music library.

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

The Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists submitted an application to host a Pipe Organ Encounter - Advanced in July of 2021. We will be notified in May of 2020 regarding the approval of our application. Until that time, we may not actively engage in planning activities. Should our application be accepted a committee will be appointed immediately and work will begin in earnest!

- Always submit service music information to the person responsible for preparing service folders, programs and promotional purposes in a timely dependable manner.
- Be punctual, professional and positive at staff meetings. Be articulate, encouraging open and positive communications within the entire staff.
- Invite fellow staff members for lunch or dinner; remember staff members with tokens of appreciation on special occasions, such as birthdays, Christmas, Easter or any special occasion.
- Maintain your "New Year's Resolution" list. What works? What needs to be changed? Added? Deleted?

May the members of the Omaha chapter of the American Guild of Organists have a Happy New Year 2020 filled with happiness, harmony, and success!

Peace and good will. Psalm 96:1,2. Sincerely yours,

Dr. J. Gordon Christensen, AAGO

Dean

OMAHA CHAPTER JANUARY MEETING

OMAHA CHAPTER
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Sunday, January 5, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.
Twelfth Night Lessons and Carols
Hosted by Jeff Hoffman
at St. Barnabas Catholic Church
129 North 40th Street, Omaha, Ne



2019 - 2020
JANUARY

The service will feature compositions by Omaha AGO Chapter members and is open to the public

The Omaha AGO chapter event on January 5th will feature chapter members' compositions in a Christmas service of nine Lessons and Carols in the Anglican King' College tradition. Several composers have submitted works for inclusion. Please contact Jeff Hoffman at 402-317-8887 or omahaago@gmail.com to submit a work or inquire about the musical needs for the service.

ST. CECILIA CATHEDRAL CHOIR CD

The St. Cecilia Cathedral Choir has released a new CD *Hark! Advent and Christmas with the Cathedral Choir*. Available in the Cathedral Gift Shop (noon-4 - Tuesday through Sunday). \$15 a piece or 10 for \$100. Email Marie Rubis Bauer for more info at MRBOMaha@aol.com.

AGO CERTIFICATION

For those members planning to take AGO certification exams this season, it is time to schedule your exams.

To date the Omaha AGO has two members planning to play the SPC exam; one taking Part II of the CAGO exam, and one taking the AAGO exam.

Each member planning to take any exam this year should contact Julie Sandene, SPC at (402)-551-8479 or email: jasandene@gmail.com to register to play the exams.

The SPC and CAGO exams will be played at Saint John Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs at a date yet to be announced. The AAGO exam is required to be played at a specific site arranged by National AGO. For information regarding AAGO and FAGO certification, contact Dr. Christensen at (712) 352-0298 or email: drjgordonchristensen@gmail.com.

OMAHA AGO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Omaha AGO Executive Committee did not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14 at 9:30 a.m. A summary of the meeting will be included in the February edition of *The Windchest*.

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.

OPEN POSITIONS LISTED ON OMAHA AGO WEBSITE

Please visit the Omaha AGO website www.omahaago.org/open-positions for details regarding the following open positions:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Director of Worship, Music and Arts
1200 S 40th St, Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 483-4126

Trinity Lutheran Church

Minister of Music
213 North Pennsylvania, Mason City, IA
Mason City, Iowa

St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA

Organist
Treyvor, Iowa
Pastor Meyer (402) 800-7531 or cmeyerspl@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Director of Music
502 2nd Ave SE Aberdeen, SD 57401
Fr. Mark Lichter, Pastor of Sacred Heart, at sacredheartaberndeen@gmail.com, or by mail to 502 2nd Ave SE Aberdeen, SD 57401.

St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church

Choir Director
285 S 208th Street Elkhorn, NE 68022
Reverend Benedict Varnum, at rector@sainta.net
402-289-4058 Parish Office

CATHEDRAL ARTS PROJECT

WINTER

Sunday, December 1, 2019 - 1 PM—3 PM

Annual Cathedral Christmas Market

First Friday Reception: December 6, 2019

Closes: Sunday, January 5, 2020

Friday, December 6, 2019 - 8PM

Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 2 PM

Christmas at the Cathedral

The Omaha Symphonic Chorus,

Greg Zielke, Conductor

Call (531) 600-8889 for ticket sales and information

Sunday, December 15, 2019 - 3PM

MAGNIFICAT: Cathedral Vespers

Choral Festival Event with the Saint Cecilia Cathedral Choir,
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Choir and Guest Choirs

Saturday, Sunday, January 25, 26, 2020

35th Annual Cathedral Flower festival

For Everything a Season

Celebrating all occasions and honoring our florists

Sunday, February 16, 2020 - 3 PM

Sing Omaha Choirs

Master Chorale & Women's Choir

Mathew Hill, Conductor

Thursday, February 20, 2020 - 7 PM

Annual Cathedral Lecture

Cathedral Cultural Center - O'Donnell Lecture Hall

Completion of the Transformation of the Crystal Cathedral

Brother William Woeger, FSC, Liturgical Consultant and Designer

CATHEDRAL ARTS PROJECT



35 YEARS

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



Compline at Trinity Cathedral

Ancient Worship for the Modern Soul

Compline – night prayer – is a contemplative office focused on spiritual peace. Trinity Cathedral's Schola Cantorum will offer music at this candlelit liturgy of prayer and reflection.

Compline is offered at 7:00 pm on
September 22
October 13
November 17



Cantata Choral Academy

Choral music education for children and youth in the Anglican tradition.

Fall registration now open

<http://trinityepiscopal.org/cantata>

OPERAOMAHA



Opera Omaha ONE Festival Preview Concert

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Cathedral

Music of Alessandro Stradella, including motets
sung by the Trinity Cathedral Schola Cantorum
Free admission



MAGNIFICAT: Cathedral Vespers

Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.
Saint Cecilia Cathedral, 701 N. 40th St., Omaha

Choral Festival event with the Saint Cecilia
Cathedral Choir, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Choir,
and guest choirs



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

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ST. PAUL'S MUSIC CONSERVATORY



St. Paul's Music Conservatory

Where Music Serves



Teaching:

SPMC has 12 faculty members who teach in professional studios within St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Reaching:

SPMC teaches many students through the church and community that may not otherwise have an opportunity to take music lessons.



Serving:

SPMC deploys students into churches and institutions throughout the community in order to encourage youth toward service and to show mercy and kindness to others.



St. Paul's Music Conservatory is located at 239 Frank Street in Council Bluffs. SPMC serves students in Eastern Nebraska and Southwest Iowa with professional studio lessons in the areas of Voice, Piano, Guitar, Organ, Strings, Winds and Brass. Our faculty is eager to serve the unique needs and interests of their students. For more information call:

712-322-8832 or email pastorfrank239@gmail.com

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