OMAHA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS



The Windchest

OCTOBER 2018

Celebrating 100 Years!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

From the Dean...

Recital Dates

Special Events

"SERVANT-HOOD"

"To be a musician in the service of music is not a job: it is a way of life." -- Isaac Stern. Moreover, the Gospel according to *St. Mark* 10:43 states that "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

As organists, choral directors, performers and teachers, we are servants. Those musicians with a vocation in sacred music recognize that, as servants of music, we are servants of the liturgy and of the worshipping to inspire and educate organists and choral congregation. Moreover, as teachers we constantly strive to be faithful and trustworthy servants to each student. Indeed, we are all servants!

Servant leaders do not think they are better than the people they lead... They believe that if you create the right values and culture, everyone working with a leader that cultivates a "servant-hood" attitude, will produce extraordinary accomplishments. How true! They become increasingly respectful of others, regardless of another's station in life, wiser, freer, more autonomous, and more likely to become servants themselves.

In an excellent article by Charlotte Kroeker *The Sounds of Our Offerings: Achieving Excellence in Church Music,* Kroeker concludes that for harmonious relations among musicians, clergy, and congregation, ". . . of primary importance are leaders with characteristics of servant-hood, who have confidence in their own preparation, gifts, and calling that allows them to affirm the gifts of others."

Organizations may be servant-leaders as well as individuals. Caring for others, the more able and less able serving each other, is the rock upon which a good society if built. This is the very foundation upon which the American Guild of Organists exists: the more able and the less able, serving each other.

Let us acclaim the Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists an organization within which we proclaim the guild's mission directors to provide net-working, fellowship and mutual support. Not only are we musicians, pastors and music educators to our choirs and congregations; we are musicians, pastors and educators to each other. Indeed, we are servants not only to our congregations and parishes through music, we are servants to each other, clergy, liturgy and worship, and the Word of God as well.

So let's be of good courage! Let us rejoice in the nobility of our vocation as faithful servants, taking heart in the words of St. Paul: "Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain the Lord."

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> Soli Deo Gloria! Dr. Christensen, Dean

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Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Organ Crawl October 13, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Car Pool Departure Salem Lutheran Church, 401 East Military Avenue, Fremont, NE Christ Community Church, 408 South 108th Street, Omaha, NE

10:00 a.m. Juget-Sinclair Organ Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary 7880 W Denton Rd, Denton, NE 68339

12:00 p.m. Travel to Lincoln

12:45 p.m.

Lunch Venue Restaurant and Lounge - 4111 Pioneer Woods Dr #100, Lincoln, NE 68506 We will order from the menu - https://www.yourvenue.net/menu/

2:00 p.m.

Bedient Organ St. Joseph's Catholic Church - 7900 Trendwood Drive, Lincoln, NE 68506

Please RSVP by October 10, 2018 to Jeff Hoffman at 402-459-0882 or buildandencourage@gmail.com with the following information: Car Pool Yes or No - If yes, departure location Lunch Yes/No, so a reservation may be made.

Members are welcome to bring music/organ shoes, if they desire to play the instruments.

Guests are welcome!





Sunday, October 14, 2018, 3:00pm Martin Pasi, Opus 14 Pipe Organ 15th Anniversary



The Chant Schola of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary from Denton, Nebraska, along with the Saint Cecilia Cathedral Choir will join Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer, Organist, to perform in concert in honor of the 15th Anniversary of the Martin Pasi, Opus 14 Dual Temperament Organ.

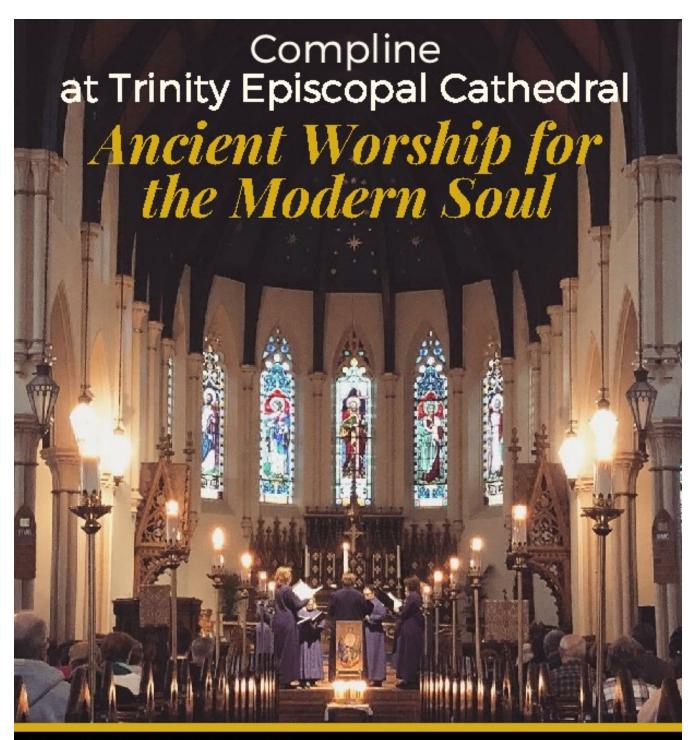
The major work of the program will be François Couperin's *Mass for the Parishes*, a historic French Classic work which alternates Gregorian Chant with Organ movements based on the Chant of the Mass. The Cathedral Choir will sing the Four Motets of French Composer, Maurice Duruflé, plus *Notre Pere*, his simple and tender setting of the Lord's Prayer.

Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer, organist
The Chant Schola of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary,
Nicholas Lemme, Director
The Saint Cecilia Cathedral Choir

This special Concert is Free and presented by the Cathedral Arts Project.

Saint Cecilia Cathedral—701 North 40th Street—Omaha, NE

www.cathedralartsproject.org



Compline is offered at 7:00 p.m. on

October 14 & 28 November 11 & 25 December 9

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

113 N 18th St. (18th & Capitol) Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 342-7010 trinityepiscopal.org



PEDALING AROUND OMAHA!!

CERTIFICATION

Now is the time to be working towards earning AGO certification this season! Now is the time to add SPC, CAGO, AAGO, FAGO or ChM behind your name. Professional credentials reflect high standards of achievement and accomplishment, indicating commitment to our profession as organists and chorale directors.

The Service Playing Certificate (SPC) and Colleague American Guild of Organists (CAGO) are taken locally, recorded and sent to headquarters for evaluation. The Associate American Guild of Organists (AAGO), Fellow American Guild of Organists (FAGO) and Choir Master (ChM) are scheduled at specific sites in each region, performed for a panel of three who are present, evaluating the exam.

Guide lines, requirements and schedules for each certification are published in the July issue of *The American Organist* and on the National Website of AGO.

To date, six members of the Omaha Chapter AGO are currently working towards certification: three SPC candidates; one CAGO candidate (who successfully finished Part I of the CAGO this past season, planning to finish Part II this season); and one each of AAGO and FAGO.

Is there a member of Omaha AGO willing to step forward to earn the ChM?

Contact Julie Sandene Sandene, SPC, Education (AGO Certication) chairman to schedule an exam, who will make arrangements with National headquarters to perform (and in the case of SPC and CAGO) to record) your exam. Contact Dr. Christensen for guidance in preparation of the SPC, CAGO and AAGO exams.

Organist Needed!

St. Paul Lutheran Church-ELCA in Treynor, IA is looking for an organist to enhance our 8am worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month. Our services typically include four congregational hymns and some sung liturgy, in addition to prelude, short postlude, and music during offering. \$50 per service. If interested call Pastor Chuck Meyer at 402-800-7531 or email cmeyerspl@gmail.com.

Reformation Concert

The Omaha North Circuit of the LCMS is hosting a Reformation Concert on October 28, 7pm, at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, 90th and Pacific Streets. Dr. Charles W. Ore will play the organ and conduct the choir. Dr. Grant Peters, trumpet, will accompany. A reception will follow.



The

Part-Time

Organist

Workshop

November 10

"THE PART-TIME ORGANIST"

Plans are well underway for "THE PART-TIME ORGANIST" workshop scheduled Saturday, **November 10 from 8:30-12:00 noon.**

Three sessions are scheduled. The first, to be presented by member Gerald Oehring, will discuss the four families of organ stops: Principals; Flutes; Strings and Reeds, describing, comparing and contrasting various characteristics of various stops.

The second session will focus on introducing and accompanying hymnody, chanting, liturgical and choral works, including interpretation, registration, tempo and acoustic characteristics of the room in relationship to the organ and its location. A presenter for this session has not yet been identified.

The third session will introduce six choral works that are accessible to the volunteer choir, and currently published prelude and offering repertoire on the market. Michael McCabe and Dr. Christensen will be the co-presenters for this session.

Registration packets will include choral scores presented by Michael McCabe, one or two resources presented by Dr. Christensen, lists of stop family descriptions presented by Jerry Oehring, publisher information of available choral and organ music. Both presenters of this session will provide extensive lists

Music left over from the music exchange will be available for the taking.

SPREAD THE WORD! Please promote this workshop among musicians, clergy and friends, especially those who are not members of AGO. Saturday, November 10, 8:30-12:00. Saint John Lutheran Church, 633 Willow, Council Bluffs.

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