David Baskeyfield

Sunday, April 6
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David Baskeyfield is the winner of the first prize and audience prize at the St Albans International Organ Competition, 2011. Following success in a number of other competitions, including 1st prize and audience prize in the American Guild of Organists (AGO) National Competition in Organ Improvisation in 2011, David has launched a performing career encompassing interpretation and improvisation.

David is currently a doctoral student at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and the interim Director of Music at Christ Episcopal Church in Pittsford, New York.

Before embarking on his music career, David read Law at Oxford as organ scholar at St. John’s College. He then spent a year as organ scholar of Christ Church Cathedral and St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin, before making his way to the United States.

His program at Mount Carmel will include the works of Bach, Mozart, Saint-Saëns, Liszt and others.
Dean’s Column

Larry Wheelock

Tempus fugit. Once again it is time to talk about renewing our dues. Renewals are due by June 30 but we make available the forms and information in April so that you may plan your budget and make your renewal at a convenient time. Of course, earlier is always better for our planning.

There is, however, an added wrinkle to our dues-collection this year. The Guild at the national level has decided to pass-along to the chapter the cost of liability insurance rather than to build-it-into the dues which the chapter sends to national. They chose this method rather than to simply raise the national rate to $99 from $97 (the individual full-member rate.)

Liability insurance at the rate of $2 per year per member is not really an exorbitant fee, but it is a fee which has previously been a part of the responsibility of the Guild at the national level to budget-for and include. As we all know, costs for nearly everything seem to climb incrementally from year to year so, in a way, such an increase is not unexpected. What was unexpected was that individual chapters should be asked to absorb this fee rather than addressing it with the overall fees which go to national. For our chapter, this means an additional expense of roughly $300 for the upcoming year, or about the cost of one program.

As a result of this increase I am asking that you consider adding a $2 donation to your membership to help the chapter cover this cost (in addition to whatever generous donation you normally make to the general fund.) The full membership fee remains at $97 (we are not at liberty to change this arbitrarily) but an extra $2 would help the chapter to keep-pace with this expense. Will you please consider helping the chapter in this way?

As always, I commend to you the upcoming programs of the chapter; David Baskeyfield on April 6 (Dedication of the newly rebuild Casavant at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church) and the Members Recital on May 4 at St. Jude the Apostle in Wauwatosa featuring selections from the Milwaukee Organ Book.

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April 2014

2 (Wed) 12:15 Olivia Duval, Soprano
Sheri Masiakowski, Piano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

5 (Sat) 7:30 The Stations of the Cross
Marquette University Liturgical Choir
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

6 (Sun) 3:00 Chapter Event
David Baskeyfield, Organ
Organ Dedication
Mount Carmel Lutheran Church
8424 W. Center St
Milwaukee, WI

7 (Mon) 7:00 Chapter Board Meeting
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
2664 N. 68th St
Milwaukee, WI

8 (Tues) 7:30 Christopher Berry, Organ
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

9 (Wed) 12:15 Paul Kosower, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
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11 (Fri) 7:30 Paul Jacobs, Organ
Brown County Civic Music Association
The Weidner Center
The University of Wisconsin – Green Bay
Green Bay, WI

16 (Wed) 12:15 Thomas Alaan, Countertenor
Brandon Ackers, Lute
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
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23 (Wed) 12:15 Marie Sander, Flute
Emma Coi, Piano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
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May 2014

4 (Sun) 2:00 Annual Meeting
3:00 Members Recital
St. Jude the Apostle Parish
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Martha Aslaksen began her organ training in high school with Phyllis Stringham. Her formal schooling in music concluded with receiving her Master of Music degree in organ performance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1990. Her teacher was Dr. John Chappell Stowe. Martha is the organist and handbell choir director at Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church since 1991. In addition, Martha is a registered nurse with a PhD in nursing. She is combining nursing and music by studying the effects of music therapy on agitation in people with dementia. Martha’s goal for the Milwaukee Chapter of the AGO is to provide its members with informative programs designed to help organists provide high quality music for the churches they serve.

James Stoobe has been Director of Music and Organist at Incarnation Lutheran Church in Milwaukee since 1987. In this position, he has created a concert series that started in 2004 in which he plays, plus this series brings soloists and guest organists to offer exciting and dynamic performances. James previously had been assistant organist at Reformation Lutheran in Milwaukee since the mid-1970s. His early background in music was greatly influenced by the musicians at Reformation. “I would bring to the Board a keen interest in developing more ties to the local church musicians which could empower them and at the same time grow the diversity and size of our Milwaukee Chapter.” He is a member of the ALCM and OHS as well as organist at the Humphrey Masonic Center, Elmwood Lodge 354 and Grand Organist for the F&AM of Wisconsin.

Peggy (Lozier) Just graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor’s degree in music education and a master’s in both choral conducting and piano. Throughout graduate school, she was a teaching assistant to the choral director and an accompanist for other graduate students in the music department. Professionally, Peggy has worked in the Milwaukee and Chicago areas as a pianist and ballet dancer for many dance companies including The Chicago City Ballet and The Milwaukee Ballet Co. Since 2000, she teaches music full time in the Catholic school system. She has also served either part or full time as a church musician for a wide variety of denominations. Currently, Peggy is the minister of Music, organist and choral director at Zion United Church of Christ in Milwaukee. Through the AGO, she has been introduced to many resources that have enhanced her work as an organist and encouraged her to collaborate with others to continue her growth as a player and overall musician. She is looking forward to increased involvement and shared experiences.

Roger Meyer has been a church organist in the Milwaukee area for fifty years. He is currently Music Director at Forest Park Presbyterian Church in New Berlin. Having served on the executive board before, he looks forward to serving again. “The Milwaukee chapter of the AGO has been a great help and encouragement to me as a professional church musician, and it would be my goal to continue the excellent programs that have always been a part of the chapter.”

Karel Suchy. Music and structural/architectural engineering are encompassed in my career. In the early stages, my work in each field was parallel and independent. I have observed that the creative process is the same, whether used in design or the arts. I apply this by creating compositions that incorporate elements from the fields of science, engineering, and art. One of my goals is to demonstrate the universal nature of the creative process. I have several concepts for new performance work. These range from small cast, low cost, short form serial pieces for intimate settings and/or internet streaming, to large-scale urban public art events involving computer animation/video mapping projected on buildings, with performing artists and participating audience in multiple outdoor locations. My project management expertise, business experience, and people skills would be valuable assets. Serving on the AGO board would allow me to contribute as an artist, and to bring innovative concepts to realization.

Dr. Michelle LaPaglia brings a rich ecumenical approach to worship. Her experience spans all the major protestant denominations as well as work with Congregation Emann-El B’nai Jeshurun, Milwaukee, WI. Presently one of the staff accompanists for the Milwaukee Ballet Company, she also teaches music at St. Joan Antida H.S. charged with the responsibility of bringing back a lost music program. Since moving to Wisconsin 10 years ago she has served on the college faculties of Alverno College, Carthage College and Mt. Mary College. Dr. LaPaglia holds music degrees from Wheaton College, Temple University, and The American Conservatory of Music. When not playing or teaching music she enjoys outdoor activities, cooking, and writing. Dr. LaPaglia brings the experience of having served a term as board member for the Chapter and would be honored to serve again if so elected.
Reverend Thomas Lijewski, the current chapter chaplain, was ordained in 1970 and is now stationed in Port Washington and Saukville. He started piano lessons at age eight and organ lessons at age twelve. He completed his music studies at Alma College with St. Mary Hueller OSF in 1983. Since then he was Chair of the Catholic Symphony board of directors and is now Co-Chair of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Organ Historical Society with Dr. David Bohn. He did the final recital for the OHS in 1990 at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Kenosha on their Skinner Organ.

Stephen J. Rohde, AAGO retired last July from sixteen years as Director of Music at Christ King Parish in Wauwatosa. Previously he served as organist or Director of Music at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church on Wisconsin Avenue, King Lutheran Church in Shorewood and Associate Organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

In retirement he is practicing many hours and playing organ at Underwood Baptist Church in Wauwatosa and is Composer in Residence at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church on the Eastside of Milwaukee.

Audrey Rhinehart, CAGO, is currently an AGO board member with a strong interest in continuing her service to bring continuity to the educational endeavors of the Milwaukee Chapter AGO including the successful Pedals, Pipes and Pizza Program she co-chaired with Carol Peterson this past October 2013. She also served as a faculty member for the AGO Pipe Organ Encounter at Carroll University in 2010. As Organist/Director of Music at St. Kilian Congregation in Hartford she leads a comprehensive music program involving a wide range of ages and musical gifts. Audrey holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, and a Piano Pedagogy Certificate from Carroll University in Waukesha. Organ studies have been with Dr. Warren Schmidt, Dr. Vincent Benitez, Phyllis Stringham and Sr. Mary Jane Wagner. Audrey is passionate about her ministry as a music educator and looks forward to the opportunity to continue to serve and support the AGO Milwaukee community in their professional and educational endeavors.

Gerald (Jerry) Buck is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University with degrees in physics, and is in his 44th year as organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Racine. Jerry has had a 45-year career at the high school and college/university levels teaching physics and chemistry in high school, and physics, musical acoustics, and science teaching methods at the college/university level. He has had a wide range of experiences in other musical idioms, including playing piano or saxophone/woodwinds with jazz groups and in orchestras for musical shows. Jerry’s concerns about the A.G.O.

1. Only a tiny fraction of area organists are members of the Milwaukee A.G.O. I believe it is obvious that our programs do not attract the interest of most organists and that the A.G.O. officers should address this problem, devising programs that would meet the needs of organists who are perhaps not as well trained as some.

2. There are many local organists who are basically piano players and who may not use the organ pedals much, if at all, and have no training in organ registration. Could the A.G.O. do something about these problems?

Dean Rosko began studies of piano at age six, and private organ and music theory instruction with Dr. Marilyn E. Stulken of Racine, WI at age ten. He got his professional start at age 13 at Rollercoaster Skate Center in Gurnee, IL, and played every Saturday evening for roller skating for eight years.

In 2003, he was named Official Organist of the Milwaukee Brewers beginning in the 2003 season, a position he currently holds. Since 2004, he has been a staff organist at Greenfield’s landmark Organ Piper Music Palace. He currently serves as Vice-President of the Dairyland Theatre Organ Society, and is a member of the American Guild of Organists, Milwaukee Chapter. In addition to Dr. Stulken, he has studied organ with Michael Batcho, and Tom Koester.

Dean is a noted organist in the world of roller dance skating, having played many local contests as well as the Great Lakes Regional Championships. He currently has ten CD recordings to his credit, all arranged and recorded for roller skating. In February of 2013, Dean assumed the post of Principal Organist at Milwaukee’s Organ of the Gesu.

Joseph Dominic first learned to play the piano as a kid and grew up in church music, singing in choirs and occasionally accompanying. In 1987, he obtained a bachelor of music degree from Illinois State University. While he first played the organ at the church where he grew up, it was not until adulthood, that he began to study organ formally. For over a decade, he served as a full-time church musician. For four years, he took summer graduate studies in organ at Saint Joseph College, Renselaer, Indiana. From 2002 through 2005, he served on the Milwaukee AGO chapter board. In 2005, he obtained teacher certification and a masters degree in education from Mount Mary College. He teaches elementary special education in Milwaukee Public Schools and serves Jackson Park Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Milwaukee.

Drew Rusz has served churches in Illinois, Oklahoma, Washington State, and Wisconsin for 40 years. He holds a Master's in Music from the University of Notre Dame as well as the FAGO and ChM certificates of the Guild. Drew has served on the chapter board and as Sub-Dean of the chapter.
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