Pipe Organ Encounter

June 26-July 1, 2016

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Remaining
Spring 2016
Programs

Sunday, May 15
2:00
Annual Meeting
&
Members Recital
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
3022 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

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The Deadline is the 20th of the preceding month
April 2016

6 (Wed) 12:15 Roderick Demmings, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St.
Milwaukee, WI

8 (Fri) 7:00 Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble
Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
Ninth and Highland
Milwaukee, WI

10 (Sun) 2:00 Karen Beaumont, Organ
St. John’s Lutheran Church
804 W. Vliet St.
Milwaukee, WI

10 (Sun) 3:30 Festival of Hymns
David Spicer, organist
EUM Church
212 11th St.
Racine, WI

12 (Tues) 7:00 Organ Repertoire:
For Ordinary Time
Scott Eakins, moderator
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St.
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12 (Tues) 7:30 Robert Martin, Organ
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave.
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12 (Wed) 12:15 Jenny Gettel, Soprano,
Marie Sander, Flute, Michael Thiele, Piano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
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17 (Sun) 3:00 Faure’s Requiem
St. John’s Lutheran Church
20275 Davidson Rd.
Brookfield, WI

17 (Sun) 3:00 Craig Williams, Organ
Zion Lutheran Church
709 6th St.
Wausau, WI

17 (Sun) 3:00 Larry Wheelock, Organ
Christ Church, UCC
915 E. Oklahoma Ave.
Milwaukee, WI

17 (Sun) 3:00 Scandinavian Composers
McDowell Club of Milwaukee
Apostle Presbyterian Church
1509 S. 76th St.
West Allis, WI

20 (Wed) 12:15 Paul Kosower, Cello
Jeannie Yi, Piano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St.
Milwaukee, WI

22 (Fri) 7:00 Organ Vespers
Simone Gheller, Organ
St. Jerome Church
995 S. Silver Lake St.
Oconomowoc, WI

22 (Fri) 7:30 Michael Gulezian, Guitar
St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Main St & East Ave.
Waukesha, WI

26 (Tues) 7:00 Fred Swann, Organ
Capitol Dr. Lutheran Church
5305 W. Capitol Dr.
Milwaukee, WI

27 (Wed) 12:15 Veronica Fregoso, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St.
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Children’s Music Coordinator, part time -- St. John's Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI.

Would you like to make a difference in children’s lives through music and the arts? Then St. John’s Church is for you. St. John’s Lutheran Church, located at 20275 Davidson Road in Brookfield, WI, is seeking an inspirational leader for our “Kids Of The Kingdom” music program. The program provides worship arts training for children ages 5 through 12 and gives them the opportunity to perform during worship services. We are looking for that special person who is a skilled musician and choir director, and who also has the interpersonal and management skills to recruit and coordinate volunteer supporters, plan and lead rehearsals, and work with the Worship and Music Director to plan the yearly schedule of performances. The ideal candidate will have related experience leading children’s music ensembles or leading children in musical learning. A Bachelor’s degree in music is preferred but not required. This is a salaried, part time position usually requiring six hours per week from October through May. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:30.

A complete position description is available at the St. John’s website www.makedisciples.com. Applicants should email their resumes and references to staffing@makedisciples.com.

Fred Swann in Concert
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
7:00 pm

Capitol Drive Lutheran Church
5305 W. Capitol Dr.
Milwaukee, WI

Visit AGO Milwaukee Chapter Events Calendar to download
A Poster for this event, www.agomilwaukee.org
Dean’s Column

Larry Wheelock

As I sit at my desk writing this I can see day-lily buds pushing-up from the soil despite the crazy Wisconsin weather. Just like so many of you — organists and choir directors and choristers and friends of music — who will be there on Sunday morning rain or shine, just like those hardy day-lilies which will insist on blooming in a couple of months no matter the weather today. Your dedication and persistence (like the day-lilies) often seems to go unnoticed — until you are not there. As a full-time-substitute organist/choirmaster I get to see and hear the result when expectations are interrupted and how often even those in charge have no idea the level of detail it can take to properly offer a service of worship. I continue to be amazed at just how many of us there are and how devoted so many of you are to the craft and ministry of music.

This is one of the reasons the guild exists. This is one of the reasons the Chapter continues; to be a source of validation and encouragement from your colleagues. We do many different kinds of activities which appeal to different needs and tastes, but behind each and every one of these is that fellowship, that camaraderie, which is so important to nourishing our souls and musicians and as humans. This is why you need to make sure you find the time to engage with the chapter; to support it, not only with your money (yes that is important) but also your attendance, your ideas and your input.

Take a look at the roster of candidates for the board of our chapter and you will see some people who understand the value of such engagement. Read about them on the website or in PipeNotes and then send your ballot — carefully following instructions. It pains me when we have to disqualify a ballot for which the instructions have not been followed, but every year there are at least a few of these. Let’s strive for a year with no disqualifications.

As the program year is wrapping-up I urge you to check the website Events Calendar. The Annual Meeting and Member’s Recital is May 15 at 2pm at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 3022 W. Wisconsin Ave in Milwaukee. There is ample parking in the rear of the building — enter from Wells St. In addition to this promising event, our calendar lists plenty of events to keep you occupied once our calendar of events is finished. When you attend an event, be sure to introduce yourself and greet other chapter members. It takes only a moment and you never know just what nourishing connections you might make in the process.

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The Carthage College Music Department awards a $13,000 organ scholarship to one qualified, exceptional organ student. The scholarship is renewable annually.

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Carthage organ students study with Professor Richard Hoskins, who is the Director of Music, Organist and Carillonneur of St. Chrysostom’s Episcopal Church in Chicago.

THE IN-PERSON AUDITION:

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- Major and minor scales and arpeggios in all keys.
- Sight read an accompaniment.

AUDITION DATES:

- February 6, 2016
- February 13, 2016
- February 20, 2016
- February 27, 2016

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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.

Rhonda Kwiece is a highly successful professional musician in the greater Milwaukee area. In addition to her position as organist and accompanist with First Congregational of Wauwatosa, she is the staff accompanist and collaborative pianist for the music department of Carroll University and the accompanist for the Jubilate Chorale and the choral music department of Muskego High School. In addition to her extensive career in music, Rhonda also enjoys reading, biking, walking, and spending time with family and friends. She and her husband, Paul, live in Waukesha.

Rev. Thomas Lijewski, the current chapter chaplain, was ordained in 1970 and is now retired from parish ministry, having most recently served parishes in Port Washington and Saukville. He started piano lessons at age eight and organ lessons at age twelve. He completed his music studies at Alverno College with Sr. Mary Hueller OSF in 1983. Since then he was Chair of the Catholic Symphony board of directors and in 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.

Dean Rosko began studies of piano at age six, and private organ and music theory instruction with Dr. Marilyn K. Stulken of Racine, WI at age ten. He got his professional start at age 13 at Rollaero Skate Center in Cudahy, WI, 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 Church of the Gesu.

Richard C. Ewert is head organist at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elm Grove, WI. He studied under Phyllis Stringham at Carroll College, Waukesha, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied Music - Organ Performance. During his college years he was a finalist in the Bach-a-thon scholarship competition (receiving the Keyboard award) and played for a number of Master Classes at the University of Wisconsin and Regional Conventions of the American Guild of Organists. He has been a member of the Milwaukee Chapter of the AGO since 1976 and served as Treasurer in the mid-1980’s. He serves as guest organist on festival occasions in the Milwaukee area. In 1990 and 1992 he co-hosted hymn heritage tours to Germany, Austria, and Scandinavia which included devotional services utilizing many of the historic organs of Europe. “If elected, I would work toward hosting events that would help the chapter fulfill the AGO’s mission and purpose as described on the National AGO website.”
OFFICER CANDIDATES

Running Unopposed:
(Write-ins are permissible)

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Special: Chapter Confirmation
of proposed Chair for
2019 North Central Regional Convention

Larry Wheelock

For Dean: (Unopposed)

Sheri Masialkowski is currently Sub-Dean of the Milwaukee Chapter, music director of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and music director at Greenfield Presbyterian Church. Sheri chairs the Archdiocesan Liturgical Musicians Association (Roman Catholic) and serves on the Board of the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee. She holds a Master of Music in organ from Westminster Choir College (Princeton, New Jersey) and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (liturgical music specialization) from St. Francis Seminary (St. Francis, Wisconsin). Her teachers include Sr. Mary Jane Wagner, Dr. Donald McDonald and John Chappell Stowe. Sheri has served on the AGO Board in the past and looks forward to working with her respected colleagues in the Milwaukee AGO once again.

For Sub-Dean:

John Schubring is former Dean and Sub-Dean of the Milwaukee Chapter and currently serves as PipeNotes Editor. He has served several parishes in Wisconsin and Iowa as Director of Music and organist. John is currently Director of Music at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greendale. At Our Shepherd Lutheran he directs two adult handbell choirs, a children's handbell choir and the senior choir. He is also responsible for playing the organ for church services. John holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Carthage College in Church Music and Organ Performance, studying with Susan Klotzbach and Gary Verkade, and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Iowa in Organ Performance, where he studied with Delbert Dissehiorst.

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 which she chaired for the last 3 years. 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 Schmitt, 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 Chapter.