

PipeNotes

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American Guild of Organists Milwaukee Chapter 2023 Organ Crawl

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Please register at www.agomilwaukee.org



9:00 am Wisconsin Lutheran College

**8800 W. Bluemound Rd
Milwaukee, WI**

1989 Schlicker/1950's Schlicker

10:30 am St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

**1651 Wauwatosa Ave
Wauwatosa, WI
2001 Schlicker**

Lunch on your own



1:30 pm Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**8424 W. Center St
Milwaukee, WI**

1958/1978/2013 Casavant

3:00 pm Abiding Word Evangelical

**Lutheran Church
9420 W. Capitol Dr.
Milwaukee, WI
1978 Berghaus opus 26**



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AGO Milwaukee Chapter Upcoming Events

March 4, 2023

Organ Crawl

Northwestern Milwaukee Metro Area
Wisconsin Lutheran College, St. Matthew's Lutheran,
Mt. Carmel Lutheran and Abiding Word Lutheran

May 7, 2023

2:00 Annual Meeting

3:00 Members' Recital

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February 2023

3 (Fri) 5:00 Letitia Jap and Kyle Thompson,
Violin and Guitar
Grace Lutheran Church
1209 N. Broadway
Milwaukee, WI

5 (Sun) 2:00 Hector Olivera, Organ
Fox Point Lutheran Church
7510 N. Santa Monica Dr.
Fox Point, WI

5 (Sun) 3:30 Evensong with Organ Prelude
By Thomas Heidenreich
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
914 E. Knapp St
Milwaukee, WI

14 (Tues) 7:30 Dr. Sheri Masiakowski, Organ
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

19 (Sun) 3:00 Works for Clarinet and Horn
Eastwinds Chamber Ensemble
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish
2490 N. Cramer St.
Milwaukee, WI

March 2023

1 (Wed) 12:15 Jeff Jaworski, Guitar
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

4 (Sat) 9:00 Chapter Organ Crawl
Wisconsin Lutheran College
St. Matthew's Lutheran
Mt. Carmel Lutheran
Abiding Word Evangelical
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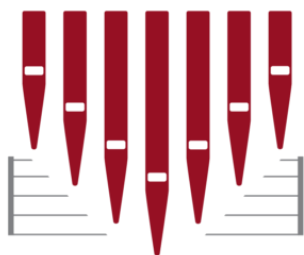
February 2023

January has flown by, and we are now at the beginning of February. We can already notice that the days are getting longer, and by Wisconsin standards our winter has been fairly mild. Lent will soon be upon us we are all busy preparing ourselves and choirs for the season and the festival of Easter. Before all of the busyness of Lent starts Karel Suchy, Sub Dean, the program committee and I would like to invite you to join us for brunch on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Café Hollander in Wauwatosa, 7677 W. State St at 10 am. It is of course dutch treat, but we want to give everyone an opportunity to get together and enjoy each other's company. If you will be joining us please email John Schubring, dean@agomilwaukee.org, so we can place a reservation with the restaurant. I look forward to seeing you there.

The chapter is looking into hosting a POE (Pipe Organ Encounter) during the summer of 2025. Pipe Organ Encounters are a chance for us to introduce teenagers to the pipe organ. The ages that are eligible to attend a POE are 13 – 18. It is open to pianists and organists as a weeklong camp format. The last POE we hosted was in the summer of 2010 at Carroll University. If you are interested in being on the planning committee for submitting the application, which is due in January 2024, please email John Schubring, dean@agomilwaukee.org, as we will soon be meeting to start the planning process. If you would like more information on the POE program, visit the national website, <https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/poe/>.

The annual chapter organ crawl will take place on Saturday, March 4, 2023. We will begin at 9:00 am at Wisconsin Lutheran College visiting the Schlicker organ in the Chapel. The second stop will be at St. Matthew's Lutheran in Wauwatosa and their wonderful Schlicker. Lunch is on your own and we will regroup at 1:30 pm at Mt. Carmel Lutheran to hear about the Casavant organ. Our final stop will be at Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church to hear and learn about their Berghaus organ. On a sidenote, Len Berghaus the founder of Berghaus Organ Company just passed away on January 10th of this year. Please register for the crawl on our website, [AGO Milwaukee Chapter Organ Crawl](#), for planning purposes. Thank you to Dr. David Bohn and his knowledge of the area organs and organizing the crawl for us. Come join us for the whole day or come and go as you need!

John Schubring



American Guild of Organists
PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS

June 18-23, 2023

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Wheaton College

Director: David A. Lincoln

630-655-2124

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Liz Walloch, Historian/Archivist

Writing a monthly article from our Chapter's 100 years history can be overwhelming because the topic choices are limitless. Searching through materials for this month's article, I selected some interesting pen worthy finds for sharing.

The Archives presents "The Month of February"

This excerpt on the year 1923 comes from Alice Leisman's PipeNotes article of August 1984. Alice shared two February dates from Chapter records describing ongoing activities.

February 12, 1923

It was reported that members whose dues were paid promptly would receive "New Music Review" as the official Guild magazine. A motion was passed to draft a local constitution and by-laws modeled on the national constitution and by-laws. There was a discussion on bringing a concert organist to Milwaukee for a recital at Grand Avenue Congregational Church. Charles Corboin could be secured for \$150.00 and Marcel Dupre for \$400.00.

February 18, 1923

A new member of the Chapter, Earl Morgan, gave an organ recital under the auspices of the Guild at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. His program included:

Grand Piece Symphonique – Franck
Scherzo in E Major – Gigout
Shepherd's Song – Jacob
Chant Pastoral – Dubois
Romance san Paroles – Bonnet
Pastorale (Symphony I) – Vierne
Allegro Vivace (Symphony V) – Widor

For those wondering if the Chapter followed through with either the Corboin or Dupre concert, the answer is yes. The chapter hosted Charles Corboin recital on April 17, 1923 and netted a profit of \$350.00 from the event.

Pipe Notes from January 1957 and The Milwaukee Chapter Yearbook and Directory of 1956-1957 takes us to Emmaus Lutheran Church on North 23rd Street at W. Hadley. There was a 4 o'clock recital scheduled on February 10 for chapter members to hear The University of Michigan's truly great organist of our generation, Robert Noehren. His program included composer's works of J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck, Louis Vierne, Paul de Maleingreau, a Noehren piece entitled "Fugue," Sigfrid Karg-Elert and Oliver Messiasn. Following the recital at 6 pm, there was a dinner served by the Ladies of Emmaus Church.

On February 13, 1966 the chapter offered a different type of recital, "A Lecture Recital" featuring Dr. Robert Rayfield on the topic of "Authenticity in Registration." Dr. Rayfield's lecture recital was a slight twist as this event served as their February meeting. *"The Milwaukee Chapter is honored and we feel very fortunate to have scheduled Dr. Robert Rayfield for our February meeting."* A few highlights from this 4 pm program at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. *"This program has been acclaimed as one of the most outstanding and valuable presentations ever prepared for organists. Specifications for organs associated with the composers represented on the program were distributed to the audience"* along with the organ specification for Our Savior's Church. Dr. Rayfield demonstrated *"authentic tone that the composers might have used in playing their compositions."* The cost for members to attend this event was \$3.00 and \$1.50 for students.

Source: PipeNotes January 1966

Here is a fundraiser notice that we all could contribute to today and support. Did anyone say Rummage Sale? From PipeNotes December 1983 the Chapter would be holding an AGO Rummage Sale: Fun and Bargains on Friday evening of February 10, 1984 before the Skills and Resources Evening. There was a call out for *“any worthy but no-longer-used organ music in the back of your files? Any organ records you haven’t played for five years? Any 20-year issues of The Diapason, Music Magazine, The American Organist, etc., gathering dust in your attic? The Milwaukee Chapter would be receiving all the profits from the fundraiser.”*

Linked with the musical rummage sale on the same evening was the Skills and Resources Seminars. The evening offered three free to members programs starting off was the “Twentieth-Century German Organ Music” led by Dr. Karen Albers. Dr. Albers presented *“background on styles and composers, and several AGO members performed music from this school of composition.”* The second program was led by Edward Wise, teacher of organ and voice at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and music director at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, the location of the evening’s event. Mr. Wise presented on Choral Techniques for Organists who have not had much training in vocal and conducting techniques. To wrap up the evening, Alice Leisman led a panel discussion on “The AGO Exams: We Did It, and You Can Too!” The panel consisted of members who have recently passed one of the AGO Exams from Service Playing to FAGO. Tips, background info and encouragement were given to those present who might be considering studying for one of the exams.

The what I shared in this article is a small sampling of the Chapter’s dedicated efforts to promote organ and choral music through recitals and fellowship. For a deeper look, spend some time searching through the online Archives on the webpage. As I said in the beginning, the topic choices are limitless. By exploring our history’s legacy, giving ideas a refreshed look, and using all the resources at our finger tips, the Chapter has endless possibilities for programming events for another 100 years and beyond.

Sharing one last February date, February 21, 2023. This Tuesday before Ash Wednesday has been called by many names of Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Paczki Day, Fat Tuesday, Pancake Day. By whatever name you call it, enjoy!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Executive director James Thomashower was recognized this week by the National Council for 25 years of service to the AGO. Pictured are councillor for education Vincent Carr, Board of Regional Councillors chair Sue Mitchell-Wallace, president Eileen Hunt, secretary/councillor for communications Leslie Wolf Robb, James Thomashower, past president Michael Bedford, councillor for conventions Nicole Marane, and vice president/councillor for competitions Jonathan Ryan. Congratulations, James!



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