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Holidays* 

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AGO Milwaukee Chapter Upcoming Events

March 4, 2023

Organ Crawl

Northwestern Milwaukee Metro Area

May 7, 2023

2:00 Annual Meeting

3:00 Member's Recital

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December 2022

2 (Fri) 11:30 Brian Schoettler, Organ
Grace Lutheran Church
2006 60th St
Kenosha, WI

2 (Fri) 7:30 Handel's Messiah
Milwaukee Area Messiah Chorus and
Orchestra
St. Gabriel's Parish
1200 St. Gabriel Way
Hubertus, WI

2 (Fri) 7:30 Wisconsin Lutheran College
Christmas Festival Concert
Schwann Concert Hall
Center for Arts and Performance
8815 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee WI

3 (Sat) 7:30 Wisconsin Lutheran College
Christmas Festival Concert
Schwann Concert Hall
Center for Arts and Performance
8815 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee WI

4 (Sun) 2:30 Wisconsin Lutheran College
Christmas Festival Concert
Schwann Concert Hall
Center for Arts and Performance
8815 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee WI

4 (Sun) 3:00 Handel's Messiah
Milwaukee Area Messiah Chorus and
Orchestra
Crossroads Presbyterian Church
6031 W. Chapel Hill Rd
Mequon, WI

4 (Sun) 4:00 Advent Lessons and Carols
All Saints' Episcopal Cathedral
818 E. Juneau Ave
Milwaukee, WI

7 (Wed) 12:15 Rene Izquierdo, Guitar
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

9 (Fri) 11:30 Brian Schoettler, Organ
St. Mary's Lutheran Church
2001 80th St
Kenosha, WI

13 (Tues) 7:30 William Schlueter, Organ
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

14 (Wed) 12:15 James Grzadzinski,
Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

16 (Fri) 11:30 Brian Schoettler, Organ
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8760 37th Ave
Kenosha, WI

17 (Sat) 7:30 Chant Claire Choir
Tidings of Comfort and Joy
St. Marcus Lutheran Church
2215 N. Palmer St
Milwaukee, WI

18 (Sun) 4:00 Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
914 E. Knapp St
Milwaukee, WI

21 (Wed) 12:15 Sheri Masiakowski,
Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
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23 (Fri) 11:30 Brian Schoettler, Organ
Trinity Lutheran Church
7104 39th Ave
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It was great to see a nice crowd at the November recital at St. Francis Church. Nick Renkosik, a chapter member, and recent graduate of Carthage College played a stellar recital on the Schuelke organ at St. Francis Church. Nick is now working for J. L. Weiler in Chicago. The repertoire that he chose worked well and was able to show off the colors and sounds of the organ. He played works by Gounod, Mendelssohn, Guilmant, Brahms, Sowerby, and ended the recital with the Variations on Sine Nomine by Bedard, as it was the observation of All Saints' Day. Congratulations, Nick, on a well-played and planned recital!

Well, December is upon us, and we are all busy planning, preparing, and rehearsing for the upcoming holiday season. Please take time to look at the December calendar and find some time to go out and support your colleagues in their endeavors this holiday season. There are many opportunities to go listen to choirs, handbells, and organ music this season. Take time to be supportive of colleagues, and even find some motivation and inspiration for your own preparation for the season.

Your support means more than you may know to many people and organizations. It is always great to see chapter members at events, whether it is a choral reading session, an organ crawl, or a recital, without your membership and support these events would not take place. If you have not yet received the patron appeal letter it is coming soon. Please consider donating to our chapter. Your donations directly influence what programming and events our chapter can hold for the upcoming year. You can donate via the website using a credit card: [Donate using a credit card](#), or send a donation to AGO Milwaukee Chapter, Attn. Steve Jensen, PO Box 11731, Milwaukee, WI 53211. We truly appreciate all that our members do for the chapter.

Enjoy your holiday season. After all of the joy, and sometimes chaos, I hope you find time to relax and unwind after this busy season.

Again, Thank You for your support of the Chapter,

John Schubring





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FROM THE ARCHIVES

by Liz Walloch, Archivist/Historian

David Bohn, Contributing Assistant

Fr. Tom Lijewski, Contributing Assistant

This month's sharing from the Archives has a twist to it. The content for this article was found among the many items in the paper collection that I sifted and sorted. To be honest, my initial reaction was to put it into the recycling bin. Conferring with Sheri Masiakowski, we decided it merited to be among our paper collection even with this heading.

The Organ Historical Society
THE WISCONSIN CHAPTER
WISCONSIN CHAPTER ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ST. FRANCIS CHURCH RECITALISTS

Upon a closer look at this item, I recognized the names of the Milwaukee Chapter among unfamiliar names. What I also discovered is, we, the Milwaukee Chapter had linked a partnership with The Organ Historical Society-The Wisconsin Chapter (OHS-WC) through the years. To start the story, I contacted two of our members, my contributing assistants, David Bohn, and Fr. Tom Lijewski. These two members have dual membership with both musical organizations. With information from them, I can now share the story in PipeNotes of how the AGO-Milwaukee Chapter and OHS-WC partnership was born. It all started in 1993, the OHS-WC presented their first recital at St. Francis Church with recitalist Marilyn Stulken. Following this initial recital, there was a fermata pause for the years 1994-1999. The recitals began anew in the year 2000 at St. Francis church as an OHS-WC event. What also surfaced that year, according to Fr. Tom's records was the topic of partnering with OHS-WC for this yearly event at St. Francis Church with our executive board. What is noteworthy to share is in 2000 Fr. Tom held the position of President of OSH-WC. This made connecting the two musical groups a lot easier with Fr. Tom's dual membership and position as President. One step in our partnership was we offered to handle the advertising for this yearly event. In the following years, steps to co-sponsoring were a "work in progress." In 2009, was the first co-sponsored recital with the OHS-WC featuring AGO-Milwaukee Chapter member Karen Beaumont as recitalist. This year, 2022, marks a baker's dozen of co-sponsored recitals at St. Francis Church with the OHS-WC and the Milwaukee Chapter. What came forth from the initial contact with OHS-WC has grown bringing together two musical organizations that promote organ music and the venue to hear the beauty of the historical Wm. Schuelke organ, (Opus, 34, 1885). This truly is one of my favorite chapter events to attend every year. I always feel enriched by the recitalist's program selections and their creative way of sharing their gift of music nourishing our spirits. Since my two contributing assistants filled in a lot of the blanks on this partnership, I am glad I hit the "pause" button and decided to retain this single sheet. To wrap up this article, I have listed all the recitalist names who have performed for the Soli Deo Gloria.

1993	Marilyn Stulken	2010	David Bohn
2000	Andrew Fredel	2011	Leon Couch
2001	David Bohn	2012	Kurt Sather
2002	Mark Edwards	2013	John Paradowski
2003	David Bohn and Richard Weber	2014	Veronica Fregoso
2004	Andrew Fredel	2015	David Bohn
2005	David Bohn and Fr. Tom Lijewski	2016	Nicholas Liese
2006	Larry Wheelock	2017	Sheri Masiaskowski
2007	Mark Edwards	2018	Drew Rutz
2008	Michael Hey	2019	Susan DeMarco
2009	Karen Beaumont	2020	David Bohn
		2021	Andrew Shaeffer
		2022	Nick Renkosik

From the Archives: Happy Holidays to all!

2023 Regional Conventions

Great Lakes and North Central Regions



North Shore Chapter

Evanston, Illinois

Hotel: Holiday Inn Chicago North-Evanston

June 25-28, 2023

Andrea Handley, AAGO, Convention Coordinator

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Twin Cities Chapter

Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

Hotel: Hilton Minneapolis

July 4-7, 2023

Website (*coming soon!*)

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WE REMEMBER DR. FREDERICK L. SWANN (1931–2022)



Dr. Frederick L. Swann passed away at his home in Palm Desert, Calif., on Nov. 13, at the age of 91. Dr. Swann was past president of the AGO (2002–08) and an internationally-acclaimed recitalist, minister of music, composer, and friend to many.

A memorial service is planned for Jan. 25 at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Palm Desert. Donations in Dr. Swann's memory may be made to the AGO Herrmann/Swann Fund and AGO Frederick Swann Scholarship. [Click here](#) for more information.

STUDENT COMMISSIONING PROJECT WINNERS NAMED

The AGO Student Commissioning Project is the AGO's most recent new music initiative. Each year, grants of \$1,000 are awarded to four collaborative composer/organist teams for the composition and performance of four new works for the organ. There are no restrictions with regard to compositional style; however, all composers and organists must be enrolled as full- or part-time students at an accredited U.S. college, university, or conservatory. This year's winning teams are:

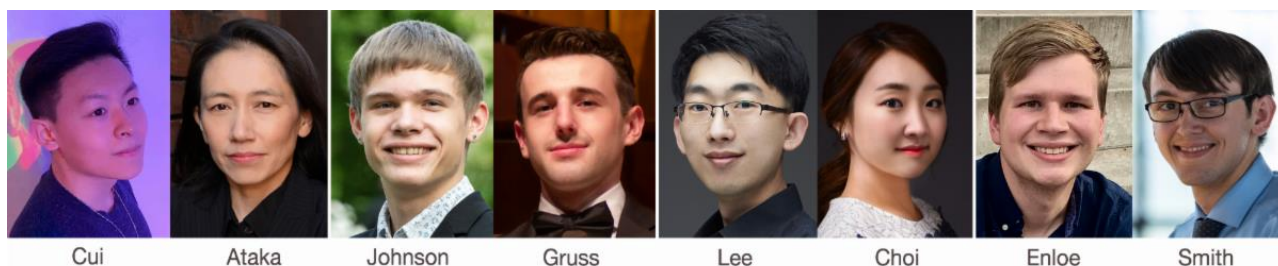
Victor Cui, composer, Peabody Conservatory, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
Midori Ataka, organist, Peabody Conservatory, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Owen Johnson, composer, New England Conservatory, Boston, Mass.
Jacob Gruss, organist, Juilliard School of Music, New York, N.Y.

Nara Lee, composer, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.
Jihye Choi, organist, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

Christopher Enloe, composer, Peabody Conservatory, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
Grant Smith, organist, Shepherd School of Music, Rice University, Houston, Tex.

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