

PipeNotes

American Guild of Organists – Milwaukee Chapter

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Calendar of Events 2024-2025

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS - MILWAUKEE CHAPTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

10:30 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Organ Service Music Demonstration
Unknown and Newly Discovered Music
Bruce Bengtson, Presenter

Mount Carmel Lutheran Church ELCA
8424 W Center St, Milwaukee (Event Entrance on 84th Street)

Registration is \$25.00 and includes the opportunity
to purchase or order music from a display by Lois Fyfe Music, Nashville

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

3:00 PM

Organ Concert and Hymn Festival
Bruce Bengtson, Organist

Dessert Reception Post-Concert
Mount Carmel Lutheran Church ELCA
8424 W Center St, Milwaukee (Event Entrance on 84th Street)

www.mountcarmelchurch.org
Co-Sponsored with Mount Carmel Lutheran Church
Freewill Offering



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

3:00 PM

Historical Organ Concert

Andrew Friedel, Organist
William Schuelke Organ, Opus 34 - 1865
Historic St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church
1937 N Vel R Phillips Ave, Milwaukee

(Parking Lot Entrance on W Brown St behind Parish Center,
Enter the Church through the Parish Center)
www.stfrancismil.org
Co-sponsored with the Organ Historical Society–Milwaukee Chapter
Freewill Offering

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

9:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

Church and Organ Tour
Kenosha: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church &
Carthage College Siebert Chapel
Racine: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church,
and Holy Communion Lutheran Church ELCA
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Advance Pre-paid Reservations Required
\$50.00 a person (30-person Limit)
Send reservation payment by January 10, 2025 to:
AGO Milwaukee Chapter | Attn: Tour
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SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

3:00 PM

Saint Patrick's Day Concert featuring AGO
Chapter Members and Bagpipers
Agnieszka Kosmecka, Nicholas Renkosik, &
Benjamin Stone, Organists | Rob McWilliam, Bag Piper
Reception Post-Concert

All Saints' Cathedral
818 E. Juneau Ave, Milwaukee
www.ascathedral.org
Freewill Offering



SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

10:30 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Hymn Playing and Service Improvisation Clinic
James Kennerley, Presenter
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
914 E Knapp St, Milwaukee
www.stpaulsmilwaukee.org

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

3:00 PM

Season Finale Extravaganza!
James Kennerley, Organist
Gala Organ Concert
Program includes: Organ Literature | Silent Film Score
Improvisation | Organ Transcriptions |
Julius Reubke: Organ Sonata on the 94th Psalm
Assisted by: St. Paul's Choir
Reception Post-Concert hosted by St. Paul's Church
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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2024-2025 Milwaukee Chapter Program Year

The Milwaukee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is embarking on a thrilling transformation, expanding its scope in programming, and holding events in Southeast Wisconsin and Milwaukee.

The Chapter Program Committee, a dedicated team including Michael Batcho, Jim Burmeister, Lee Erickson, Paul Kasten, Keri Kelly, Christian Rich, Dean Rosko, and myself, has been working tirelessly. Our collaborative efforts in three working meetings in May, June, and July have been instrumental in planning the 2024-2025 AGO Milwaukee Chapter Program Year.

The Program Committee is gearing up for the 2025-2026 Chapter Program Year. Your involvement and input are not only welcomed but crucial to our success. We urge you to share any suggestions you may have for the 2025-2026 Chapter Program Year and beyond with us at SubDean@agomilwaukee.org. Your ideas will be considered at our monthly working meetings.

The official AGO Milwaukee Chapter Calendar of Events appears in this issue of PipeNotes. Soon, you will receive an email with a PDF and a PNG of the official AGO Milwaukee 2024-2025 Chapter Calendar. Please print copies of the calendar, post them, and distribute them to your networks of people, churches, schools, and businesses. Consider posting a PNG of the calendar on your FaceBook, Instagram, and other social media accounts.

Thank you to Jim Trzebiatowski for serving our AGO Chapter as a Graphic Artist designing the calendar and other marketing materials. We are delighted to have Jim's expertise and talents utilized through Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, to which the Chapter subscribes.

Keys to our Chapter's success are membership and community participation in program events. You will help make community engagement happen by sharing the Program Calendar and future event publicity, talking about the AGO and what it means to you, and personally inviting people of all generations from the community.

David Bahrke
Sub-dean

August 2024

9 (Fri) 12:00 Jonathan Esser, Organ
St. John the XXIII
446 Johnson St
Port Washington, WI

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


14 (Wed) 12:15 Dr. Erich Knapp, Organ
First English Lutheran Church
326 E. North St.
Appleton, WI

16 (Fri) 12:00 Mike Keegan, Organ & Horn
St. John the XXIII
446 Johnson St
Port Washington, WI

18 (Sun) 3:00 T. Duncan Parker &
Katrina Nilsen from Felix and Fingers
Stone House Concert
Brookfield Congregational UCC
16350 Gebhardt Rd
Brookfield, WI

21 (Wed) 12:15 Vashni Seitzer, Organ
Faith Lutheran Church
601 Glendale Ave
Appleton, WI

28 (Wed) 12:15 Dr. Naomi Rowley, Organ
Memorial Presbyterian Church
803 E. College Ave
Appleton, WI



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August 2024

The summer months always seem to go past so quickly here in Wisconsin. I hope you have had some time to enjoy the warm weather, taken in a festival or two at the lakefront, or perhaps you just took some time to get away and relax. No matter how you spent your summer I hope you had some time to enjoy, relax, reset, recenter, and renew yourself, soon before you know it we will be in the busy season of Advent and Christmas.

On the front page of this month's issue of PipeNotes you will find the events calendar for fall of 2024 and spring of 2025. I invite you to write the dates down on your calendar, or these days put them in your phone, and support the chapter by coming to the events that we offer. Soon the patron appeal mailing will be mailed. This is another way that you can support the chapter. Your gift giving directly supports the events that chapter offers. Please consider supporting the chapter in your giving.

I hope you enjoy the last couple of weeks of summer before the choir season starts and the crazy schedules begin and quickly fill. I look forward to seeing you at the fall chapter events!

John Schubring

**CHAN, CAVAGNARO TAKE TOP PRIZES AT
NYACOP, NCOI**

Ryan Chan, a DMA student at the Eastman School of Music, won the [National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance](#), and Jerrick Cavagnaro, associate director of music at Trinity Church Boston, won the [National Competition in Organ Improvisation](#), held earlier this summer at the AGO National Convention in San Francisco. Congratulations to both!



TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES NEW COMPOSITION COMPETITION

The AGO Task Force for Gender Equity is seeking original organ works by women for the first Woman Composer Sunday Composition Contest. Prizes will be awarded for a concert work, shorter works suitable for worship services, and best entry by a young composer under the age of 30. Deadline to submit entries is Oct. 31. [Click here](#) for more information and guidelines.



AGO Sponsored Webinars



The Weekend Organist: And the Survey Says...

Monday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m. ET / 4 p.m. PT

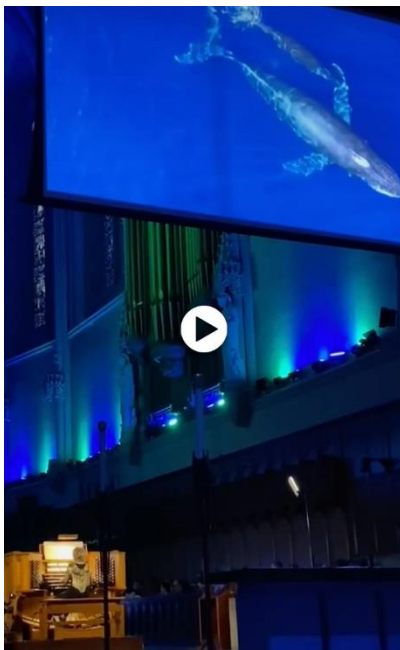
"The Weekend Organist" columnist J.W. Arnold will present results from a recent survey of part-time musicians serving churches across the country, and review the various rewards, challenges, and concerns they face in their music ministries. [Click here](#) to register.

Contemporary Music for Traditional Organists

Monday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m. ET / 4 p.m. PT

Church choral and keyboard editors from J.W. Pepper will join us to discuss ways contemporary music is currently being incorporated into worship and introduce new resources available for traditional church musicians. [Click here](#) to register.

MUSICAL POSTCARDS FROM SAN FRANCISCO



Faythe Freese

[Multimedia Performance in Recital at Grace Cathedral](#)



NCOI Winner Jerrick Cavagnaro

[Improvisation before AGO Annual Meeting](#)