

PipeNotes

American Guild of Organists – Milwaukee Chapter

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2025-2026 Season Calendar

American Guild of Organists - Milwaukee Chapter

September | October | November

Sunday, September 21, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.

Music - Community - Food

Organ and Piano Music Concert

Tom Koester & David Bahrke, Organists | Maria Koester & Jeffrey Peterson, Pianists

Installation of Chapter Officers and Board Members

Tapas Food and Dessert Reception by Kelly's Catering

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

7919 W. Lincoln Ave | West Allis WI

Free will offering received.

Co-sponsored with Saint Peter's Episcopal Church



Sunday, October 26, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.

**Hymn & Choir Festival for All Saints
David Cherwien, Organist and Conductor**

Festival Choir of singers from area churches.

Post concert reception

Mount Carmel Lutheran Church ELCA

8424 W. Center Street | Milwaukee WI

Free will offering received.

Co-sponsored with Mount Carmel Lutheran Church ELCA



Friday, November 7, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Monica Berney, Concert Organist

Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

802 N. Jackson Street | Milwaukee WI

Free will offering received.

Co-sponsored with the Cathedral Fine Arts Series



February and May Events on Reverse Side.

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Saturday, February 21, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Organ Master Class with Catherine Rodland, Saint Olaf College
Saint Olaf College Organ & Theory Instructor

Concordia University Wisconsin - Chapel of Christ Triumphant
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive | Mequon WI

Free and Open to Everyone
Co-sponsored with Concordia University Wisconsin



Sunday, February 22, 2026 | 3:30 p.m.

Catherine Rodland, Concert Organist

Concordia University Wisconsin - Chapel of Christ Triumphant
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive | Mequon WI

Tickets available at the door. University Students Free.
Co-sponsored with Concordia University Wisconsin



Friday, May 8, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

AGO Milwaukee Chapter Annual Meeting

2026-2027 AGO Chapter Season Announcement

All Saints' Cathedral Guild Hall
818 E. Juneau Ave | Milwaukee WI



Friday, May 8, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Jerrick Cavagnaro, Organist, Improvisatur, Transcriptionist

First Prize Winner
2024 AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation

All Saints' Cathedral
818 E. Juneau Ave | Milwaukee WI

Free will offering.
Co-sponsored with All Saints' Cathedral



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AGO MILWAUKEE CHAPTER EVENT
Appearing in The American Organist in September

In September 2025 watch for a picture and description of the May 2025 James Kennerley Workshop and Concert at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

New Email System for AGO Milwaukee Chapter Officers and Coordinators!

If you attended the Chapter's annual meeting in May, you heard that the chapter is embarking on a technology overhaul over the summer months.

One of the systems that we are switching is our email system. We are moving to a Google Workspace system. Previously all emails that were sent to an email address that ended with agomilwaukee.org were forwarded to that person's personal email address, and occasionally they would just end up in spam or junk mail and missed communication.

We now have the ability to each have our own individual email accounts. Whomever is dean will be able to login as dean@agomilwaukee.org, or the registrar will be able to login to the registrar@agomilwaukee.org email and have access to that email account without having to worry about having emails being forwarded to another account, and getting lost in cyberspace.

These accounts run in Google Workspace. It is like having a Gmail account. We also then have access to all of the Google applications and can share our google drives, documents, and pictures with each other in our Google Workspace. It will have a learning curve, so hang in there with us, but eventually it will be a great move for all of the officers and coordinators to work together for the Chapter.

One thing we have found is that our sessions do time out, while we think we are logged in and getting notified of new emails we may not be, especially those of us who monitor more than one agomilwaukee.org email address. So, if we do not respond immediately, try again as we keep learning the ins and outs of the new email system, we will get back to you. If you do not hear back, please call, or text to let us know.

August 2025

3 – 7 OHS Convention
Milwaukee and Madison Locations
[OHS 2025 - Welcome](#)

5 (Tues) 6:30 Colin Welford, Organ
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
140 S. Monroe Ave
Green Bay, WI

6 (Wed) 12:15 Colin Welford, Organ
First Presbyterian Church
200 S. Church St
Neenah, WI

8 (Fri) 2:00 Dr. David Bohn, Organ
Music on the Hill St. John XXIII
Ozaukee Congregational Church
1142 Lakefield Rd
Grafton, WI

12 (Tues) 6:30 Jeffrey Verkuillen, FAGO, Organ
First United Methodist Church
501 Howe St
Green Bay, WI

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

15 (Fri) 12:00 Annie Gregurich
Music on the Hill St. John XXIII
St. Mary's Church
451 N. Johnson St
Port Washington, WI

19 (Tues) 6:30 Conner Kalvekoske, Organ
Ascension Lutheran Church
2911 Libal St
Allouez, WI

20 (Wed) 12:15 Devin Atteln, CAGO, Organ
St. Mary's Catholic Church
528 2nd St
Menasha, WI


22 (Fri) 12:00 Mike Keegan and Friends
Music on the Hill St. John XXIII
St. Mary's Church
451 N. Johnson St
Port Washington, WI

24 (Sun) 2:00 Chapter Board Meeting
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
7929 W. Lincoln Ave
West Allis, WI

26 (Tues) 6:30 Dr. Stephen Ackert, Organ
First Presbyterian Church
200 S. Ashland Ave
Green Bay, WI

27 Jared Stellmacher, Organ
Memorial Presbyterian Church
803 College Ave
Appleton, WI

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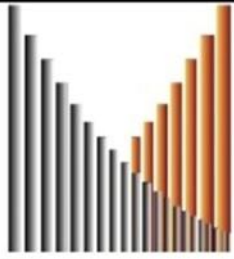
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Chapter Program Committee At Work

As the chapter enters an exciting new season, we want to share some updates that demonstrate our commitment to building a vibrant musical community. Our recent meetings have focused on exploring innovative ways to improve our programming, boost participation, and support our talented musicians. The Program Committee Members are: David Bahrke, Subdean; Michael Batcho; Lee Erickson; Paul Kasten; Christian Rich, Board Members; Jim Burmeister; Kerri Kelly; and Dean Rosko, Chapter Members. John Schubring, Dean, is an ex officio member of the committee.

Recent Developments:

1. ****New Initiatives****: The Committee is excited to announce the 2025-2026 AGO Milwaukee Chapter Season, which is published in this issue of PipeNotes. The Committee is also planning the 2026-2027 Calendar of Events, featuring the pipe organ, choral music, and other instrumental collaborations. These programs include community outreach events aimed at young musicians, such as organ, piano, voice, and instrumental students, along with performances by emerging professional musicians and ensembles.
2. ****Community Engagement****: This initiative aims to share our love for music with a wider audience while promoting community involvement in the arts.
3. ****Collaborations****: Exciting collaborations with guest musicians and ensembles are upcoming. We believe that adding diverse talents will enhance our program and offer unique opportunities for our Chapter.
4. ****Fundraising Efforts****: To support our initiatives, the Program Committee will conduct the 2025-2026 AGO Milwaukee Chapter Patron Appeal and build upon the generosity received through the 2024-2025 Appeal. We invite community members to participate in upcoming events and contribute to our mission. Contributions will be used to fund workshop facilitators, performances by concert artists, music education, and improvements to our overall program infrastructure.

****Looking Ahead****

As we prepare for the 2025-2026 Chapter Season, the Program Committee is eager to begin this journey with our musicians and community members. Together, we will craft a rich tapestry of sound that not only lifts our spirits but also brings us closer through shared experiences.

We encourage everyone involved to share their ideas and feedback as we keep developing this program. Your voices are crucial in shaping our musical future, and we look forward to a season full of harmony, growth, and collaboration.

Stay tuned for more updates and thank you for your steadfast support of our Chapter.

We look forward to seeing you at the Music – Community – Food Event, featuring the installation of Chapter Officers and Board Members, on Sunday, September 21st at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church in West Allis, 7919 W. Lincoln Avenue.

David Bahrke

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NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ELECTION SLATES ANNOUNCED; NOMINATIONS BY PETITION OPEN UNTIL SEPT. 1

Last year, the AGO membership overwhelmingly approved several updates to the election procedures for National Councillors and Regional Ambassadors. The provisions included:

- **Annual elections to be held in November.**
- **Extension of terms from two to three years**, with a maximum of nine years of consecutive service.
- **Staggered terms**, with approximately one-third of Councillors/Ambassadors up for election each year.

As the AGO transitions to the new procedures, the National Nominating Committee and Regional Nominating Committees have presented their slates for National Council and Council of Regional Ambassadors. In order to establish the staggered terms, this year, all positions will be up for election for varying terms of one, two, or three years, as approved by the membership, with full three-year terms following. The new procedures also allow the nominating committees to recommend one or two candidates for each position.

[Click here](#) to see the National Council and Regional Ambassador slates, staggered terms charts, and election schedule.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS BY PETITION: AGO Bylaws allow for additional nominations by petition from the membership, with a requisite number of signatures of Voting Members of the Guild in good standing. If you wish to run for a National or Regional office by petition, [click here](#) for the online form, or go to [AGOhq.org/nominations-by-petition](https://www.ago.org/nominations-by-petition). The deadline to submit completed petitions is Sept. 1.

Information about all candidates, including candidates successfully nominated by petition, will be published in the November issue of *The American Organist* and on the AGO website. Elections will be conducted by email during the month of November.

For questions or more information, contact Karen Rich, Director of the National Nominating Committee, at nominations@agohq.org.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR OCTOBER VIRTUAL PEDAGOGY CONFERENCE

The AGO will host its first annual Virtual Pedagogy Conference, "Pedagogies and Approaches to Practice," Oct. 9 – 11, a unique opportunity for organists, educators, and students to engage with innovative teaching methods and foster a deeper understanding of the learning process while practicing music.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.
[Click here](#) to submit a presentation proposal by Aug. 1.



LIM CHOSEN AS 2025-26 ORGAN SCHOLAR AT DUKE CHAPEL

David M. Lim has been selected as the 2025-26 AGO Pogorzelski-Yankee Organ Scholar. Lim will serve a paid internship at Duke University Chapel in Durham, N.C., where he will perform on the Chapel's four organs, assist with choir rehearsals, and receive intensive musical instruction. Lim was previously music minister at St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church in White Bear Lake, Minn. [Click here](#) to learn more.



*Milwaukee Chapter members may remember David as he also attended the POE that the Milwaukee Chapter hosted at Carroll University.

2026 Woman Composer Sunday Composition Contest: Deadline Sept. 1

The AGO Task Force for Gender Equity is accepting submissions for the 2026 Woman Composer Sunday Composition Contest. Categories include Concert Work for Organ, Short Composition for Worship Services, Hymn Tune, and Hymn Text. A Young Composer Prize will also be awarded. [Click links for the 2026 Guidelines](#) and [Application](#).

Still need to renew your membership? Having trouble logging into iMIS? Please call the national office they can help get your membership renewed over the phone. Their number is (212) 870-2310.