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## Upcoming 2018 Programs For The AGO Milwaukee Chapter

Sunday, September 23, 2018

5:00 pm

Potluck and Officer Installation  
Convention Overview and Kickoff

Chiara Room

St. Joseph Center

1501 S. Layton Blvd

Milwaukee, WI

Sunday, November 4, 2018

3:00 pm

Drew Rutz, Organ  
Co-sponsored with OHS

St. Francis Parish

4<sup>th</sup> and Brown Streets

Milwaukee, WI

Saturday, November 17, 2018

9:00 am

“One Spirit, Many Voices” Workshop

Barbara Tracey, Clinician

Co-sponsored with ALMA

St. Michael’s Parish

1445 N. 24<sup>th</sup> ST

Milwaukee, WI

(parking available)

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- The Kansas City AGO National Convention (early July) was a rich experience. The opening prayer-choral session in the Kauffman Center reflected on the 100-year anniversary of World War I (1918-2018). The hymns/texts caught my liturgist eye as having future use for Memorial Day services. The NYACOP finals took place at Village Presbyterian on their new Richards-Fowkes Opus 22. **Aaron Tan** won the competition and audience prize. We are in process of booking him for a Fall concert co-sponsored with Church of the Gesu. He is a marvelous performer (and though we say this about every winner) I look forward to an extraordinary concert from this fellow! Elsewhere in this issue of Pipenotes is a photo of our Milwaukee AGO "forced laborers" serving the barbecue dinner to convention colleagues. There were four teams serving the 1300 attendees and ours was by far the best-dressed. Chuckle — I tried to convince our team to sing an SATB jingle to advertise the 2019 Milwaukee North Central Convention but was not successful.

National AGO asked us Deans to attend a session on their upcoming "Strategic Plan". Concepts included Intentional membership, training—fellowship—support, the challenge of geographical diversity, subsidizing youth members and pairing them with whoever provides the remainder of \$\$\$. As always we encourage relationships—to seek, encourage and respect one person at a time. That takes lots of energy and rewards each of us in kind.

- **Gertrude (Trudy) Stillman** passed away yesterday afternoon (July 30, 2018). Services will be held Wednesday August 8th at 4:00pm at Christ Church Episcopal, 5655 N. Lake Drive in Whitefish Bay. Trudy served as organist at Christ Church and on the organ faculty of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. There were numerous posts on Facebook. Sarah Stefanko: "She was much loved at Early Music Now." Stefanie Jacob: "She was so great. I met her when she was the organist at Congregation Sinai, and have been a devoted fan ever since....May her memory be for a blessing—." Joseph Radonovich: "Sorry to hear this. She was a kindhearted person, and gave of herself to anyone in the music world. She was a real trooper. Had the pleasure of knowing her and Jack, and working with her often times." Rest in peace good and faithful servant.

**Veronica Fregoso** is in Rochester, New York attending the national **OHS Convention**. Thank you Veronica for documenting your experience through multiple photos on Facebook. I wish I was there!

- "The **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (MSO)** has acquired the former Warner Grand Theater building on Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee to become the MSO's dedicated performance center. Milwaukee-based architecture firm Kahler Slater will oversee the theater renovation and the design of a newly constructed adjacent building to house amenity spaces. The opening of...the renovated and renamed Milwaukee Symphony Center is expected in fall 2020." (MSO Facebook Page)

Charles Sullivan recently raised the question: **What is the symphony doing about the organ?** The 3-manual instrument originally built by Aeolian-Skinner (Opus 1477, 1965), was cleaned and partially re-voiced in 1984 by Austin. Bret Dorhout, the MSO Vice President of Artistic Planning & Operations, responded that the architectural plans do include space for pipe chambers though action on an organ has not been initiated. Sullivan's request, "Please consider involving an organ consultant at this phase, rather than waiting until limitations and impediments may be built into the hall." **Please voice your concern to Bret Dorhout ([dorhoutb@mso.org](mailto:dorhoutb@mso.org)).**

- Our Member Potluck/Officer Installation/Convention Overview Kickoff is scheduled on Sunday, September 23rd at 5pm in the Chiara Room, St. Joseph Convent, 1501 S. Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee. Check the web-site calendar as more details are firmed up. We plan to have a board meeting at 3pm on the same afternoon.

I am very pleased that Liz Walloch has invested herself in the organizing of our archives. You will see historical gems both in Pipenotes and as our Regional Convention draws near.

The summer is going far more rapidly than I could have imagined! So much to do! I pray for bi-location and hope it comes soon. Meanwhile I hope your summertime has proved both fruitful and relaxing.

Cordially,

*Sheri*

## August 2018

11 (Sat) 1:00 Ryan Boren, Piano & Organ  
St. Joseph Center Chapel  
1501 S. Layton Blvd  
Milwaukee, WI

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

18 (Sat) 9:00 Church Music Workshop  
Ben Culli, Organ & Choir  
John Behnke, Handbells  
Music at Historic Trinity  
Faith Lutheran Church  
W172N11187 Division Rd  
Germantown, WI

19 (Sun) 2:00 Karen Beaumont, Organ  
St. Hedwig's Church  
1702 N. Humboldt  
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22 (Wed) 12:15 Daniel Belavski, Piano  
Yuri Belavski, Violin  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
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29(Wed) 12:15 Valerie Floeter, Piano  
Patricia Backhaus, Trumpet  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
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## September 2018

5 (Wed) 12:15 Mary Ann Miller, Celtic Harp  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
812 N. Jackson St  
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11 (Tues) 7:30 Michael Batcho, Organ  
Ann Lebotzke, Harp  
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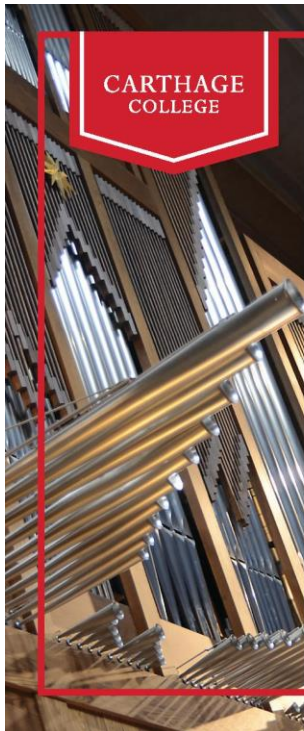
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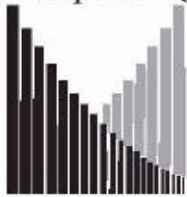
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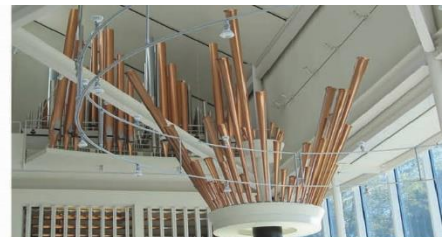
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## Kansas City Convention



The crew from the North Central Region made quite a sight serving food at the Bar-B-Que Dinner at the Kansas City Convention. They were an unmistakable advertisement for our convention. Members of our chapter in the crew included: Sheri Masiakowski (Chapter Dean), Tyler Pimm (Chapter Events Coordinator), Joseph Kucharski, Lee Erickson, Tedd King, Audrey Timm—Rhinehardt Sub-Dean), Charles Barland, and Larry Wheelock (Convention Coordinator) The crew included folks from other chapters in our Region: Jeff Verkuilen (Regional Competitions Coordinator) Marilyn Schempp (Past Regional Counselor) and Karen Black (Current Regional Counselor). Thanks to this crew for hard work (and fun) promoting our convention.





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