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**WINTER/SPRING 2016
PROGRAMS**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 PM

**CHARLES CALLAHAN, ORGAN
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1145 W. WISCONSIN AVE
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

10:30 AM

**CHARLES CALLAHAN
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1145 W. WISCONSIN AVE
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:00 (NOON)

**SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE
WORKSHOP
CATHEDRAL OF ALL SAINTS
818 E. JUNEAU AVE
MILWAUKEE, WI**

SUNDAY, MAY 15

2:00

**ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBERS RECITAL
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
3022 W. WISCONSIN AVE
MILWAUKEE, WI**

December 2015

2 (Wed) 12:15 Ravenna Helson, Cello
Stefanie Jacob, Piano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

4 (Fri) 12:00 MATC Music Occupations
Ensemble III and Drumline
MATC Auditorium
Building C
9th and State Streets
Milwaukee, WI

5 (Sat) 2:00 Karen Beaumont, Organ
First Unitarian Society
1342 N. Astor St
Milwaukee, WI

5 (Sat) 7:30 Jewish-Christian Concert
Of Psalms
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

6 (Sun) 3:30 Organ Prelude
4:00 Advent Lessons and Carols
The Cathedral Church of All Saints
818 E. Juneau Ave
Milwaukee, WI

8 (Tues) 7:30 Rob McWilliam, Organ
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

9 (Wed) 12:15 Margret Butler, Oboe
Jenny Gettel, Soprano,
Ravenna Helson, Cello
Charles Sullivan, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

12 (Sat) 7:00 An Evening of Readings
And Carols
Milwaukee Children's Choir
Cathedral Church of All Saints
818 E. Juneau Ave
Milwaukee, WI

13 (Sun) 5:15 Advent Lessons and Carols
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

16 (Wed) 12:15 Michael Batcho, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

23 (Wed) 12:15 Patricia Backhaus, Trumpet
Valerie Floeter, Piano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
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30 (Wed) 12:15 Veronica Fregoso, Organ
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Dean's Column

Larry Wheelock

The next time you will be reading a Dean's Column it will be 2016. Each year seems to pass more quickly these days; time flies when you're having fun! And we have had some fun this year: workshops, recitals, Pedals, Pipes & Pizza, and the beginnings of a plan to host a Regional Convention in 2019. And that was just the first half of our schedule.

We remember several members who passed-away this year, but the good news is, we took-in more new members than we lost. We have lost a significant number to attrition, and we have not made-up that loss. Many former members just neglected to renew, and several work for churches which no longer pay membership as a benefit. We have some work to do on that front.

We have also found ourselves somewhat short on cash for programming this season. Look for a letter in the mail within the next couple weeks and seriously consider whether you are able to help make-up our shortfall. Perhaps you just needed to be reminded, and we will do so but we also encourage you to step-up and keep our tradition of generous support for the chapter. Online Credit-Card donations are always available on our website, agomilwaukee.org

We have big plans for 2016 and we hope you will step-up and be an active participant in the chapter activities. The response from the meeting to consider the convention was extremely encouraging, and not just from people who attended the meeting; I got email encouragement from dozens of folks who couldn't attend the meeting but want to support the project. That's good news too! In the meanwhile, we need to keep paying the bills and not put all our funds and energy only into the convention.

Most of you are probably very busy and well-into holiday plans and music-making. Even though this is the first time on about 40 years I am not 'in-charge' of planning and presenting special services and concerts this year, I will be playing under someone other's direction, so I know just how busy it can be and how quickly the days fly away. Please take a moment to consider what the AGO shares with you. Pick-out one of the many, many special programs from our events calendar and treat yourself as a colleague present's a program — you deserve a break.

The Officers, the Board, and the Coordinators of the Milwaukee Chapter wish you a very joyous holiday, however you celebrate it. See you next year.

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The Deadline is the 20th of the preceding month**

AGO Student Member Featured on NPR's "From the Top"

Forrest Eimold, a 16-year old AGO student member in the Boston Chapter, was recently featured on "From the Top," which airs on National Public Radio. He played *Carillon de Westminster*, Op. 54, No. 6, by Louis Vierne. The performance took place thirty-six feet above the stage of Emory University's Emerson Concert Hall in Atlanta, Georgia on the **Werner Wortsman Memorial Organ**. The organ was named in memory of alumnus Werner Wortsman in recognition of his generous support of the arts at Emory. The organ, a mechanical key-action tracker instrument of fifty-four stops and 3,605 pipes, is playable from three manual keyboards and pedal board.

From Winthrop, MA, Forrest is the current organ scholar at St. Paul's parish in Harvard Square. He's a big fan of program notes and one of his favorite activities is studying scores. He is, in his own words, *really into scholarship*—so much so that he once received an overdue notice for \$2,000.

"**From the Top**" is America's largest national platform dedicated to celebrating the stories, talents, and character of classically-trained young musicians. Through live events, NPR and YouTube broadcasts, scholarships, and leadership programs, it celebrates the stories, talents, and character of classically-trained young musicians. It maintains an archive of broadcasts, including Forrest's performance, on its website, www.fromthetop.org.

Have you checked out the AGO Headquarters Website lately?

They have some resources that you may find interesting and helpful.

**A Column by "Aunt Wilma," aka Wilma Jensen,
With links to video demonstrations and answers.**

**The AGO also has a YouTube channel with performances,
lectures, convention information, etc.**

Take some time and check out what is going on.

Visit

www.agohq.org



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