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## Multi-Media for Musicians

Monday, August 1, 2016

7-9pm\*

Wauwatosa Congregational Church  
(1511 Church Street in Wauwatosa)

Topics:

- iPad and iPadPro / Related Software
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# Dean's Column

Sheri Masiakowski

Greetings Milwaukee Chapter Members and Friends,

Larry Wheelock has left large shoes for me to fill as Dean. I can't thank him enough for his knowledgeable and gentle leadership during his 3 terms. He has been a role model and mentor and I learned much from him as Sub-Dean. I trust that I can count on him for advice and a hand to steady my shoulder as I step into these new shoes.

I have served the Chapter as Exam Coordinator for the last four years (and will continue in that role). Those who attended the Annual Meeting on May 15th heard that Phyllis Frankenstein has received the Service Playing Certificate. Good work, Phyllis — I admire your tenacity and look to you also as a role model. Each new day our challenge is to be better than we were yesterday...

A Kansas resident, Dr. Elisa Williams Bickers, took the FAGO playing and written exams in Milwaukee, solidly passing both. Sincere congratulations to both Phyllis Frankenstein (Organist at St. John Lutheran, Mukwonago Wisconsin) and Dr. Bickers (Organist at Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kansas). Please see Elisa's letter of thanks accompanying this column. I am a little embarrassed to include it because her commentary describes me on the path to sainthood but our Chapter has made a good friend in this very talented musician.

The Milwaukee Chapter has two events rapidly approaching —

August 1st, our **Multi-Media Workshop** at Wauwatosa Congregational (1511 Church Street in Wauwatosa), 7-9pm. We will address the iPad/Pro, Facebook and Finale. This event is FREE. Register at: <http://agomilwaukee.org> Finger-food snacks are welcome.

August 3rd, Anne Wilson will lead a **Choral Reading Session** (multiple publishers) at Mt. Carmel Lutheran (84th and Center, Milwaukee) 6:30-8:45pm, \$15 single registration / \$25 for you plus 4 choir members. It sounds like a raffle, doesn't it? Register at: <http://agomilwaukee.org>

This past Sunday afternoon new AGO Board Member—Rick Ewert presented his Master's Recital on the Steiner-Reck at Concordia (OHS Database ID 22247). Congratulations Rick on fine musicianship and performance. The program included passacaglias of Buxtehude and Reger, Durufle's *Veni Creator*, Michals and more.

Lastly, pages and pages could be devoted to the AGO National Convention in Houston.

The NYACOP winner, Katelyn Emerson, is in process of scheduling an autumn recital with Gesu. She begins her new position at the Church of the Advent in Boston shortly after spending this past year in France on a Fulbright Fellowship. Visit her web-site at <https://katelynemerson.wordpress.com> she is a delightful young woman and upholds the tradition of excellence to which we've grown accustomed.

The convention closing concert was held at St. Martin's Episcopal (the church of the presidents — both Bush families) with Aaron David Miller and John Schwandt on the organ, the Houston Symphony Strings and soprano—Melissa Givens. Each of three sections featured: an English translation narrative of the following Hildegard of Bingen composition, an organ improvisation and an organ/string composition. A welcome to Houston by an astronaut (in space) opened the program and outer-space/planetary video followed on a screen (20 X 30 feet). All music was perfectly coordinated with the video — a contemporary galactic "spin" (bad pun) on Theatre Guild accompaniment of silent movies. What a totally awesome meld of the area's NASA fame with the musical resources of the AGO Convention!

Meanwhile, I'm happy to be on board here in Milwaukee and hope to see many of you at events throughout the year.

Cordially,

Sheri

## July 2016

6 (Wed) 12:15 Ellie Quint, Soprano  
Martha Galvin, Piano  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
812 N. Jackson St.  
Milwaukee, WI

6 (Wed) 12:15 Mitchell Miller, Organ  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
404 W. Lawrence St.  
Appleton, WI

7 (Thurs) 12:15 Samuel Buse, Organ  
First Presbyterian Church  
200 Church St.  
Neenah, WI

12 (Tues) 7:30 Ryan Mueller, Organ  
Church of the Gesu  
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI

13 (Wed) 12:15 Ann Lobotzke, Harp  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
812 N. Jackson St.  
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13 (Wed) 12:15 Dr. Derek Nickels, Organ  
First United Methodist Church  
200 N. Drew St  
Appleton, WI

17 (Sun) 2:00 Karen Beaumont, Organ  
St. Hedwig's Church  
1702 N. Humboldt  
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20 (Wed) 12:15 Crawford Wiley, Organ  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
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20 (Wed) 12:15 Ryan Mueller, Organ  
First English Lutheran Church  
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27 (Wed) 12:15 Ancora Quartet  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
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27 (Wed) 12:15 Matthew Buller, Organ  
First Presbyterian Church  
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St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral  
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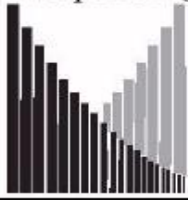
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June 20, 2016

Dearest Sheri and Milwaukee Chapter of the AGO,


I'm writing to express my sincerest thanks to you for hosting me for the FAGO exam this past May. The friendliness of your city and its people are no doubt a great part of why I was successful in this certification. The kindness and generosity that I witnessed at the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, the St. Joseph Center, and with Sheri as exam proctor, immediately put me at ease and made me feel most welcome – this was so important as I undertook a fairly high-pressure examination!

I had never been to Milwaukee before, and Sheri told me all about the organ culture there. I am anxious to return to experience more of your instruments and meet all of you. I very much hope that our paths will cross someday soon.

And now a word about your new Dean: what a gracious heart and spirit has Sheri Masiakowski! She guided me through the exams with great professionalism, but also such warmth. My flight did not leave until Friday evening, and the exam ended that morning. Rather than simply plopping me at the airport and going about her business, Sheri took me all over Milwaukee, including to her home to meet her various organs and furry companions, as well as to the Domes. I know that I have found a colleague and friend for life in this beautiful person, and look forward to seeing her again soon.

God be with you for a wonderful new AGO season. May our pipes be in tune, our pistons responsive, and our clergy gracious.

Blessings to you all!

  
Elisa Bickers~

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