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The American Guild of Organists – Milwaukee Chapter

And

The Church of the Gesu

Present

Nathan Laube



Tuesday, November 11, 2014

7:30 pm

Church of the Gesu

1145 W. Wisconsin Ave

Milwaukee, WI

*A star among young classical musicians, concert organist **Nathan J. Laube** has quickly earned a place among the organ world's elite performers. His brilliant playing and gracious demeanor have thrilled audiences and presenters across the United States and in Europe, and his creative programming of repertoire spanning five centuries, including his own virtuoso transcriptions of orchestral works, have earned high praise from critics and peers alike.*

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There are many privileges and duties to the office of Dean which are inherently pleasant and rewarding. There are some which are less so. As I write this I am faced with a responsibility as Dean which I find most distasteful, but it is my responsibility to bring this to light.

A wise man has said "Sometimes it is necessary to name the demon."

Two years ago we conducted a survey of the chapter membership and the results of this survey are still available on our website under "Information for Members" (You must be signed-in to access this area.) In that survey more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the respondents (68.9%) said that recitals were the type of program they wished the chapter to sponsor and 72% said that you would attend recitals sponsored by the chapter. Based on these results the Program Committee under the leadership of the Sub-Dean presented a program-plan which offered several very fine recitals, some of which were at considerable expense to the chapter.

Recital attendance so far this year has been, in a word, abysmal.

Given the number of members who said they wanted recitals and the number that said they would attend them, I am left confounded by this lack of support for these recitals. Is it because the artists were not desirable enough, or there was a problem with the venues?

If you know why this is so, or you suspect you know, please feel free to email me at chapter@agomilwaukee.org. I really would like to hear from you about this situation and what you think we should do about it. Please.

Meanwhile, we have an excellent program co-sponsored with Church of the Gesu on 11.11.14 featuring one of the finest young artists in the US today, Nathan Laube. This combination of artist and instrument promises to be nothing short of legendary. If you miss this, you will surely regret it. I hope to see you there.

PipeNotes is Published Monthly submit information to the editor via email at, pneditor@agomilwaukee.org. The Deadline is the 20th of the preceding month.

November 2014

5 (Wed) 12:15 Jeff Verkuilen, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

7 (Fri) 7:30 An Evening of Opera Arias
St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Main St & East Ave
Waukesha, WI

7 (Fri) 7:30 Stile Moderno:
Music of Seventeenth Century Italy
Early Music Now
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
914 E. Knapp St
Milwaukee, WI

8 (Sat) 7:30 Quicksilver Baroque
The Invention of Chamber Music
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
914 E. Knapp St
Milwaukee, WI

8 (Tues) 7:30 American Homeland
A Veterans Day Concert
Milwaukee Children's Choir
South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center
901 S. 15th Ave
South Milwaukee, WI

11 (Tues) 7:30 Chapter Event
Nathan Laube, Organ
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

12 (Wed) 12:15 Louis Menchaca, Trumpet
Wendelin Lockett, Soprano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

14 (Fri) 8:00 10th Anniversary Gala Concert
Wolfgang Rübsam, Organ
Augustana Chapel
Lutheran School of Theology
1100 E. 55th St
Chicago, IL

16 (Sun) 4:00 When in our Music God
is Glorified
New Organ Dedication
Immanuel UCC
501 Walnut St
West Bend, WI

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

22 (Sat) 7:30 Festival Concert
In honor of St. Cecilia's Day
Marquette University
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

23 (Sun) 4:00 Prata Duo
Horn and Piano/Organ
St. Casimir Church
2600 N Bremen St
Milwaukee, WI

26 (Wed) 12:15 Joanne Pruitt Koehn, Soprano
Joseph DiFrances, Vihuela
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
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Final Cadences



Doris Simonson – a long time member of our chapter
Passed away on Oct 29, 2014
You can find her obituary in the Journal Sentinel.

**AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS AWARDS
SIX SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$60,000
FOR COLLEGIATE ORGAN STUDY**

**Largest Bequest in the History of the AGO
Funds Six Pogorzelski and Yankee Organ Scholarships in 2014**

Call for Scholarship Applications for the 2015–2016 Academic Year

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) has awarded four scholarships for undergraduate organ study and two scholarships for graduate organ study to six college organ students enrolled in the 2014–2015 academic year. The six scholars were selected from an application pool of more than 50 students and received the awards based upon their demonstrated ability in organ playing and financial need.

Funded through a generous bequest from the estate of Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee, each undergraduate scholarship carries a cash award of \$7,500 and is renewable for up to four years of collegiate study. Each graduate scholarship carries a cash award of \$15,000 and is renewable for a total of two years of study. The 2014–2015 Scholarship Award recipients are:

Graduate Students
Chelsea Barton, McGill University
Jacob Taylor, Indiana University

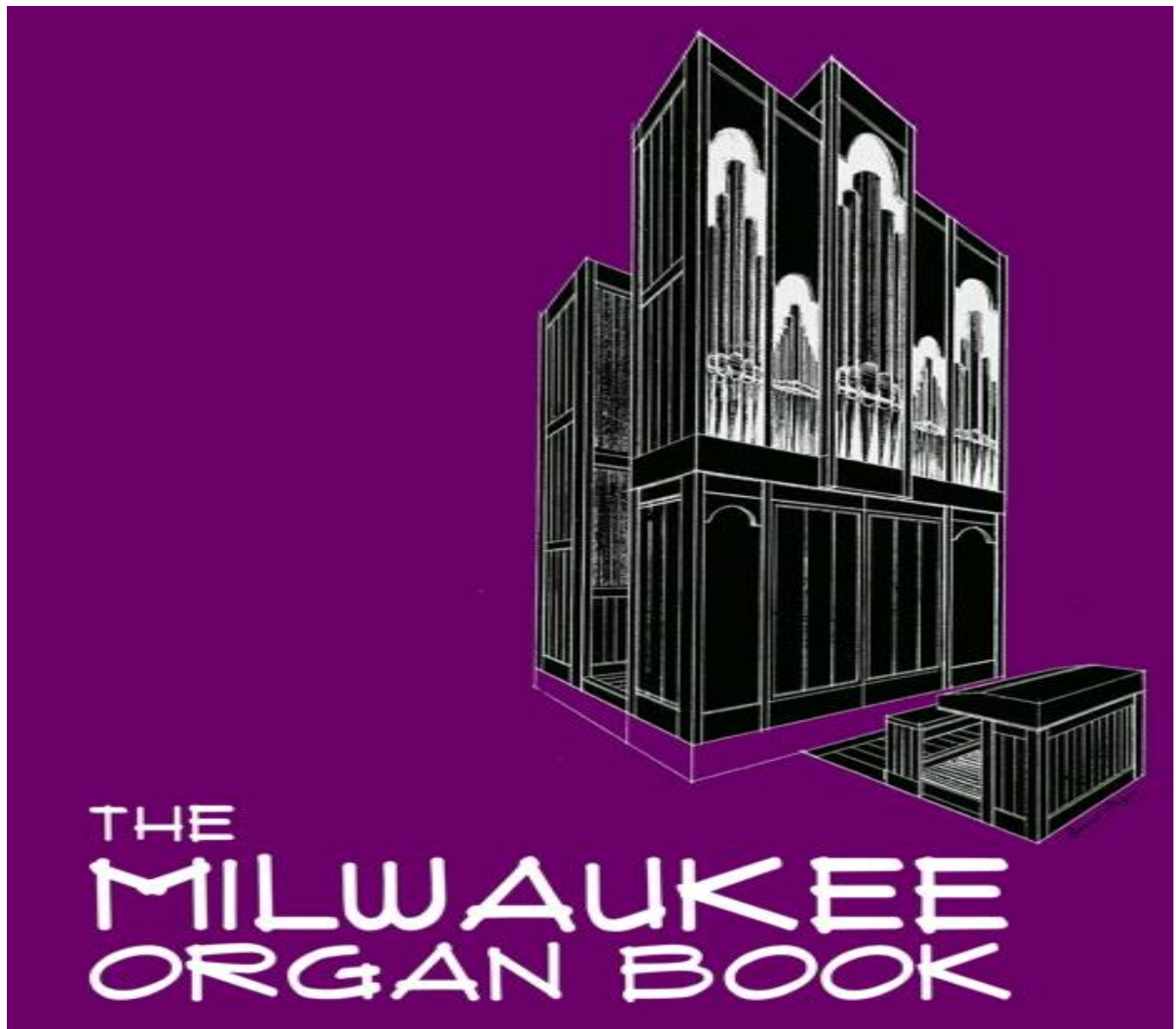
Undergraduate Students
Clara Gerdes, Curtis Institute of Music
Garrett Law, Cleveland Institute of Music
Prince Nyatanga, Eastman School of Music
Mary Pan, University of Hartford

The American Guild of Organists is the only organization of its kind with a scholarship program supporting music students in their academic careers at any institution of higher learning of their choice. Applications for the 2014–2015 scholarship awards were received and reviewed by the AGO National Committee on Continuing Professional Education.

“This scholarship program exists thanks to the generosity and vision of two gentlemen who bequeathed their estate to the AGO, along with specific instructions as to how the funds are to be distributed,” stated Frederick Hohman, director of the scholarship committee. “Their wish was for the AGO to recognize and support young organists with financial need who have demonstrated accomplishment in organ playing.”

Speaking on behalf of Messrs. Pogorzelski and Yankee, Dale J. Marsico noted, “According to my uncles, the heart is reached easier through the use of organ music than any other musical form. Their music collection, music room, pipe organ, and Ron’s playing ability were testimony to their love of the instrument. Their gift is a testament to their hopes that future generations might come to enjoy—to love and appreciate organ music as they did. They felt that their bequest to American Guild of Organists offered the best opportunity for that possibility.”

Two new Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee Memorial Scholarships will be awarded for the 2015–2016 academic year—one for an incoming freshman (\$7,500), the other for a first-year graduate organ student (\$15,000). Eligibility requirements and application details are available online at www.agohq.org/education. The online application period will run from January 1 through February 15, 2015. ■



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