

The Cipher

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
FORT WAYNE CHAPTER,
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
JUNE, 2022



NOTE: Deadline for the July Cipher is June 25

Submit information to David Hendricksen
at revoxfan55@gmail.com

From the Dean

I hope you'll all agree that we've had a wonderful 2021-2022 season in the Fort Wayne AGO Chapter, and it's not over yet!

Here's a recap of the exciting things that have happened since last July.....

- **Celebrated** our chapter's 75th Anniversary in September with a dinner and member's recital at Redeemer Lutheran Church.
- **Hosted** a master class on the music of G.F. Handel presented by Kola Owolabi from the University of Notre Dame, at Zion Lutheran Church in October.
- **Took part** in an organ tour of several central city churches in November including Trinity English Lutheran, St. Patrick's Catholic, St. Peter's Catholic, and First Wayne Street United Methodist, with a luncheon stop at Proximo.
- **Learned about** simple pipe organ tuning and maintenance techniques from our chapter member, Parker Maas in a session at St. John Lutheran Church in February preceded by dinner at Henry's.
- **Heard** excellent playing from four of our chapter members in a master class at First Presbyterian Church in March, led by Stephen Tharp of New York City. Stephen also presented an outstanding eclectic recital later the same day.

- **Welcomed** 19 young people on a Saturday in April for Pedals, Pipes and Pizza with visits to First Presbyterian Church, First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, and The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.
- **Explored** four different venues to see and hear harpsichords in downtown Fort Wayne on a tour led by chapter member, Noah Vancina, also in April.
- **Discerned** the possibility of hosting the 2025 Regional Convention in Fort Wayne in a meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church in May led by former Dean, Jane Hicks Snow, and our Regional Councillor, Caron Farmer. The evening also included a brief installation of officers service and concluded with dessert. The chapter membership present on May 17 **VOTED TO HOST THE 2025 REGIONAL CONVENTION**. More information will be coming in the near future regarding dates and leadership for the convention.
- **Yet to come** are our June **Germanfest recitals**. Detailed information is elsewhere in this newsletter. During the Three Rivers Festival in July, our chapter will arrange the "**Follow the Pipes**" programs. Detailed information forthcoming soon!
- **We also welcomed 21 new members this year of all ages.....young organists, regular members, senior members, and dual members!**

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS, FORT WAYNE CHAPTER!!

Blessings!
Tim Robison

Upcoming 2021-2022 Chapter Events

Germanfest Organ Recitals – five consecutive days of organ recitals during Germanfest. Each program begins at 12:15 PM. The line-up is as follows:

- Monday, June 6 - Noah Vancina at Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- Tuesday, June 7 - Michael Hollman at Zion Lutheran Church
- Wednesday, June 8 - Geoffrey North at First Wayne Street UMC
- Thursday, June 9 - Michael Dulac at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- Friday, June 10 - Ryan Kennedy at Trinity Episcopal Church

Follow the Pipes – a series of programs as part of Fort Wayne's annual Three Rivers Festival, to be held July 8-16

Black and White Silent Film Series Accompanied by the **Grande Page Pipe Organ**

Join the Embassy Theatre as it celebrates the 100th anniversary of great silent films plus a special screening of *The Iron Horse*. Attendees will be transported back to the earliest days of Hollywood when silent films filled the screen as the melodious tunes of the pipe organ filled the theater.

The series is as follows:

- Sunday, June 12, 3 p.m. – *Blood and Sand* featuring Rudolph Valentino; Dennis James, organist
- Sunday, June 26, 3 p.m. – *Grandma's Boy* featuring Harold Lloyd; Clark Wilson, organist
- Sunday, July 10, 3 p.m. – *Oliver Twist* featuring Lon Chaney; Clark Wilson, organist
- Sunday, July 24, 3 p.m. – *The Iron Horse* featuring George O'Brien; Dennis James, organist

The Grande Page, installed in 1928, is one of only three organs of its kind. Its enticing tones bring silent film to life by emulating multiple instruments and

other recognizable sounds like sirens, train whistles and chirping birds.

TICKETS are FREE for ages 12 and under, 65 and over, and members of the Embassy. All other tickets are \$10 (plus applicable fees) and can be purchased at ticketmaster.com. To avoid convenience fees or to obtain free tickets, please visit the STAR Bank box office at the Embassy (260.424.5665) at 125 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visit www.fwembassytheatre.org/organ-and-film-series/ for more information.

The Embassy Theatre Foundation thanks Thomas and Penelope Mathiesen for sponsoring this program. Activities at the Embassy are made possible in part by Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne and the Indiana Arts Commission, which receives support from the State of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Arts.

“Send Off” program for Austin organ

A “send off” program featuring Nathan, Grime, Paul Grime, Kevin Hildebrand, Matthew Machemer, and Joel Stoppenhagen, organists will be held Monday, June 6 at 7:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. This evening will be the last time the organ will be heard for the rest of the summer, prior to cleaning of the chambers and rebuilding of the console.

In addition, Mr. Keith Williams from the Buzard organ company will make remarks to the audience about the renovation project that will begin the next morning.

Later that same week, most of the pipes will be removed. The organ chambers will also be cleaned for the first time since 1942, when most of the current instrument was installed. Finally, the organ console will be dismantled and removed to the workshop of the Buzard organ company in Champaign, Illinois, where it will be rebuilt and overhauled.

Wednesdays on Wayne Street

First Wayne Street United Methodist Church continues its *Wednesdays on Wayne Street* series with four programs in June, each beginning at 12:15. There is no admission charge.

- June 1 Jonathan & Natalie Young, piano and voice
- June 8 Geoffrey North, organ
- June 15 Andrew Nesler, piano (Prokofiev Sonata No. 8)
- June 22 Vivianne Belanger, flute (Enescu, Doppler and others)

Sursa American Organ Competition Ball State University

Ball State University will host the fourth Sursa American organ Competition in September, 2022. Applications are now being accepted for both the pre-professional and the high school divisions. The application deadline for both divisions is July 15.

Participants will perform on the 3/63 Goulding & Wood organ in Sursa Recital Hall.

For details about the competition and application process, visit this link:

<https://www.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/music/about-us/news-and-events/sursa-american-organ-competition>

June & July Choral and Organ Events

Please send information about July and August events by June 25 to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com for the July issue of *The Cipher*.

Sunday, June 5, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, Rose Auditorium, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Monday, June 6, 12:15 PM Noah Vancina, Germanfest organ recital, Emmanuel Lutheran

Church, Fort Wayne

Monday, June 6, 7:00 PM “Send-off” program for the Austin organ prior to renovation, featuring Nathan Grime, Paul Grime, Kevin Hildebrand, Matthew Machemer, Joel Stoppenhagen, organists. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Tuesday, June 7, 12:15 PM Michael Hollman, Germanfest organ recital, Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Wednesday, June 8, 12:15 PM Geoffrey North, Germanfest organ recital, First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne

Thursday, June 9, 12:15 PM Michael Dulac, Germanfest organ recital, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Friday, June 10, 12:15 PM Ryan Kennedy, Germanfest organ recital, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne

Friday, June 10, 7:30 PM Cincinnati Youth Choir on tour, First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, June 12, 3:00 PM *Blood and Sand* – silent film with organ accompaniment by Dennis James. Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

Sunday, June 19, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, Rose Auditorium, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, June 26, 3:00 PM *Grandma's Boy* – silent film with organ accompaniment by Clark Wilson. Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

Sunday, July 10, 3:00 PM *Oliver Twist* – silent film with organ accompaniment by Clark Wilson. Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

Sunday, June 26, 3:00 PM *The Iron Horse* – silent film with organ accompaniment by Dennis James. Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

Positions Available

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 5310 Old Mill Rd. Fort Wayne. Pianist needed for 10:30 AM Sunday service and one weeknight choir rehearsal. Contact: Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelly, or Kirsten Eckert-Smith, 260-744-1867 or uufortwayne@frontier.com

St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 220 N. Main Street, Churubusco, IN. Pianist needed for weekend Masses. Contact: Father Drew Curry, 260-693-9578 or frandrewcurry@yahoo.com

Grace Episcopal Church, Defiance Ohio. Small congregation needs a pianist to play for 10:00AM service. Compensation based on ability and skill. Contact: Fr. John Hagan, 304-545-1734 or frjohnhagan@aol.com

Listing of used organ music cheap!

George Butterfield, of Organ Stop, Inc. in El Cajon, CA publishes a periodic list of used organ music for sale at very reasonable prices. The current list is a pdf document of 61 pages (!). The items are graded A, B, or C for condition, and priced accordingly.

If interested in receiving a list, contact Butterfield by email at organstopsales@aol.com

Here are the section headings of the current list, to give an idea of the scope of the material for sale:

- Organ: single composer solos and collections
- Bach organ: single titles
- Bach organ collections
- Bach organ works by edition
- Organ collections by title
- Organ: manuals only
- Duets for two organs
- Sacred duets for organ & piano
- Advent & Christmas Organ
- Lent & Easter Organ (solo and with instruments)
- Organ with instruments and Hymn Concertatos
- Organ methods
- Organ wedding music
- Organ funeral/memorial service
- Organ free accompaniments & harmonizations
- Books on Music
- Organ subscription magazines

- Choral scores – oratorios, cantatas, etc.
- Choral collections
- Children's Choral music
- Christmas vocal sheet music (piano)
- Vocal solos & Collections
- Sacred Vocal Descants
- Sacred Piano solos
- Classical piano solos, duets, collections

Midwest Choir Festival

Dear AGO Members, I'm writing to invite you to the Midwest Residential Choir Festival, July 5-10, 2022.

We are a new annual event inspired by RSCM America Summer Training Courses that brings together the best in music, worship, and safe residential experience to Midwest, Mid-south, and wider USA choristers and adults. Our central location in Evansville, Indiana is ideally placed regionally and nationally to bring this type of opportunity closer to you.

We have an informative website at <https://midwestchoirfestival.org/> that will tell you much more about the Festival and where you can register to attend. If you like what you see, please follow, and share on your social media as we spread the word about this unique offering.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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From our Webmaster:

COLLEAGUES! We'd like to have a page on our FWAGO website that gives information about Northeast Indiana music events. If you are planning a concert series, a single concert, a hymn festival or other related event we will be glad to list it on the website. Please e-mail the information as a file

attachment to: giglerm@aol.com. The file needs to be in pdf or jpg format and give complete information about the event, even a poster. Be sure that this information includes, dates, times and locations.

Many thanks,
Martin Gigler, webmaster

Fort Wayne Chapter Leadership

Elected positions:

Dean	Tim Robison (2023)
Sub-Dean	Matt Johnson
Secretary	Richard McKee (2023)
Treasurer	Kathy Miller (2023)
At-Large:	Irene Ator (2025)
	Greg Childs (2024)
	Michael Dulac (2025)
	David Hendricksen (2024)
	Wayne Peterson (2025)
	Tamara Schaaf (2026)

Non-elected positions, appointed by the Board:

Chaplain:	Rev. Anne Epling
Webmasters:	Martin Gigler & Tim Robison
Scholarship Committee Chair:	Fran Page
Germanfest, Follow the Pipes:	Rosalie Bowker
Certification Chair	Wayne Peterson
Program Committee Chair	Matt Johnson
Newsletter Editor:	David Hendricksen