

The Cipher

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
FORT WAYNE CHAPTER,
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
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NOTE: Deadline for the December Cipher is November 25

Submit information to David Hendricksen
at revoxfan55@gmail.com

From the Dean

A gracious thank you to Stephen Price for his wonderful session on fundamentals of hymn-playing presented this past Saturday, and to Mike Hollman for hosting us at Zion Lutheran Church. It was great to see everyone there!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 AM as one of our newer members, Ryan Kennedy, will present a workshop: *Improvisations of the Low Mass*. This will take place at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4643 Gaywood Dr. Sacred Heart is a Latin Mass Parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Ryan's presentation promises to be quite interesting. Several members of our chapter will play various musical examples during the session. We won't have coffee and donuts this time – but there will be an opportunity for lunch at noon at Nawa on the Landing, downtown. We will take a count just before Ryan's presentation.

There are many concerts, recitals, hymn festivals, etc. coming up in our area in the next few weeks. Please take an opportunity to look at the extensive list in this issue and support our local musicians by attending the ones you can.

I hope to see many of you on November 12 at Sacred Heart!

Tim Robison

Upcoming 2022-2023 Chapter Events

Saturday, November 12, 10:00 AM – Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4643 Gaywood Drive, Fort Wayne. Presentation by Ryan Kennedy regarding use of organ in the Latin Mass liturgy. Lunch at Nawa.

December 2, 9, & 16 Friday noontime Advent Organ Recitals

Friday, January 6, 6:00 PM Epiphany Party
Home of Tim Robison

Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 PM *Music for Organ and Handbells*, Matt Johnston, presenter, Mt Calvary Lutheran Church

Saturday, March 18 Tour to see the new Fritts instruments at Christ Chapel, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI. Derek Stauff, Professor of Organ, presenter. 8:30 AM departure from Fort Wayne; 3:30 PM arrive back in Fort Wayne.

April (date/time TBA) – Embassy Theatre and another venue: Orgelkids / Orgelkit

May (date/time/venue TBA)
Members and Ator Scholarship holders recital
Installation of Chapter officers

June 5-9 – Germanfest Organ Recitals

July 7-15 – Three Rivers Festival: *Follow the Pipes*

Greetings from Marty Johnson

Hello AGO Chapter members,

Recently someone tapped on my door here in the Towne House Health Center. Fritz Gingrich had

come down to visit a friend and saw my name on the door plate. To make a short story about his continued visits, he brought me a copy of *The Cipher* and loaned me his copy of a book about how organs are built, great stories from organists and their experiences, and fantastic photographs. (Right now the info about the book is downstairs and I am in our apartment.)

I am happy to read about the chapter activities. Fritz told me the next regional convention will be in Fort Wayne. Also, the *Cipher* contained many names I knew when I was active and I saw new names of busy AGO members. I met Greg Childs when his father-in-law lived here at the Towne House. I cannot attend meetings but am happy to be connected again. Our address is Marty Johnson, 2209 St Joe Center Rd Apt 207 H. Fort Wayne, IN 46825-5071

Greetings to all of you.
Marty Johnson

November & December Choral and Organ Events

Please send information about December and January events by November 25 to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com for the December issue of The Cipher. Events listed in an approximate 3-hour driving radius of Fort Wayne.

Saturday, October 29, 7:00 PM Cathedral Music Society: Vivaldi Gloria and other works, Cathedral of St. Paul, Detroit, MI

Sunday, October 30, 3:00 PM Nathan Laube, organ recital, Basilica of St. Adalbert, Grand Rapids, MI

Sunday, October 30, 4:00 PM Chanticleer Vocal Ensemble, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, October 30, 4:00 PM Nicole Busarow, hymn festival, 1950 Kilgen III/32, Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Thursday, November 3, 7:00 PM Thomas Ospital, organ recital, 2009 Nichols & Simpson IV/64, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, MI

Friday, November 4, 7:00 PM Nicholas Schmelter, organ recital, Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Friday, November 4, 7:30 PM Winfried Bönig (Cologne Cathedral) dedication recital of new Klais IV/85 organ at First Community Church, Columbus, OH

Saturday, November 5, 4:00 PM Fort Wayne Children's Choir Harvest Concert, Auer Hall, PFW

Saturday, November 5, 7:30 PM Winfried Bönig (Cologne Cathedral) dedication recital of new Klais IV/85 organ at First Community Church, Columbus, OH (repeat of November 4 program)

Sunday, November 6, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Institute of Art, Dayton, OH

Sunday, November 6, 2:00 PM Raina Wood, organ recital, 1996 Goulding & Wood IV/58, Meridian Street United Methodist Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, November 6, 4:00 PM "Songs for God's Saints" Rutter *Requiem* and other music and readings, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, November 6, 4:00 PM David Hurd, organ recital, 2016, Pasi 11/19, Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, MI

Sunday, November 6, 4:00 PM James Kibbie, Bach organ recital #6, 1985 Fisk II/35, Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Sunday, November 6, 4:30 PM Jonathan Rudy, organ recital, 1958 Schlicker III/57, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Sunday, November 6, 5:00 PM Choral Evensong for All Saints, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, November 6, 7:00 PM An evening of Durufle, 2019 Richards, Fowkes & Co, II/32, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Sunday, November 6, 7:30 PM Choral Vespers, presenting *Nusikalische Exequien* by Heinrich

Schütz, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Monday, November 7, 7:30 PM Hymn Festival, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Tuesday, November 8, 12:15 PM Christopher Dekker, organ recital, 2005 Muller IV/80, Park Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Tuesday, November 8, 7:30 PM Cathedral Artists Music Society: organ, piano, chamber music, Fort Wayne Children's Choir. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Thursday, November 10, 12:15 PM Shin-Ae Chun, organ recital, 1966 Noehren III/70, First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Friday, November 11, 7:30 PM Sarah Simko, organ recital, 1992 Pilzecker IV/96, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Detroit, MI

Friday, November 11, 7:00 PM Nicholas Quardokus, organ recital, 2002 Nichols & Simpson III/42, St Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, MI

Saturday, November 12, 10:00 AM Ryan Kennedy presentation: "The Organ in the Latin Mass Liturgy" Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Fort Wayne

Saturday, November 12, 6:30 PM Fisk Jubilee Singers, Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis

Saturday, November 12, 7:30 PM *Mass for the Endangered*, Cincinnati Vocal Arts Ensemble, Craig Hella Johnson, conducting, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH

Sunday, November 13, 4:00 PM Bach Collegium, Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Sunday, November 13, 4:00 PM James Kibbie, Bach organ recital #7, 1985 Fisk II/35, Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Sunday, November 13, 4:00 PM Timothy Tikker, organ recital, 1989 Casavant III/70, First Presbyterian Church, Saginaw, MI

Sunday, November 13, 4:00 PM Robert Poovey, organ recital, 1972 Beckerath III/73 and 1931 Kimball IV/66, First Congregational Church, Columbus, OH

Sunday, November 13, 7:00 PM Clark Wilson accompanies the 1923 silent film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, 1989 Bunn-Minnick IV/53, St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, OH

Sunday, November 13, 8:00 PM, Colin Andrews, organ recital, 2016 Fritts IV/93, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame University

Tuesday, November 15, 12:15 PM Rhonda Edgington, organ; Carolyn Koebel, percussion, 2005 Muller IV/80, Park Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Wednesday, November 16, noon Carolyn Duning Ripp, organ recital, 1906 Hook & Hastings/1957 Wicks III/42, Reid Center, Richmond, IN

Friday, November 18, 7:00 PM Michael Ging, organ recital, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Fort Wayne

Friday, November 18, 7:30 PM Eric Plutz, organ recital, 2021 Quimby III/65, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, November 20, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Institute of Art, Dayton, OH

Sunday, November 20, 3:15 PM Jeremy David Tarrant, organ recital (music of Franck) 1992 Pilzecker IV/96, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Detroit, MI

Sunday, November 20, 4:00 PM James Kibbie, Bach organ recital #8, 1985 Fisk II/35, Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Sunday, November 20, 4:30 PM Jeanette Fishell, organ recital, 2001 Fisk III/76 Finney Chapel, Oberlin, OH

Sunday, November 20, 6:00 PM *Nun danket alle Gott* University of Michigan Baroque Chamber Choir and Ensemble performs works by Buxtehude,

Schutz, Purcell, Scheidt, and Croft. Also featured will be works for organ and harpsichord. First Congregational Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Wednesday, November 30, 12:10 PM Trent Whisenant, organ recital. Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Saturday, December 3, 4:00 PM Colin Andrews, organ recital, 1988 Goulding & Wood III/37, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, IN

Saturday, December 3, 7:30 PM Ecce Choir, Advent Lessons & Carols, St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, OH

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 PM *Messiah* Sing-along, sponsored by the Bach Collegium. Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Institute of Art, Dayton, OH

Sunday, December 4, 3:00 PM Ecce Choir, Advent Lessons & Carols, St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur, IN

Sunday, December 4, 4:00 PM Lessons and Carols, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, December 4, 5:00 PM Lessons and Carols, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, December 4, 7:00 PM Jeremy David Tarrant, organ recital, 2019 Richards, Fowkes & Co, II/32, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Wednesday, December 7, 12:10 PM Chase Loomer, organ recital. Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Saturday, December 10, 7:00 PM Ecce Choir, Advent Lessons & Carols, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, December 11, 4:00 PM Ecce Choir, Advent Lessons & Carols, Monastery of the Visitation, Toledo, OH

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 PM Choral Evensong, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne

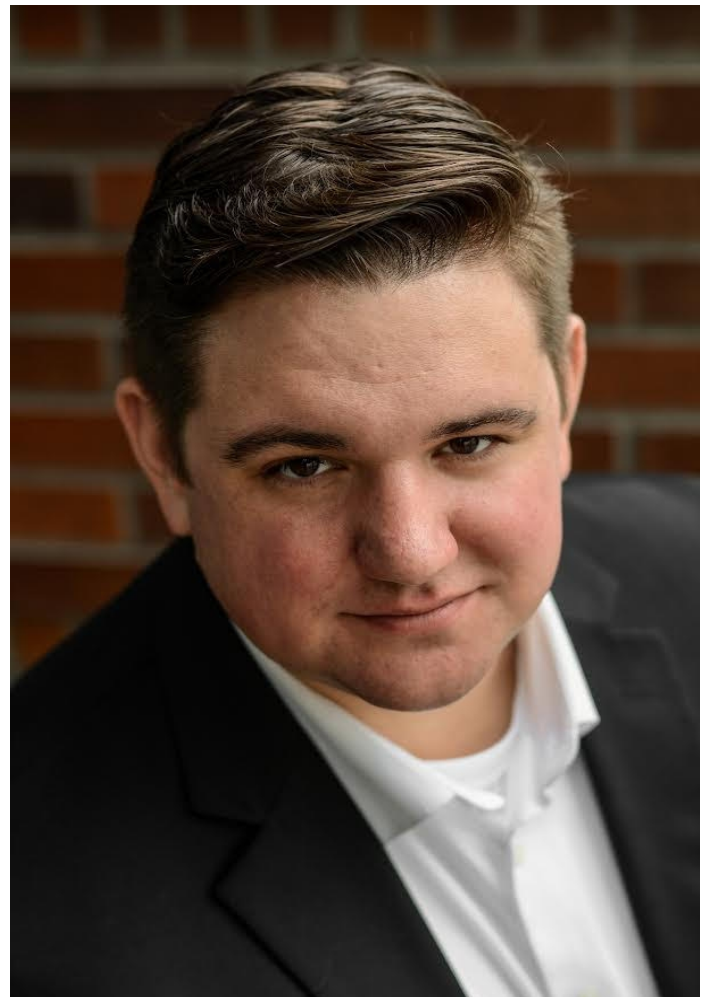
Wednesday, December 14, 12:10 PM Sarah Gran Williams, organ recital. Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Institute of Art, Dayton, OH

Saturday, December 31, 7:30 PM Adam Brakel, New Year's Eve organ Recital, 1982 Robert Dial V/76, Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Michael Ging at St. Vincent de Paul

Michael Ging will play a concert at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Friday, November 18th at 7:00 PM on the 4 manual hybrid Wicks/Viscount organ. The concert is free and open to the public. The program includes music of Widor, Attaingnant, Bach, Vierne, and Guilmant.



Michael Ging is an organist, teacher, church musician, and entrepreneur who garners critical and audience acclaim for his virtuosic technique, sensitive interpretations, and charismatic stage presence. His performance career takes him to venues in Europe and North America, notably the Orgelkunst Series in Magdeburg (Germany) and L’Eglise de la Madeleine (Paris). Recent domestic recitals were performed in Dallas, Houston, Excelsior, St. Paul, Worcester, Charleston, Princeton, Austin, Washington, Spartanburg, Atlanta, Orlando, Winter Park, and Santa Fe. As an orchestral soloist, his repertoire includes Barber’s Toccata Festiva (Houston Civic Symphony), Howard Hanson’s Concerto for Organ, Strings, and Percussion (New Hope Festival Orchestra), and J.S. Bach’s concertos for multiple harpsichords (Bach Society Houston). His festival credits include appearances at the 11th International Organ and Early Music Festival (Oaxaca), the Leipzig in Houston Festival, the Houston Early Music Festival, the University of Alabama Piano and Organ Festival, and four solo recitals at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. He is an advocate for new music and has premiered compositions by Ryan Gagnon, Daniel Sigmon, Peter Mathews, Thomas J. White, and Daniel Knaggs.

Michael is Adjunct Professor of Organ at Rollins College, where he teaches on the rebuilt Aeolian-Skinner Organ (Opus 858) housed in Knowles Memorial Chapel. His current and former students are church musicians, teachers, and performers. He has maintained his vocation as a liturgical musician since his appointment as Organist/Choirmaster at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church (Folly Beach, SC) at age fourteen. He currently serves as Director of Music & Parish Organist at All Saints Episcopal Church (Winter Park, FL). His previous calls include a decade of ministry at New Hope Lutheran Church (Missouri City, TX) as well as at Catholic, Lutheran, and Episcopal churches in South Carolina, Ohio, and Texas.

Michael is an experienced consultant. He is currently advising St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church (Charleston, SC) through the design and installation of a four-manual French symphonic organ by R.A. Colby. Previous projects include instrument acquisitions and ministry personnel solutions for

Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist, and Methodist congregations in Florida, South Carolina, and Texas.

He is the Co-Founder/Managing Partner of Seven Eight Artists, an artist management agency specializing in the promotion of organists and their performance activities. The roster of Seven Eight Artists includes leading performers based throughout the United States, Canada, Scotland, and Germany.

Michael earned the Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Houston where he studied organ with Robert Bates, conducting with Betsy Cook Weber, and wrote his dissertation, “Orchestrations and Transformations: Guilmant, Widor, and the Emergence of Music for Organ and Orchestra in France,” under the guidance of Matthew Dirst. He holds a Master of Music from Rice University, where he studied with Ken Cowan and is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he studied with Jack Mitchener. Additional studies include harpsichord with Matthew Dirst and improvisation with George Baker and Sigurd Øgaard. Michael Ging is represented by Seven Eight Artists.

Fort Wayne Children's Choirs

The Fort Wayne Children's Choirs is celebrating their 50th year. They present their Harvest concert on Saturday, November 5 at 4:00 PM in Auer Hall on the Purdue Fort Wayne campus. Two of the accompanists are FW AGO members: Irene Ator and Kevin Hildebrand. Over 260 singers will be taking part. Tickets are available at fwcchoir.org. Looking ahead, the May 7, 2023 Spring Concert will feature commissioned works for each of the choirs, and an alumni choir to be directed by former Artistic Director, Fred Meads.

Cathedral Artists Music Society

The Cathedral Artists Music Society will present their next concert on Tuesday, November 8 at 7:30 PM in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Featured work will be *The Song of the Severn*, by contemporary English composer, Ian Venables. This set of five songs is a celebration of the Worcestershire

district and the Severn River which flows through it. Cathedral cantor, Mark Stachofsky, will be the soloist with accompaniment by string quartet and piano. The second half of the concert will feature a performance by the Fort Wayne Children's Choir Chamber Choir under the direction of Jonathan Busarow. Also on the program will be organ and piano selections

From our Webmaster:

COLLEAGUES! We want to use our FWAGO website to list 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 email 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 – dates, times, locations – even a poster.

Many thanks, Martin Gigler, webmaster

James Kibbie presents complete organ works of J. S. Bach

University of Michigan Professor of Organ, Dr. James Kibbie, is presenting the complete organ works of J. S. Bach in a series of 18 recitals during the 2022-2023 academic year. For detailed program information, or for livestream links go to [James Kibbie complete Bach organ works \(umich.edu\)](http://www.umich.edu/~jkbach)

Positions Available

Full time Director of Sacred Music, Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne. For information, contact: pastor@queenofangerlsfw.org

Part time Organist, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Michigan City, IN. 1967 Austin III/51 For information, contact pastor Mark Reshan at: seniorpastor@stpaulmichiganity.com

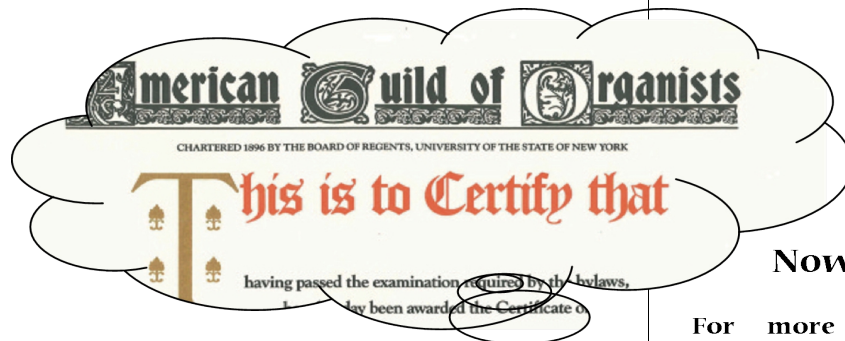
Fort Wayne Chapter Leadership

Elected positions:

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

Non-elected positions, appointed by the Board:

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



Now is the time to act!

For more information, contact Wayne Peterson (waynehpeterson@yahoo.com; 260-423-1693) or explore the certification content on the AGO website <https://www.agohq.org/certification/>

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