

The Cipher

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

Submit information to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com

From the Dean

April Event: *Introducing Young People to the Pipe Organ*

Tuesday, April 25 - 7:00 PM, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1105 S. Calhoun St.

Parker Maas will lead us in a short pipe organ lesson for parishioners of the Cathedral who have always wondered about the pipe organ. Following this, we, as chapter members, will discuss ways to host a similar session at our respective churches. Bring your ideas!

This will be a prelude to host the Das Orgel Kit in the fall in which participants will help construct a 2 rank, 23 note instrument.

Tim Robison

Upcoming 2022-2023 Chapter Events

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 PM Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. *Introducing Young People to the Pipe Organ*, Parker Maas, presenter

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

April & May Choral and Organ Events

*Please send information about May and June events by April 25 to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com for the May issue of The Cipher. Events listed in approximate 3-hour driving radius of Fort Wayne. Local events in **bold**.*

Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 PM Organ studio recital featuring the complete works of Johannes Brahms, 2006 Goulding & Wood III/63, Sursa Hall, Ball State University, Muncie

Wednesday, March 29, 12:10 PM Jihye Choi, organ recital. Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Friday, March 31, 7:00 PM Richard Fitzgerald, Improvised Meditations on the Stations of the Cross, 2016 Paul Fritts III/100, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, OH

Saturday, April 1, 10:00 AM Ecce Choir, Crown of Roses, A Lenten Concert, Rosary Care Center, Sylvania, OH

Saturday, April 1, 6:30 PM Bach St. John Passion, Indianapolis Baroque Orch. with Cathedral Choirs, Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis

Sunday, April 2, 4:00 PM James Kibbie, Bach organ recital #17, 1985 Fisk II/35, Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Sunday, April 2, 5:00 PM Gedymin Grubba, organ recital, 2002 Nichols & Simpson III/42, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamzoo, MI

Thursday, April 13, 7:30 PM Nathan Laube, organ recital, 2021 Fritts III/85, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI

Friday, April 14, 7:30 PM Nicholas Schmelter & Tyler Kivel, organ and piano, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Fort Wayne

Friday, April 14, 4:00 PM Sarah Simko, organ recital, 1992 Pilzecker IV/96, St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, MI

Sunday, April 16, 4:00 PM Stephen Price, organ recital, 1906 Hook & Hastings/1957 Wicks III/42, Reid Center, Richmond, IN

Sunday, April 16, 8:00 PM James Kibbie, Bach organ recital #18, 1994 Nelson Barden/Aeolian-Skinner IV/124, Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 PM The Chenault Duo, duo organ recital, 1990 Quimby/Aeolian-Skinner IV/77, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 PM Schola Cantorum Easter Hymn Festival, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 PM Bach Collegium performs Buxtehude *Membra Jesu nostri*, Oratory of St. Francis at St. Francis University, Fort Wayne

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 PM John William Moyer, organ recital, 2020 Fisk II/26, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 PM Nicole Keller, organ recital, 2008 Martin Ott III/41, First Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti, MI

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 PM David Crean, organ recital, 1989 Fisk II/33, St. George's Episcopal Church, Dayton, OH

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 PM Caroline Robinson, organ recital, 1990 Casavant IV/88, Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, OH

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 PM Texas Boys Choir, Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Wayne

Saturday, April 29, 10:00-3:00 Open House at Schantz Organ Company, Orville, OH

Saturday, April 29, 7:00 PM John Peragallo III, organ demonstration/recital, 2022 Peragallo IV/98, St. Malachy Catholic Church, Brownsburg, IN

Sunday, April 30, 1:00 PM Ecce Choir Concert, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton, IN

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 PM Nathan Laube, organ recital, 2022 Goulding & Wood III/72, Basilica of St. Adalbert, Grand Rapids, MI

Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM Balint Karosi, organ recital, 2023 Taylor & Boody II/52, Ancilla Domini Chapel, Plymouth, IN

Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM Emma Whitten, organ recital, 1981 Casavant IV/90, Kettering Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Dayton, OH

Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM Gail Archer, organ recital, 1985 Karl Wilhelm III/54, First Congregational Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Thursday, May 4, 7:00 PM Michael Messina, organ recital, 1973 Gabriel Kney II/20, Grace Episcopal Church, Muncie, IN

Friday, May 5, 7:00 PM Hayden Glasgow, organ recital, All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, OH

Friday, May 5, 7:30 PM James O'Donnell, organ recital, 2018 Quimby III/29, St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette, IN

Sunday, May 7, 4:00 PM Fort Wayne Children's Choir Spring Concert, Auer Performance Hall, PFW, Fort Wayne

Friday, May 12, 6:30 PM Sing For Joy Hymn Festival, 2020 Fisk II/26, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, May 14, 3:00 PM Michael Unger, organ recital, 2020 Richards, Fowkes & Co. III/73, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH

Sunday, May 14, 5:00 PM Michael Messina, organ recital, 2021 Quimby III/65, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Friday, May 19, 2:00 PM Matthew Macherer, organ recital 1958 Schlicker III/57, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Saturday, May 20, 7:30 PM Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert with organist Dave Wickerham, 1927 Page IV/15, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

Sunday, May 21, 3:00 PM Renee Anne Louprette, organ recital, 2022 Letourneau II/36, Alumni Memorial Chapel, MSU, East Lansing, MI

Sunday, May 21, 4:00 PM Shayla Van Hal, organ recital, 2000 Goulding & Wood III/46, All Saints Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Friday, May 26, 7:00 PM Janelle Deal, organ recital, 2015 Cornel Zimmer, III/36, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne

Schmelter Kivel Recital at St. Charles

All are invited to a free concert on Friday evening, April 14 at 7:30 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Rd. in Fort Wayne.

Featured on the program will be organist Nicholas Schmelter of Caro, Michigan, and pianist Tyler Kivel of Chicago, Illinois. Their concert will include a variety of music from sacred and classical, to popular and jazz.

These young men have performed solo and duo concerts throughout the United States and Europe to great acclaim from their audiences. Mr. Schmelter is a graduate of Central Michigan University holding a Master of Music degree in organ, and his organ compositions have been featured on the radio

program, "Pipedreams." He will also soon be moving to a new music position in Sweden. Mr. Kivel is an active soloist, freelance performer, teacher, and chamber musician. He serves on the faculty of ChiArts in Chicago, and made his Carnegie Hall debut in 2018.

Following the concert, you will have the opportunity to greet these young artists at a reception in the church narthex. For more information, please contact, Tim Robison, co-director of music at St. Charles, 260-446-3118, or at trobison@scbfw.org.

Please join us for an entertaining evening!



Region V Convention

Registration is **now open** for the Region V Convention which will be held in the northern suburbs of Chicago, this summer from June 25-28. Do a Google search for the AGO 2023 regional conventions and you'll find all the information you need to register.

To show our support for them, like we hope they will in return, how many of us are able to go? This is a wonderful opportunity not only to support the good of the cause, but to gather ideas about how our convention will function in 2025.

I'm challenging our chapter to have at least 10 in attendance. Will you help us reach that goal?!

Tim Robison, Dean

Joel Stoppenhagen honored



Chapter member Joel Stoppenhagen, who has been honored by inclusion in *The Diapason* magazine's 20 Under 30 awards for 2023. Details will be in the May issue of that journal.

Joel is a native of Ossian, where he grew up on his family's farm. He attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School in Ossian, and first began piano lessons with Ruth Bienz at age 6. He began organ lessons with Kantor Richard Brinkley at age 11 and through high school took lessons with Randall Wurschmidt. Also during his time in high school, he sang with the Ft. Wayne Bach Collegium and served for one year as a music intern at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne. He is now wrapping up his studies at Valparaiso University and is planning to graduate in December of 2023. During the fall, he will be studying theology at Westfield House seminary in Cambridge, UK as part of Valparaiso's study abroad program.

Joel commented: "I thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on me through the Ft. Wayne music community. I often reflect on how my musical growth was (and is) continually supported by every musician I've met in Ft. Wayne. I really believe that that unconditional kindness and care shown to me and others is what makes our community so uniquely strong. Thank you for being my inspiration. Soli Deo Gloria!"

Irene S. Ator/AGO Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee has been preparing for the 2023 round of the Irene S. Ator/AGO Scholarships. To be eligible, applicants must be a legal resident of Allen County, grades 9-12 or college undergrad in the fall of 2023. Scholarships range from \$100-500. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2023. Auditions will take place on June 3. For full details and application forms, contact Fran Page: fran@heartlandsings.org. All chapter members are encouraged to think about young people in your circle of acquaintances who may be encouraged to apply.

Schantz Open House



Schantz Organ Company will be celebrating its 150th anniversary with an Open House on Saturday, April 29. Doors will be open for tours from 10am until 3pm. Visitors will be able to tour the main floor of our historic building with sections built between 1901 and 1994. Schantz artisans will be onsite to demonstrate the making and voicing of pipes.

Admission will be free. Guests will have the opportunity to take home free souvenirs celebrating our anniversary. Several food trucks will also be onsite for lunch. (Please note that our shop is not handicapped accessible.)

Also watch for the March 2023 edition of *The Diapason* and the September 2023 edition of *The American Organist* to read more about our 150 years of history.

If you have any questions, please contact Luke Tegtmeier (luke@schantzorgan.com) or call us at 1.800.416.7426.

Positions Available

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

Part-time Choir Director, Bethany United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. One service on Sunday at 10:00 AM, Choir rehearsals Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 9:40. Currently the adult choir has 8-10 members, plus an accompanist. Contact Pastor Dan Douglas at dan.douglas@inumc.org or 260-485-5311. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethany-United-Methodist-Church/159035314458156>

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 \(umich.edu\)](https://www.umich.edu/~jmkibbie)

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

Free Organ

Free Baldwin Fantasia Model 230 organ in fair condition. Basic organ works with some static in the pedals. Some electronic features (e.g. synthesizer and rhythm) do not work. I have a technical manual which would allow someone with electronic knowledge to fix most problems. It has two full manuals and 25 note pedals. It is theater organ style with solo and accompaniment manuals. I bought it used as a practice organ since I lived 25 miles from our church. It might be a useful practice organ for a student.

Stephen Coburn, Churubusco.
Telephone: 693-3014
e-mail: cps54321@frontier.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

Looking for Inspiration?

Certification Webinars to be presented this Spring!

For more information about AGO Certification, contact Wayne Peterson (waynehpeterson@yahoo.com; 260-423-1693).



Webinar Schedule:

Monday, March 13, 7 pm ET
The New Aural Perception Test (AAGO)

Monday, March 20, 7 pm ET
Fugue: Subjects, Answer, Countersubject (AAGO and FAGO)

Monday, March 27, 7 pm ET
Fugue: Modulation, Episode (AAGO and FAGO)

Monday, April 17, 7 pm ET
Certification: Renaissance Counterpoint (FAGO)

Monday, April 24, 7 pm ET
Transposition (CAGO, AAGO and FAGO)

Monday, May 1, 7 pm ET

Free Registration at:
<https://www.agohq.org/webinars/>