

# The Cipher

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FORT WAYNE CHAPTER,  
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
MAY, 2024



## NOTE: Deadline for the June Cipher is May 25

Submit information to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com

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### From the Dean

Many thanks to those of you who were able to be present for Dr. Jennifer Pascual's presentation on Chant-based Organ Repertoire on Saturday, April 13 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. I think all who were present will agree that she provided us lots of information and ideas, especially some things that we might not have thought about!

There are many activities coming up that are highlighted in this issue, including an upcoming concert by Fort Wayne native, Mark Herman; our organ crawl to Richmond and Berne; information on the Ator Scholarship; and our annual Germanfest Recitals that take place in June. I hope we will have good participation from our chapter.

Thanks to all of you who are members of the FWAGO Chapter for your continued support!

*Tim Robison*

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### Hook & Hastings article

A separate PDF file being sent with this issue of *The Cipher* is a clipping from the Weston, MA paper, *The Town Crier* from March 28, 1963. In view of the upcoming Organ Crawl to Richmond, that will

feature a Hook & Hastings organ, the clipping was made available to the Fort Wayne AGO chapter by member Steve Coburn, one of whose relatives was married to Frank Hastings.

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### Upcoming 2023-2024 Chapter Programs

May 11 **Organ crawl** to Richmond and Berne, IN

There's still time to register. An RSVP form can be found on our chapter website, [www.fortwayneago.com](http://www.fortwayneago.com). Click on CHAPTER EVENTS, then click on MAY 2024. **Please make reservations before Wednesday, May. 8** Thanks to Parker Maas for his diligence in organizing what promises to be a fun-filled day. Let's have a good turn-out!

Here is the schedule for the day:

- 7:30 AM – Depart Fort Wayne (For those wishing to carpool, meet in the rear parking lot of The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.)
- 9:30-10:15 AM – Visit to The Reid Center, Richmond – III/66 Hook and Hastings/Wicks
- 10:30-11:15 AM – Visit to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmond – III/43 Goulding & Wood
- 12:00-1:15 PM – Lunch at Mrs. Wick's Restaurant, Winchester (Lunch is Dutch Treat)
- 1:45-2:30 PM – Visit to First Mennonite Church, Berne – III/48 – Moller/Schneider
- 3:30 PM – Arrive back in Fort Wayne

### June 3-7 Germanfest organ recitals

It's almost time for polkas, beer, bratwurst.....and our annual Germanfest Organ Concerts. Thanks to

Rosalie Bowker who has once again wonderfully organized our slate of recitalists. The concert line-up is listed below:

- Monday, June 3 – Tim Robison & John Palmer, Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- Tuesday, June 4 – Organist TBA – Trinity English Lutheran Church
- Wednesday, June 5 – Geoffrey North, First Wayne Street United Methodist Church
- Thursday, June 6 – Michael Dulac, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Chapel)
- Friday, June 7 – Gabriel Ackerman, Trinity Episcopal Church

**July** *Follow the Pipes* Schedule TBA

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### Irene S. Ator/AGO Scholarships

The Irene S. Ator/AGO Music Scholarship Fund will be making awards to current or prospective organ and/or piano students interested in church music to assist in meeting the cost of music education. These scholarships in amounts of \$100--\$500 can be used for private lessons, music lesson fees for undergraduate college students or summer music events such as music camp, AGO Pipe Organ Encounter Events or AGO Conventions. Applicants must be legal residents of Allen County Indiana, active in a church music program and full-time high school or college students by September of this year.

AUDITION DATE: MAY 18,2024  
 APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 6, 2024  
 (Applications and Recommendation Forms must be received or postmarked no later than May 6, 2024)

For additional information or application forms visit [fortwayneago.com](http://fortwayneago.com) or Email request to [fran@heartlandchorale.org](mailto:fran@heartlandchorale.org)

A special **Thank you!** goes to Fran Page who has chaired the Scholarship Committee the past several years, and who is retiring from this position. Her work is much appreciated!

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## May & June Choral and Organ Events

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

**Saturday, April 27, 2:00 PM ECCE Choir, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven, IN**

Sunday, April 28, 12:15 PM Didier Hennuyer, organ recital, 1912 Steere/1998 Goulding & Wood III/37, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, IN

Sunday, April 28, 3:00 PM ECCE Choir, National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH

**Sunday, April 28, 4:00 PM Fort Wayne Children's Choir, Auer Performance Hall, PFW, Fort Wayne**

**Sunday, April 28, 5:00 PM Choral Evensong, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne**

Wednesday, May 1, 12:00 PM Jacob Igney, organ recital, 1957 Hook & Hastings/Wicks III/42, Reid Center, Richmond, IN

Thursday, May 2, 12:10 PM Judy Bede, organ recital, 1962 Casavant, IV/85, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH

**Saturday, May 4, 2:00 PM ECCE Choir, St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne**

**Saturday, May 4, 7:30 PM Mark Herman, organist, Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert, 1927 Page IV/15, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne**

Sunday, May 5, 12:30 PM Maurice Clerc, organ recital, 1912 Steere/1998 Goulding & Wood III/37, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, IN

Sunday, May 5, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, May 5, 3:00 PM Aaron Tan, organ recital, 2004 G. M. Buck/Möller IV/68, First United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Sunday, May 5, 4:00 PM Joshua Stafford, organist, accompanies 1923 Lon Chaney film: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, 1931 Kimball IV/66, First Congregational Church, Columbus, OH

Thursday, May 9, 12:10 PM Laura Bottei, organ recital, 1962 Casavant, IV/85, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH

**Friday, May 10, 12:10 PM May 10 *Sun Moon, and Stars* – Dr. John Schwandt will play an improvised organ symphony on submitted themes. 2004 Schantz/Aeolian-Skinner IV/94, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne**

Friday, May 10, 7:00 PM Stephen Schnurr, organ recital, 1978 Casavant III/41, St. Paul Catholic Church, Valparaiso, IN

Saturday, May 11, 7:00 PM Indianapolis Arts Chorale, Meridian Street United Methodist Church, Indianapolis

Saturday, May 11, 7:30 PM Camarata Singers, Goshen Theater, Goshen, IN

Sunday, May 12, 3:00 PM Stephen Casarella, organ recital, 2020 Richards, Fowkes & Co. III/73, 2016 Fisk II/22, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH

Wednesday, May 15, 12:00 PM Joan Martin, organ recital, 1957 Hook & Hastings/Wicks III/42, Reid Center, Richmond, IN

Thursday, May 16, 12:10 PM Fred Chatfield, organ recital, 1962 Casavant, IV/85, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 PM Martin Ellis, organ recital, 2024 Reynolds III/57, St. Augustine Catholic Church, Minster, OH

**Friday, May 17, 2:00 PM Paul Grime, organ recital, 1958 Schlicker III/58, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne**

Friday, May 17, 7:00 PM Paul Fey (organist at Thomaskirche, Leipzig) organ recital, 2010 Austin/Reynolds III/43, Grace United Methodist Church, Kokomo, IN

Friday, May 17, 8:00 PM Christopher Caruso-Lynch, organist with Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Saint-Saens Symphony No. 3, Hilbert Circle Theatre, Indianapolis

Saturday, May 18, 5:30 PM Christopher Caruso-Lynch, organist with Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Saint-Saens Symphony No. 3, Hilbert Circle Theatre, Indianapolis

Sunday, May 19, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, May 19, 3:00 PM various organists, Dedication recital, 2023 Muller III/40, Gay Street United Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon, OH

Sunday, May 19, 4:00 PM Stephen Distad, organist, with Justin Langham, trumpet, Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Sunday, May 19, 5:00 Katherine Joliff, organ recital, and Choral Evensong for Pentecost, 2021 Quimby III/65, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, May 19, 7:30 PM South Bend Chamber Singers, Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Notre Dame, IN

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 PM Alcee Chriss III, organ recital, 1997 Mander IV/84, Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Thursday, May 23, 12:10 PM Yun Kim, organ recital, 1962 Casavant, IV/85, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH

Friday, May 24, 6:30 PM Robert McCormick, hymn festival, 2020 Fisk II/26, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

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

Sunday, June 16, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

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### Mark Herman Concert

You won't want to miss Mark Herman in concert on The Grande Page Organ at The Embassy Theatre on Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 PM!

Mark is a native of Fort Wayne and graduated from St. Charles Borromeo School, and Bishop Dwenger High School. He grew up taking organ lessons through the Organist Training Program, sponsored by The Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend, and also participated several times in, "Room on the Organ Bench" sponsored by our chapter.

In 2012, he was named the American Theatre Organ Society's Organist of the Year, and is the youngest person ever to receive this prestigious honor. He has been featured on several episodes of. "Pipedreams," and has performed for numerous conventions of ATOS, OHS, and AGO. Mark currently resides in Los Angeles and is President of Mark Herman Music, LLC. Tickets are free for persons 12 and under, and 65 and over. All others are \$10.00.

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### Fridays in May

Trinity English Lutheran Church has announced its series of concerts on the Fridays in May. Each program will begin at 12:10 PM, and will be followed by an optional sandwich lunch for \$2.00.

- May 3 Robert Hobby will lead a hymn sing in Krauss Chapel
- May 10 Sun Moon, and Stars – Dr. John Schwandt will play an improvised organ symphony on submitted themes at the Aeolian-Skinner organ in the nave
- May 17 A program of piano trios in Krauss Chapel
- May 24 Music for trumpet and piano, featuring Dr. Stephen Campbell, trumpet and Dr. Cara Chowning, piano – professors from Ball State University

- May 31 Jennifer Wenzel, soprano and Jody Thomas, piano, present a program of Love Songs and Arias in Krauss Chapel

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### Position Available

Peace United Church of Christ, 9123 Aboite Center Road in Fort Wayne, is seeking an organist/pianist to play on Sundays at 10:15 and other holy days, such as Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Allen Digital organ and Kimball grand piano. Peace is a progressive but traditional church that follows the lectionary. Teaching privileges are possible. Compensation is \$150/service. Until a regular organist is secured, substitute organists are needed Contact Lorie Krouse at mkrouse@comcast.net or 260-494-2433.

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### Free Cabinet Organ

Looking for a good home: Cabinet Grand Organ made by the Farrand company of Detroit. I am 26 inches deep, 61 inches wide, and 57 inches tall. My bellows have given out, but am in good shape otherwise. My stops are 16' Cello, 8' Celeste, 4' Viola, and 8' Diapason. I AM FREE. Take me home with you. Contact Jeff at 260-213-6658



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### For Sale

THE COMPLETE ORGAN WORKS OF J.S. BACH-- Published by Kevin Mayhew; Edited by Alan Ridout (1994)

The set contains four magnificent volumes in publishers' gilt maroon cloth-on-board. These fine, unmarked copies of the organ scores are contained in a pristine matching slipcase. The set contains the entire organ works of J.S. Bach, as well as an introduction to the music, notes on ornaments, along with several useful indexes.

Please contact Kathy Kaney for more details: [kathykaney@gmail.com](mailto:kathykaney@gmail.com) or text 501-909-6480

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### Substitute Organist List

Irene Ator  
David Hendricksen  
Matt Johnston  
Kathy Kaney  
Noah Vancina

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### 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](mailto: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.

## Fort Wayne Chapter Leadership

### Elected positions:

Dean Tim Robison (2024)  
Sub-Dean Matt Johnston (2024)  
Secretary David Hendricksen (2024)  
Treasurer Kathy Miller (2023)  
At-Large: Irene Ator (2025)  
Greg Childs (2024)  
Michael Dulac (2025)  
Kirsten Nus  
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](mailto:waynehpeterson@yahoo.com); 260-423-1693) or explore the certification content on the AGO website

<https://www.agohq.org/certification/>

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