

The Guild

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The Newsletter of the Columbus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

Happy New Year One and All!

Can you believe we're in 2025? How time flies. I'm sure someone has made resolutions for the new year!

I have two important resolutions for everyone to mark their calendars:

1. Saturday, February 8 - Training for use of the ORGELKIDS portable pipe organ. This will be your only chance to be trained on it's use for the foreseeable future. The kit comes with lesson plans, and can be used in a variety of settings. The kit will be stored at First Congregational Church Columbus. The chapter will keep a list of attendees who are trained it's use and approved to borrow the kit. Future training sessions are TBD.

2. Saturday, February 15 - MEMBERS' RECITAL. "Something old, something new". EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!!! If you have a favorite organ (or keyboard) arrangement, please share and bring your instrumentalist! Recital will be at St. John's Lutheran, Grove City. Host musician is Mark Meuser. Please send your information to Mark: mmeuser@hotmail.com

Let's bring the new year JOYFULLY!!



Brian Johnson, Dean

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Family Organ Day

Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Join First Church Arts for the 2nd annual Family Organ Day on Saturday, January 11 starting at 10 a.m.: an opportunity for the young and young-at-heart to meet the two magnificent pipe organs at First Church! The morning includes:

- A Short, Family-Friendly Concert -
- An Explanation & Demonstration of the Organs -
- A Chance to Play the Organs! -

This is a great opportunity for any children interested in music, and especially piano students, to experience the thrill of hearing and playing a pipe organ! First Church is unique in being home to two world-class organs; a Kimball from 1931 and a Beckerath from 1972.

There is no charge for this event.

All are welcome! Please reach out to us if you or your child(ren) need any accommodations!

www.firstchurcharts.org



St. Joseph Cathedral

212 East Broad Street, Columbus

Organ Recital

Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 p.m.

Canadian organist John Paul Farahat leads a dual career as performer and pedagogue. He is Director of Music and Principal Organist of Saint Basil's Church, at the University of Toronto, and is faculty Organ Instructor at Saint Michael's Choir School. He serves as Chair of Advocacy on the Board of Directors for the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

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"I was obliged to be industrious. Whoever is equally industrious will succeed equally well."

J.S. Bach

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AGO Columbus Spring 2025 Programs

Saturday, February 8 ~ 10:00 a.m.
First Congregational Church, Columbus

Family Organ Day
Catered Lunch

ORGELKIDS Training Workshop
(Please note the training workshop will take place after lunch)

Saturday, February 15 ~ 10:00 a.m.
St. John Lutheran, Grove City

Members Recital

Sunday, March 16 - 4:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Lutheran, Upper Arlington

Vincent Dubois - Solo Organ Recital
Co-Sponsored by Columbus AGO Chapter

Sunday, March 23 - 4:00 p.m.
St. Mark Episcopal Church

Student Recital

April 2025
No meeting - Happy Easter!

May 5 - Annual Banquet

Columbus AGO Members!

PLEASE POST ON YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2025

Our **Student Recital** (all ages welcome) will be
Sunday, MARCH 23, time 4:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Upper Arlington.

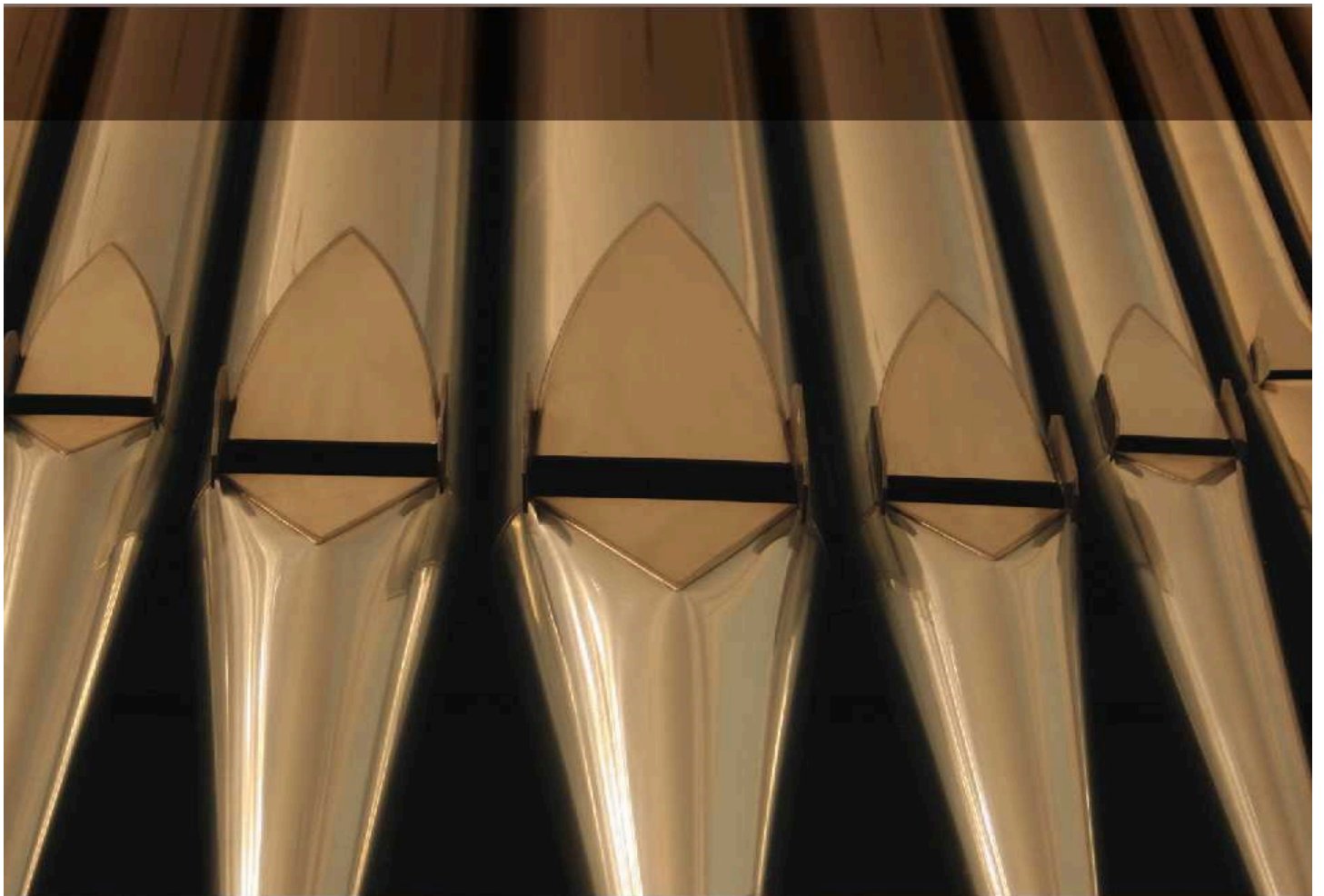
The instrument at St. Mark's is a
1987/2015 III/41 Casavant.

More information about the organ can be found here: <https://saintmarkscolumbus.org/organ-specifications/#PlannedOrganSpecs>

Each student player will receive an honorarium from our chapter that may be applied to lessons, music, etc.

Please plan on attending this event to show your support!

Michael Schreffler is coordinating this event.



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New music to consider for the February 2025 MEMBERS RECITAL

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Suggestions of new repertoire available to order from Stanton's Music for February 15, 2025 members recital at St. John's Lutheran church, Grove City.

Stanton's will continue to receive new releases from various publishers.

Please contact Chris Bowling at Stanton's to see if new releases for spring have arrived! Repertoire for this recital is to be from new editions from 2021 to 2025.

AUGSBURG

Cherwien - Partita on "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen",
979-8-8898-3272-0

Gibson - Lift Every Voice and Sing, 979-8-8898-3098-6

Portman - Gathered and Sent, 979-8-8898-3276-8

Sedio - Come and Praise, Vol. 4 (year round settings),
979-8-8898-3303-1

Shows - Gladsome Tidings (Christmas), 979-8-8898-3277-5

Stover - Wondrous Image (Seasonal), 979-8-8898-3278-2

CONCORDIA PRESS

Culli - Tiding of Joy (Christmas), 978045

Mueller - Five Chorale Preludes on Joyful Themes

Weber - Church Mosaics, 978046

HW GRAY (HW Gray issues being re-issued by Jubilate Press)

Helvey - Prepare the Way (Advent), JMG1407

Rubsam - 50 Hymn Trios for Organ, JMG 1331

Westenkuehler - Festival Piece on "Nice", GSTCM0301

LORENZ

Aber - In Heaven So Bright, 70/2428L

Cross - Eternal Oasis, 70/2483S

Niedmann - Blessings Abound, 70/2476L

Koch - The Tide is Nigh (Advent and Christmas), 70/2480L

MORNINGSTAR

Burkhardt - At the Cradle (Five Organ Transcriptions), MSM-10-997

Burkhardt - Noel (French Romantic Organ Music for Christmas,
MSM-10-495

Childs - I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (SPIRITUALS), MSM-10-044

Corl - The Merry Organ, MSM-10 - 998

Christiansen - Shenandoah, MSM-10-469

Christiansen - O Come, All Ye Faithful, MSM-10-461

Costello - Advent Organ Book, MSM-10-399

White - Christmas Joy, MSM-10-999

THE SACRED MUSIC PRESS

Portman - Festive Trumpet Tunes for Organ, 70/2482S

Vincent Dubois - Solo Organ Recital

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2001 Northwest Boulevard, Columbus

Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 p.m.

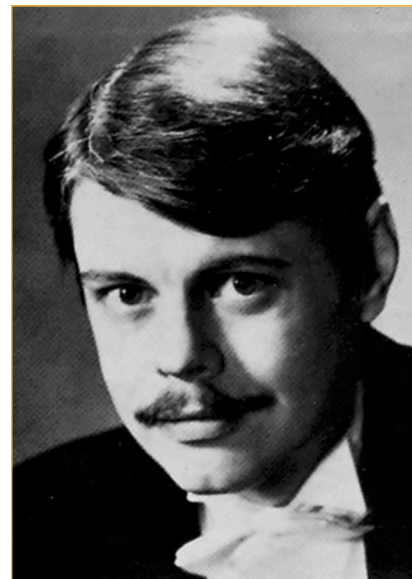
This event is co-sponsored by the Columbus AGO Chapter. Chapter members receive ONE free ticket. Tickets for guests are \$30 each, based on availability. Chapter members contact Adam Fehrenbach to reserve your ticket!



Memorial Service for Michael Murray

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2151 Dorset Road, Columbus

Sunday, March 2 at 4:00 p.m.



Nominating Committee Announces Executive Board Candidates

The chapter's nominating committee has presented a list of candidates for officers and board members of the Columbus Chapter. The officer nominees are as follows:

Olivia Conners – Sub-Dean
Mark Meuser – Treasurer
Mary Ann Stephens – Secretary

Nominees for the Board, Class of 2028, are Ronald Barrett, Ryan J. Boyle, Barry Moenter, Rich Krehnovi, and Anne Saylor. The membership will elect three Board members.

Nominations Committee Chair Nancy Rennekar welcomes nominations from the membership. If members wish to nominate additional candidates, they may do so with the signatures of five AGO members. Please send those nominations to Nancy via email or USPS. Her addresses are in the AGO Columbus Directory.

The election will take place this spring.



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What is “Orgelkids”

The miniature pipe organ pictured here is an Orgelkids Kit. The prototype was first developed by a dutch musicologis Lydia Vroegindewei. (“Orgel” is the dutch word for organ) The purpose of this kit is to educate children and adults alike about the basic components of a pipe organ and how they work together to make music. The result is a fully functional pipe organ! These kits are typically commissioned by AGO chapters, and represent a significant financial investment. The Columbus AGO chapter commissioned one of these kits with generous contributions from First Congregational Church, Muller Pipe Organ Company, and Peebles-Herzog. The kit is housed at First Congregational Church, and can be loaned out to anyone who attends a training session. These kits are manufactured by expert pipe organ craftsman in the Pacific Northwest.



For more information, visit

<https://orgelkidsusa.org>

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Orgelkids makes the King of Instruments accessible. What is accessible is then lovable. To ensure a vibrant future for the pipe organ, we should capture the interest of next generation when they are young, and then they will always have a place in their heart for the organ.

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AGO Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

Available Positions

The following positions were posted on the chapter web site within the last six months. Please see <https://www.agocolumbus.org/employment/> for full descriptions, as well as for positions posted more than two months ago.

Keyboardist - Northwest Christian Church, Upper Arlington
Organist - Salem Lutheran, East Alexandria
St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg
St. Andrew's Anglican, Lewis Center
Organist - Broad Street UMC, Columbus
Organist - North Broadway UMC, Columbus
Organist - Clinton Heights Ev. Lutheran, Columbus
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If you change your address, phone, or email, please contact the Columbus Chapter Registrar Stan Osborn. It is especially important that you keep your email address up to date, since that is how we send most of our communication.

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