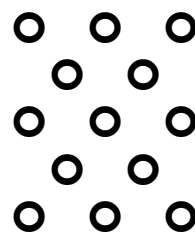


THE DRAWKNOB

*Newsletter of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Guild of Organists*

September 2022



First September Event Summer Scholarship Concert

**Monday, September 12, 7:00 pm
Church of the Ascension (Episcopal)
600 Gilpin Street, Denver, CO 80218-3632**

Eight young musicians have been studying Organ this past summer as winners of the Summer Organ Lesson Scholarships, an ongoing project of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the AGO. Each student received six organ lessons from one of the three faculty for this year: Denise Lanning, Andrew Peters, and Mark Alan Filbert. They will perform on the Patrick Murphy organ at Church of the Ascension.

The performers are:

Battseten Erdenebulgan
Abrielle Gardner
Kaitlyn Heyd
William Hoffman
Edward Nolen
Elizabeth O'Rourke
Gabriel Richard Lopez Smith
Max Wilson



Dr. Joel Bacon, Professor of Organ at Colorado State University, will be present to talk about the Annual Organ Week at the school each summer for high school students.

A reception will follow the concert. The music swap table will be stocked with interesting material, available for a donation.

The scholarship program is under the direction of Mark Alan Filbert. Young pianists should watch for the announcement of next year's auditions early next year.

Church of the Ascension is located at the intersection of 6th Avenue and Gilpin Street. Parking is available on Gilpin Street or in the church lot on the south side of 6th Avenue.

Second September Event Michael Burkhardt Hymn Festival

**Friday, September 30, 7:30 pm
Ascension Lutheran Church
1701 W. Caley Ave., Littleton, CO 80120**

Hymn-Playing Workshop

Saturday, October 1, 9:00–11:00 am

Internationally known composer/organist Michael Burkhardt will give an inspiring hymn festival for the Rocky Mountain AGO on Friday, September 30 at 7:30 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton, CO. This Festival of Hymns is called "Singing the Psalms of Life" and besides Michael as the featured organist and hymn improviser it will include choir, handbells, timpani, brass quartet, and readers.

The concert/hymn-festival gives opportunity for expression of the many facets of our life journey, seasons of the church year and variety of genre (Early English, Genevan Psalter, German

Chorale, Israeli, Irish, French and Latvian Folk Traditions, Global Music of Today, Spirituals and a Carol). It also features festive hymn arrangements that can be used by churches throughout the coming year.



Dr. Burkhardt is Artist-Professor of Organ at Eastern Michigan University, Professor of Organ at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music, and Founder-Artistic Director of “Hearts, Hands and

Voices,” a worship and fine arts program for children in southeast Michigan.

Michael holds a D.M.A. from Arizona State University and has performed and led seminars at both national and regional events for the American Guild of Organists, the Hymn Society, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts and the American Choral Directors Association and since 2003 has made nine performance-teaching tours to South Korea and Singapore.

His numerous organ improvisations, choral octavos and handbell compositions have been published by MorningStar Music Publishers, E.C. Schirmer, Choristers Guild, Concordia Publishing House, Augsburg Fortress Publishers, GIA Music Publishers and AGEHR.

On Saturday, October 1 from 9 to 11 am, Dr. Burkhardt will also give a hymn-playing workshop for organists, also at Ascension Lutheran.

If you would like to participate in the choir for this event, the final mandatory rehearsal is at Ascension on Thursday, September 29 at 7 pm. You may participate as a choir or as individuals, joining with Ascension’s choir. For choral details, literature, and other optional rehearsal dates, please contact Ascension’s Director of Music Ministries, Michael Zehnder, at musicmikealc@gmail.com. Free childcare will be

available both for the final rehearsal and the concert, but for planning purposes and staffing, please let Mike know your needs at the above email address.

Ascension Lutheran Church is located at 1701 W Caley Ave, Littleton, CO 80120 and the church phone number is 303-794-4636.

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The Dean’s Mixture

Welcome to the Fall season of Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the AGO!

How fun it will be to return in person. We are kicking off the season with the Summer Organ Scholarship concert on September 12. (More information is available in this issue.) The important point is that our scholarship program has flourished in the capable hands of our faculty, Mark Alan Filbert, Denise Lanning, and Andrew Peters; our scholarship program coordinator, Mark Alan Filbert; and Education Coordinator, Denise Lanning.

This concert will be an excellent opportunity to hear our talented young organists, re-connect with AGO colleagues and meet new members.

We are excited to have the new young organists in our chapter. We have also welcomed seven new members to our chapter this year.



The Board has determined that a major initiative of the chapter this year will be to identify ways to engage and support our new young organists. If there are those of you who would like to join in this effort—either as the coordinator of such a program

or as member of a task force devoted to this, please contact me. Truly, the young organist is the future of our profession

Look for Ricki's article about the programs for this season and Michael's article about this fall's hymn festival with Michael Burkhardt. NOT TO BE MISSED!

As we move into very busy fall months and the Advent season, I still marvel that what is ahead is so very different for us as church musicians than it was in 2020 and 2021. Hallelujah for that!

I sure hope to see you on September 12th!

Billie Busby Smith, Dean
Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter, AGO

Professional Certification

Autumn is just around the corner, school classes have started, our church program years are beginning, and Guild events are happening. If you are not already in the process of working toward one of the AGO certification levels, now is the time to seriously consider a plan of preparation—for this year or the next.

Would you like to transpose hymns with ease? Are you baffled when faced with adapting an anthem to the organ? Have you ever wanted to be more skilled at sight reading, harmonization, or improvisation? Do you want to take your playing up to the next level? What new pieces do you want to learn this year?

If your answers to these questions are yes, then you are an excellent candidate for the AGO certification program. All of us have areas in which we need more expertise. The certification

program teaches to those areas that may have been missed in school, or that perhaps you may not have grasped the first time around.

Pull out the August 2022 issue of *The American Organist* magazine and read pages 82-88. Give the requirements for each of the certification levels a close look. Don't let the tiny print deter you. Imagine yourself initiating a program of study which leads to attaining one of these certificates. Also check the AGO website, www.agohq.org, and issues of TAO magazine throughout the year for updates.

The Service Playing Certificate Test may be taken any time between October 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023. The Colleague Examination may be taken in November or May, and the Choir Master, Associate and Fellowship Examinations are scheduled for the first week of June. Check page 82 in the August 2022 TAO for specific examination dates, fees, and deadlines for application submissions.

There has been a significant repertoire expansion for all levels and a new Aural Perception category has been added to the Associate exam. The Colleague exam has a new postponement rule and three of the anthems from the anthem accompaniment list for the Service Playing Test are available for free downloading. There is also a new 2023 examination hymn booklet.

Again, now is the time for preparation. Speak to any of our Denver Chapter members who hold certificates, and they will be more than happy to give you advice and encouragement. I am certain that most would say that once the habit of study is established, it doesn't end when the certificate is earned.

Denise Lanning, FAGO
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Cherwien in Boulder November 10–12

First Congregational Church, 1128 Pine Street in Boulder, is hosting renowned organist and improviser David Cherwien for our annual Sawyer Memorial Organ Concert, on Friday, November 11, at 7:30 pm., and for a workshop in hymn playing and improvisation on Saturday morning, November 12. The Friday evening concert is a hymn festival, and AGO members are invited to participate in the festival choir. Below is the schedule. No cost for AGO members.

Thursday, November 10, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Choir rehearsal with David. Mandatory if singing in the festival choir on Friday.

Friday, November 11, 5:00 pm.

Dress rehearsal in the sanctuary. Bring your own dinner.

Hymn festival at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, November 12, 9:30 am.–12:00 pm.

Workshop with David Cherwien, with a music swap table and coffee and snacks in the middle.

All events are at First Congregational Church. For questions or to register, email Director of Music Kajsa Teitelbaum at Kajsa@firstcong.net

Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado presents *The Four Seasons: Four by Four* true to Vivaldi's vision—in an historically informed performance. The program will be presented three times October 7–9 in Lakewood, Denver, and Lonetree. Four virtuoso violinists perform this favorite, including internationally acclaimed Cynthia Freivogel (37 million viewers have shivered through her Winter on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPdK5GaIDjo>), Martin Davids, and Ingrid Matthews. **Frank Nowell** is the harpsichordist. This exuberant celebration of violin artistry will include improvised fantasias and Vivaldi's Concerto in F for three violins. Details and tickets here: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=136981>

David Higgs in Greeley

Trinity Episcopal Church, 3800 W 20th Street, Greeley, CO 80634, is dedicating their rebuilt organ with a concert by David Higgs, Chairman of the Organ Department at the Eastman School of Music, one of America's leading concert organists. The program is Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 pm. Celebrate the glorious sound of the newly-restored 1967 Casavant pipe organ. Spencer Organ Co. of Boston undertook a phased restoration in excess of \$400,000 that returned the instrument to "better than new condition." The organ now boasts 48 ranks of pipes and includes stops that were omitted from the original design. The organ will be dedicated in the name of Glennes Garlick, Trinity's long serving organist, who was responsible for obtaining the Casavant organ.

Organ Spectacular in Colorado Springs

Chamber Orchestra of the Springs presents *Organ Spectacular VII* on Sunday, September 18 at 2:30 pm. The concert is at *First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs*. Thomas Wilson will conduct three works for organ and orchestra.

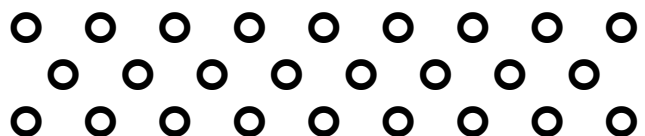
Rachel Laurin *Concerto in D major*
Carol Wilson, organ

Franz Schmidt *Fuga Solemnis*
Zahari Metchkov, organ

Horatio Parker *Organ Concerto in E-flat, op. 55*
Joseph Galema, organ

A pre-concert lecture is at 1:45 pm with David Acton (Director of Music Ministry, First Congregational Church UCC, Colorado Springs).

Tickets: \$30 adult, \$25 senior/military, \$10 youth (18 and under). [2022-2023 Single Tickets \(chamberorchestraofthesprings.org\)](https://chamberorchestraofthesprings.org) Use code PIPES at checkout to save \$5 off single tickets.



Bach Cantata 8

Colorado Bach Ensemble under the direction of Dr. James Kim will perform Bach's Cantata "Liebster Gott, wenn werd ich Steuben," BWV 8 (Dearest God, When Shall I Die?) on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. This is part of the Cantata Insights Series and is a free concert! The location is St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1401 E. Dry Creek Rd, Centennial.

Employment Opportunities

Listings should be sent to Benjamin Ehrlich, contact information on page 2.

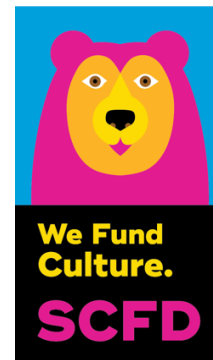
Littleton United Methodist Church is seeking a **Church Organist**. Principal responsibilities include playing Sunday mornings (currently one 10:30 service) and accompanying weekly Thursday evening and Sunday morning rehearsals. A Masters Degree in Music or equivalent with over three years of experience collaborating with choirs and playing hymns are preferred. 20 hrs/week, 8-10 of which are practice/prep time. For more information or to apply, contact davidkates@littletonumc.org Salary \$25,000-\$28,000. To apply, submit (1) an updated resume, including three references; (2) a cover letter explaining interest in the position and ability to meet its requirements; and (3) a video demonstrating skill as an Organist, submitted as a Youtube link. Deadline for submissions Sept. 15, 2022, to DavidKates@littletonumc.org.

Sixth Avenue United Church of Christ, Denver, has opened a search for an **Organist for TWO Sundays per month**. Sixth Ave. UCC features a 10-rank Reuter pipe organ, and the congregation is open and affirming, as well as social-justice minded. The Organist is expected to play for two 10am Sunday services per month. (Prelude, Postlude, 3 Hymns, accompany Soloist). \$125-\$150 per Sunday based on experience. Additional pay available for weddings, funerals, and choir accompaniment. Musicians from under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Inquires to Pastor Chris Gilmore (720) 384-7028/ chris@sixthavenueucc.org

Central Presbyterian, Denver, has opened a search for an **Organist/Accompanist**. The responsibilities include service playing for our 10:30am Sunday service, and choir accompaniment for our Wednesday evening rehearsals. Central has a 50-rank Reuter pipe organ and new Kawai concert grand piano. The choir performs a wide-range of musical traditions, and has four outstanding paid section leaders. The Organist/Accompanist position could be split among two persons, and all educational levels are encouraged to apply. Competitive pay offered. Contact Music Director Charis Smith to apply or for more information: charis@centraldenver.com

Providence Presbyterian Church in Parker, CO is hiring a **Piano Accompanist** whose duties include weekly music planning, and playing for weekly and special services. A full job description is available on the church's website <https://parkerpresbyterian.org/providence-is-hiring/> We are accepting applications and resumes until the position is filled. Pay will be on a per diem basis per service and choir practice. Rate based upon experience.

First Congregational Church, UCC, in downtown Boulder, is looking for an **Organist/Pianist for one year**, from 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023. Primary duties include playing organ and piano for 2 services on Sunday morning, and special services during the liturgical year. Along with your application (resume, cover letter, and two references), please provide a recording of you playing a hymn, and a solo organ piece of your choice. Applications should be sent by 9/15/2022 to: Dr. Kajsa Teitelbaum at kajsa@firstcong.net



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September and October

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November

November 10-12 - Hymn Festival and Workshop with David Cherwien
First Congregational Church, Boulder

December

Saturday, December 3, 9:30 am.-12:30 pm. - Historic Organ Tour
Co-sponsored with Historic Denver

January

In preparation

February

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March

Olivier Messiaen: *Livre du Saint-Sacrement* ("The Book of the Blessed Sacrament")
Saturday, March 11, 9:30 am.-12:00 noon - Lecture by David Vogels
Sunday, March 12, 7:00 pm. - Concert by David Vogels
Augustana Lutheran Church, Denver

April

Friday, April 14, 7:00 pm. - Pedals, Pipes and Pizza
Wellshire Presbyterian Church, Denver

May

Monday, May 15, 5:30 pm. - Annual meeting and dinner
In preparation