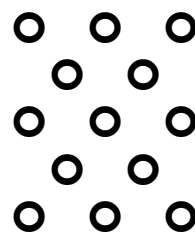


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December 2024



Organ Tour Historic Denver and AGO

Saturday, **December 7, 2024 at 1:00–4:00 p.m.**
Join Historic Denver and the American Organists Rocky Mountain Chapter for an exciting afternoon of music as we visit three stunning churches, learn about their history and hear beautiful organ music. This year our organ tour will visit Augustana Lutheran Church, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Alameda, east of Colorado Blvd and the Church of the Epiphany Episcopal at 100 Colorado Blvd. The tour begins at Augustana Lutheran Church. Cost is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for members of the AGO, Historic Denver, the Molly Brown House Museum. Complete information and registration is online; here's a link to Historic Denver.

<https://historicdenver.org/event/organ-tour/>



Cathedral of the Assumption



Epiphany Episcopal Church

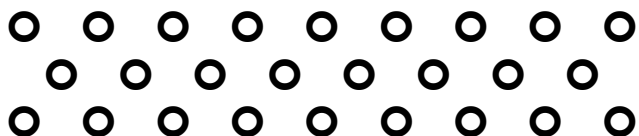


Augustana Lutheran Church

Dean's Mixture

As we enter the busy month of December, please consider attending the church tour on December 7 presented with Historic Denver. My first experience with this program took place in 2021 a few weeks after we moved here from St. Louis. Denise Lanning invited Christine and I to attend the downtown tour with her. The morning was a great introduction to this chapter and the city. Further information about this program can be found in this newsletter.

Our chapter exists and accomplishes great things because of the wonderful people in its ranks. Last month I found out that two members will be



stepping away from their roles at the end of this season. We will soon have openings for the Grants Coordinator and the Placement/Facebook Coordinator. Carol Hedrick has worked as the chapter Grants Coordinator for several years and served on the Chapter Board for the past two and a half years. Benjamin Ehrlich has worked as the chapter Facebook administrator since 2012 and Placement Coordinator since 2019. We thank Ben and Carol for their important contributions to our chapter. If you have interest or experience in any of these areas please contact me. I can give you more information about what is involved in these critical positions.

I trust you had a good Thanksgiving and wish you the best during the busy month of December.

Andrew Peters, Dean

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Donald W. Pearson, R.I.P.

Don was born February 22, 1949 in Duluth, Minnesota, the first son of Walter M. And Lillie Pearson. He died October 13, 2024 in California. His education included Bachelor of Music, University of Wisconsin, Superior; graduate study at Southern Methodist University; Master of Music in Organ and Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance and Theory at the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1965 to 1981, Don served as organist and choirmaster in several different churches and cathedrals in a variety of denominations in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio.

In 1981, Don was hired by Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver, Colorado, where he would serve as Director of Music and Organist through 2003. He improved the children's choir, augmented the concert series, started a Friends of Music support group, and launched



Duo Kondens Concert and Workshop

Duo Kondens, Swedish organist **Lisa Oscarsson** and recordist **My Eklund** gave a concert and a workshop on collaborating with other musicians, November 22 and 23 at First Congregational Church in Boulder. Ed Mack captured a couple of pictures.

new programs such as Music with Lunch. Pearson was honored as Colorado Conductor of the Year, and St. John's Choir became one of the country's most recorded. During his tenure in Denver, Don also founded the Denver Bach Society, and served as Dean of the Evergreen Church Music Conference from 1987-2002. Another highlight was when he hosted the national convention of the American Guild of Organists in Denver, at which he was requested to perform his well-known Advent Lessons and Carols four times in the heat of August, complete with full Christmas decorations and poinsettias.

Having subsequently relocated to California, Don became a musical force at Saint Ignatius of Antioch, in the city of Antioch, serving as Music Director, Organist and Artist-in-Residence from 2008-2020, returning again in April of 2024. Throughout his career, he performed organ recitals in many of the world's great cathedrals, including the Crystal Cathedral, Washington National Cathedral, and more recently at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Don produced nine recordings of choral music for major labels (including five for Delos, many of which are still in print) that received rave reviews.

Funeral liturgy was Friday, November 8, 2024, at St. Ignatius of Antioch.

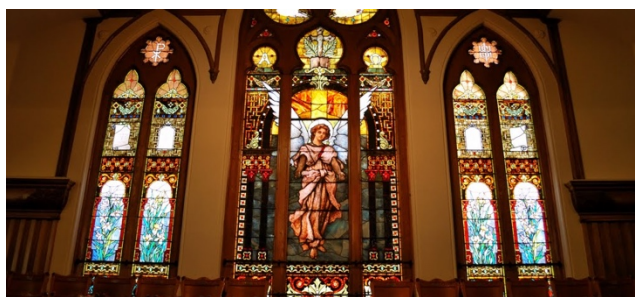
Employment Opportunities

Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist in Denver is in need of occasional substitute organists and/or pianists. We have two services during the week: Sunday morning (10:00-11:00) and Wednesday evening (7:30-8:30). Music consists of three hymns per service, appropriate church music before and after the service, and for Sundays, accompanying a vocal solo and playing two minutes during the collection. Pay is \$155 for Sundays and \$125 for Wednesdays. Sight-reading skills a plus. The church has a Moller pipe organ with 13 ranks, including chimes, and a Steinway piano. Please contact Scott Huffman at shuffman123@comcast.net for more information.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Longmont is searching for their next part-time **Organist**. The successful candidate will work collaboratively with our Music Director and play the organ on

Sunday mornings for our choirs and congregation. Additional services include Feast Days like Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter. The Organist will also accompany occasional Tuesday evening choir rehearsals. Hours: Sundays 8:00 am-10:15am, practice time during the week as needed. Compensation: \$150.00 per Sunday Service (Easter/Christmas may be higher compensation for additional service). \$100 for weekday choir rehearsals. Right of first refusal for Weddings/Funerals; No benefits offered at this time. Contact paul@ststephenslongmont.org for more info.

Concerts



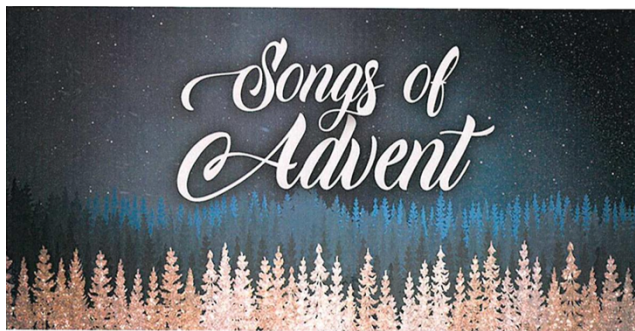
Advent Recitals at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1820 Broadway, Denver. Join us in these delightful annual concerts—this year on Sunday afternoons.

December 1, 2 pm - Joel Trekell, Organist

December 8, 2 pm - David Vogels, Organist

December 15, 2 pm - Music and Arts Ministry
Holiday Concert

Free and open to the public. Invite friends!



Thursday, December 10, 12:00 noon, **Holy Comforter Episcopal Church**, 1700 W. 10th Ave., Broomfield, CO

Andrew Crisman, Denise Lanning, Kajsa Teitelbaum, and the Silver Bells Handbell Choir.
Free and open to the public.