THE DRAWKNOB

Newsletter of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Guild of Organists

December 2021

December Chapter Event
Tenth Annual
Historic Organ Tour

Saturday, December 4, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Beginning at
Trinity United Methodist Church

Every year, the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter partners with Historic Denver to present a morning of history, architecture, and beautiful organ music. The three churches on this year's tour are Trinity United Methodist Church, 1820 Broadway; Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 1900 California St.; and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2015 Glenarm Place. Tickets must be reserved in advance through Historic Denver. Admission is $25; AGO members are eligible for a $5 ticket discount; use the code AGOMEMBER2021 when making your reservation.

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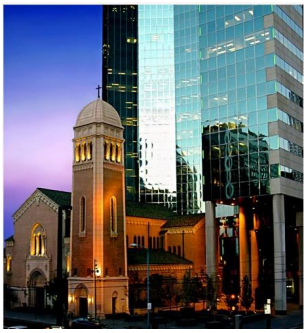

At each site you will hear a short history and architecture of the building presented by a historian, the history of the organ and then a selection of live music!

All participants in this program will be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test dated at most 72 hours prior to the event date at check-in to join the program. Masks must be worn inside the buildings.

The Dean's Mixture

As I write this article, we church musicians are in the midst of Advent and the excitement of Christmas and all it brings. (Or doesn't bring in these pandemic times.)

In my case and many others, it does not bring singing in the sanctuary and it does bring many virtual choir selections. There are many variations on the spectrum of making music during these times. To the many of you, who have used vast amounts of creativity to make a musical and COVID-safe Christmas season for your congregations, I am thankful to be in your midst.

I go into this season having been able to attend live music performances, having been at occasions with colleagues and enjoying the excitement of our young people as they see the future without all of the COVID restrictions. I am excited to be attending the Historic Denver/AGO organ tour this weekend. It is an excellent example of our chapter's collaboration with other community organizations.

Our chapter has had a really excellent fall season—the programming has been varied and

engaging, we had success in gaining financial support from SCFD and a spring season full of yet more excellent programming looms ahead. I also was notified that Lyn Loewi's excellent program on Women Composers will be played as a National AGO webinar early in 2022. I am also grateful to say that I have already been contacted by a local piano teacher inquiring about our scholarship program!

STAY TUNED—Check our FaceBook page (administered by Ben Ehrlich) and our website (administered by David Vogels). Thanks to our communications team, which also includes the editor of this newsletter, *The Drawknob*, Tom Strickland, for making it easy to stay connected to our chapter. If you ever do have a question or comment, you may feel free to contact me (bilbuzbee@comcast.net).

Merry Christmas,
Billie Busby Smith, dean

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2021-2022 AGO Program Year

Friday, January 28, 7:00 p.m.
Organ Concert by Jason Roberts at Saint John's Cathedral. The artist is Director of Music Ministries at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in New York City. Winner of the 2008 AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation and the 2007 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition USA, Mr. Roberts is a graduate of Rice University, the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, and the Manhattan School of Music.

Friday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.
Celebrating Black History Concert
The Spirituals Project and Michael Boney
First Plymouth Congregational Church, Cherry Hills Village

March
Member Concert celebrating the contribution of women composers to organ literature

Sunday, May 8, 3:00 p.m.
Kris Rizzotto Organ Concert
Augustana Lutheran Church, Denver

Sunday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.
Pentecost Evensong, Annual Meeting, and Dinner
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Denver

Trekell Concert on Youtube

Joel Trekell has been one of our most successful Denver AGO Scholarship Students, who went on to complete his bachelor's degree at Westminster Choir College while Organ Scholar at Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton, then was Organ Scholar at Hereford Cathedral, UK. He earned a master's degree at University of Houston Moores School of Music while serving as Organ Scholar at St. Paul's Methodist Church. This recital was recorded at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston and includes music by Bach, Schumann, and the Reubke *Sonata on the 94th Psalm*. Trekell is now Associate Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Houston. Thanks to Jeb Barrett for passing this along.
https://youtu.be/KIripvhwbro

Employment Opportunities

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

St. John's Episcopal Church, Boulder, has opened a search for a **Principal Organist.** The successful candidate will provide preludes and postludes; lead congregational singing; rehearse with and accompany all church musicians, and oversee organ maintenance. This part-time (~15 hours/week), salaried position is responsible for all organ music during Sunday morning worship services, Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, and additional annual seasonal services. St. John's pipe organ is an Austin/Morel. Extensive renovation in 2002 included a new console with 3 manuals and fifty ranks. For more information, including application requirements, please see the church website www.stjohnsboulder.org/employment-opportunities

King of Glory Lutheran (ECLA) in Loveland has opened a search for a **Sunday morning Organist.** This person would be responsible for accompanying the musical portions of Sunday worship services throughout the year on the organ, piano, or keyboard. Accompanying duties would include working with the Glory Singers (September through May), Sunday School Choir, bands, soloists, and worship assistants. Currently, this position is 3 or 4 Sundays per month. Weekly music selections would include: prelude, postlude, offertory, hymns, anthems, and music during Holy Communion. Worship services are each Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:45 am. For more information, or to submit your resume, please contact Dr. Jane Andrews at jea814@gmail.com, Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry ruthann@aplace2grow.org or 970-669-5983 (King of Glory Office)

Messiah Community Church Denver, ELCA, a welcoming faith community for people of all ages, seeks a **Part-Time Music Director** to coordinate the musical components of our worship service, lead musical ensembles (bell and voice choirs, with the possibility for a children's choir). Music is an essential component of Lutheran worship, and the Music Director is integral to that. We believe music, traditional and new and global, helps guide our spiritual life. To apply, please send an email and resume to pastor@messiahdenver.org

Music Director, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Denver. We are seeking an individual to oversee the music ministry of the church. This position is responsible for all organ and piano music for worship services on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and choir rehearsals; collaborating with the pastor to select hymns and music; coordinating special music volunteers; and integrating children's music into our worship life. This position is part-time salaried, 8-12 hours per week, and reports to the Pastor. Please send your resume and a cover letter with "ATTN Music Director Application" in the subject line to epiphanylutherandenver@gmail.com. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 303-722-5311 or Julie Chichlowski, Search Team Chair, at 262-339-3054.

First Christian Church Colorado Springs (DOC) is looking for a **Music Director** who will direct the Handbell Choir, adult Chancel Choir, and participate in planning and leading worship services. The congregation is located in the heart of downtown Colorado Springs. It is an Open & Affirming and Green Chalice church that is eager to bless our community with inspiring music! The

music director serves with a diverse worship team and staff. Please visit the website - FirstChristianCOS.org to learn more about the church.

Northglenn UMC is hiring a **Pianist/Organist** to provide accompaniment for Sunday services and Wednesday choir rehearsals. Contact church@numc.org for more information.

Organist Job-Share Opportunity, South Broadway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a progressive, historic congregation located in downtown Denver has an opening for a shared-organist position, typically two Sundays each month, but with flexibility in scheduling. Please email jdalton410@gmail.com or phone (303) 514-4319 for more information.

Calendar

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Sunday December 5, 3:00 p.m. Cathedral Basilica, 1530 Logan Street, Denver. **The Vittoria Ensemble: Renaissance Motets.** Under the direction of David McNeil, The Vittoria Ensemble continues to impress audiences with its vitality of singing. Specializing in Renaissance and Early Baroque choral polyphony, the concert will feature music for the season by composers Tomas Luis da Victoria, Rodrigo de Ceballos, and Thomas Tallis. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, December 7, 12:15-12:45 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, 1820 Broadway, Denver. *Advent Organ Recital Series.* **Faythe Freese,** Professor of Organ Emeritus, University of Alabama. Works by Dupré, Langlais, and Vierne. All concerts are free.

Sunday, December 12, 3:00 p.m. Cathedral Basilica, 1530 Logan Street, Denver. **Lessons and Carols Service.** Join the Cathedral Choir, directed by Phil Bordeleau, and The Rev. Samuel Morehead in this annual tradition. The service features musical selections with chant, polyphony, and carols with readings all highlighting Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Prepare for the holiday ahead with this delightful, family friendly program. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, December 14, 12:15-12:45 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, 1820 Broadway, Denver. *Advent Organ Recital Series.* **Norman Sutphin,** Organist, Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver. Works by Hancock, Chapman, and Dupré. All concerts are free.

Sunday, December 26, 2:00 p.m. Hope United Methodist Church, 5101 S. Dayton Street, Greenwood Village. *"Foxes Have Holes, Christ Lives In Us!"* Join **Cheryl Saborsky**, Organist, in a narrated musical journey from Advent through Christmas. The works of Candlyn, Kloppers, Blackwell, Te Velde, Fedak, and others, help renew the birth of our intimate relationship with Christ laying in the manger of our hearts. Free and open to the public; masks worn indoors.