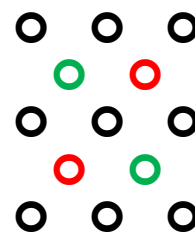


# THE DRAWKNOB

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

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## Chapter Event Denver Brass5 with Rick Seaton, Organist

**Friday, December 1, 7:00 pm  
St. Andrew United Methodist Church  
9203 S. University Blvd.  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126**

**B**rass, Organ, Christmas ... What more do you need? Help us celebrate the season with this epic collaboration between The Denver Brass5 and lauded organ soloist Rick Seaton. This concert is presented by the AGO and St. Andrew Church. This performance is FREE; \$20 donation encouraged. Concert includes music for brass, arrangements for brass and organ—O Come, All Ye Faithful, Coventry Carol, Gesù Bambino, and solo organ music—3 Christmas Improvisations – Michael Burkhardt, Carol Pewlude on “Greensleeves” – Richard Purvis, Wachet auf – J. S. Bach, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Rick Seaton, and more.



## Historic Denver Organ Tour

**Churches on Hampden and University  
Saturday, December 9, 9:00 am**

**J**oin Historic Denver and the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for an exciting morning of architecture and music as we visit three stunning churches, learn about their

history and hear beautiful organ music. This year our organ tour takes to the road, for a driving tour in southeast Denver. Starting at Calvary Baptist Church, we'll hear the story of this old congregation and its newer building. From there we'll drive to Wellshire Presbyterian Church to see the original church as well as the Victor Hornbein addition. Finally, our tour will end at Christ Church, originally a mission of St. John's on 14th and Washington. All sites have abundant parking.

Each of our three churches have prepared a short organ concert, as well as demonstrations of the various pipes and stops for each organ. The music will serenade and showcase the acoustics of each of the sites. Gather at 9 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church to be ready for the tour to begin at 9:30 a.m.

Get your tickets at:

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/historicdenver/items/496096/?full-items=yes&flow=160925>

Members of the AGO should choose the \$20 Members link; General charge is \$25.

Calvary Baptist Church  
6500 E. Girard Avenue



Christ Church (Episcopal)  
2950 S. University Boulevard



Wellshire Presbyterian Church  
2999 S. Colorado Boulevard



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## The Dean's Mixture

**T**he *Drawknob* is going to press earlier this month in order that you can make your December musical plans early. My goal this month is to enjoy as much music as possible!

**It is quite an Advent this year.** We are seeing more and more people in our pews and most of us are looking forward to a more elaborate musical Advent and Christmas than during the "COVID years." As well, our Advent came up FAST and our Advent IV shares a day with Christmas Eve. Whew! I bring up these facts because I know that it will be fast-paced season for us all.

**The Chapter is having not one, but two events.** A full-out organ and brass concert on December 1 and our annual organ tour with Historic Denver. (*Read more about these events elsewhere.*) Other opportunities abound. Local churches often have daytime Advent organ concert series. Many community choirs have Christmas concerts and, of course, our local churches feature their choirs in Christmas concerts.

Here is wishing you a blessed and MUSICAL season,

Billie Busby Smith, Dean



## AGO Members and Friends Recital

**Friday, February 23, 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**1419 Pine St., Boulder**

Sign up now for the opportunity to perform in a recital on the three-manual Austin/Morel organ at St. John's Boulder. Repertoire should be suitable for Lent or Holy Week and focus on underappreciated composers such as women and people of color. Duets or ensemble pieces with other instruments are welcome. To join the program, please contact David Vogels ([dsvogels3@gmail.com](mailto:dsvogels3@gmail.com) <mailto:[dsvogels3@gmail.com](mailto:dsvogels3@gmail.com)>) by Jan. 15.

### Rodgers Organ for Sale

Two manual Rodgers electronic organ 441 in very good condition.

Pedalboard to AGO specifications.

Connector for

headphones. Two speakers included. Asking \$700. Call Jill Dodds 720-601-7396.



### Estey Organ for Sale

Estey Pump Organ with stool. Number 334,418, from around 1905. Very good condition. Elsie Fetzer, Sterling. \$600 OBO. 970-520-7725. Since this is two hours from Denver, Elsie could demonstrate this via Messenger if needed.



### Trinity Advent Organ Recitals

Trinity United Methodist Church is presenting its annual Advent Organ Recitals! The church is located at 1820 Broadway in Downtown Denver. The series features the 1888 Roosevelt pipe organ of 82 ranks in the ambience of the historic Gothic sanctuary of Denver's oldest church.

This year's series will feature three organists from the Front Range Urban Corridor. All recitals are on Tuesdays from 12:15 until 12:45 p.m. Admission is free with the opportunity for freewill contributions. Paid parking is available in surface lots and garages in the immediate area of the church. Call 303-893-1493 or consult the church website at [www.trinityumc.org](http://www.trinityumc.org) for further information.

December 5—**Linda Mack**, Colorado District Convener, American Guild of Organists (AGO); Sub-Dean, Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of AGO; freelance organist. Works by Bach, Dupré, Lau, Uehlein, and Hancock.

December 12—**Norman Sutphin**, Staff Organist, Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver. Works by McCreary, Bach, Chapman, and Dupré.

December 19—**Dr. Joel Bacon**, Stewart and Sheron Golden Chair of Organ and Liturgical Studies, Fr. Don Willette Chair of Catholic Studies, Colorado State University, Fort Collins. Organist and Artist-in-Residence, First United Methodist Church, Fort Collins. Works by Back, Yon, and Dupré.

## Save the Dates

### Our Chapter Programs 2024

**January 2024** – Friday, January 19 – 7:30pm

- Graham Schultz Organ Concert and Reception  
Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral

**February 2024** – Friday, February 23 – 7:30pm

- Members Lenten Organ Recital  
St. John's Episcopal, Boulder  
Deadline for sign up Monday, January 15

**March 2024** – no event because of Easter

**April 2024** – Friday, April 19 – 7pm

- Harpsichord Showcase  
Featuring 4 harpsichords, organ, and strings in collaboration with Augustana Arts  
Augustana Lutheran Church

**May 2024** – Monday, May 20 – 5pm

- Chapter annual meeting and dinner  
St. Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church,  
6190 E. Quincy Ave., Cherry Hills Village

## Employment Opportunities

**St. Mark Catholic Church, Highlands Ranch** has opened a search for a **Saturday Accompanist** for their 4 pm Mass. Ideal candidates are those proficient in both organ and piano. The parish has a Rodgers digital organ and a 9-foot Steinway D that are used regularly at Mass. Candidates not proficient in organ but willing to be trained may be considered, as there are presets available on the instrument. Pay is \$115 per service. Contact Director of Sacred Music Diana Corliss for more information or to apply. [dianac@stmarkhr.org](mailto:dianac@stmarkhr.org) 720.348.9700 x213

**St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Denver** is accepting applications for an **Organist**. This position accompanies the worshipping community in congregational song and provides special music for each worship service. The Organist also serves as accompanist for the St. Barnabas Parish Choir. For more information, please contact [jeffrey.nelson@stbdenver.org](mailto:jeffrey.nelson@stbdenver.org) or [misty.dupuis@stbdenver.org](mailto:misty.dupuis@stbdenver.org).

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Aurora** is seeking a **Director of Music** familiar with the Episcopal tradition to coordinate and expand its music program and direct its adult choir and bell choir. The Director of Music will select hymns and special music with the Rector, be responsible for the music budget, direct the choir during Sunday services and Thursday evening rehearsals and be responsible for instrumental musicians. Compensation: \$16,000-\$20,000 negotiable; consistent with experience and music budget. Additional compensation available if able to play organ, as well as for special services outside the regular church program. For more information or to apply, please contact [rector@ststephensaurora.org](mailto:rector@ststephensaurora.org)

**Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora**, is seeking an **Organist** to lead the congregation in the liturgy and hymns during Divine Service. This position requires availability for Sunday Morning service at 9:15 am, and infrequently other worship services as required. The salary is fixed at \$120 per service. The Organist will receive hymns from the Pastor, and coordinate on other music for the service, and with other musicians as

opportunities arise. The Organist performs pre-service and post-service music, and during the offering. Other musicians may also perform during these times and so coordination is required between Organist and other musicians. Contact the Pastor for more information or to apply: [pastorolson@hopeaurora.org](mailto:pastorolson@hopeaurora.org)



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*Sunday, December 3, 3:00 pm*  
*Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception*  
*1535 Logan Street, Denver, CO 80203*

**The Vittoria Ensemble. My Soul to Thrive; Music of Longing for Advent and Christmas**

Dr David McNeil, Conductor. Works by Ord, Tallis, Poulenc, Teschnekoff, Praetorius, Vittoria, Kirbye, C. Shaw, Monteverdi, Poston. Concerts are free, last one hour and a free-will offering is collected.

*Saturday, December 9, 9:00 a.m.*  
*Calvary Baptist Church (starting point)*  
*6500 E. Girard Avenue, Denver, CO*

## **Historic Denver Organ Tour**

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*Sunday, December 10, 3:00 pm*  
*Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception*  
*1535 Logan Street, Denver, CO 80203*

## **Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

The Cathedral Clergy and the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Phil Bordeleau, Director of Sacred Music. Concerts are free, last one hour and a free-will offering is collected.

*Sunday, December 10, 4:00 pm*  
*St. John's Episcopal Church*  
*1419 Pine Street, Boulder, CO*

## **Hirsch for the Holidays**

St. John's Principal Organist Aaron Hirsch will perform a full program of festive works celebrating different feasts of December. The whole program will come to a conclusion with a performance of Marcel Dupré's Variations on a Noël, Op. 20. This performance is free and open to all. Families are welcome, and there will be a free-will donation to support further performances of the St. John's Music Society.

*Saturday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.*  
*Griffin Concert Hall, Colorado State University*  
*1400 Remington Street, Fort Collins, CO*

and

*Sunday, December 17, 2:30 p.m.*  
*Central Presbyterian Church*  
*1660 Sherman Street, Denver, CO*

## **Colorado Bach Ensemble**

### **Handel's "Messiah"**

Two performances of the complete Messiah with some of the country's premier Baroque soloists from Colorado and beyond. Buy tickets at

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