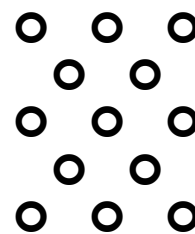


# THE DRAWKNOB

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

September 2023



## Chapter Event Summer Scholarship Concert

**Monday, September 11, 7:00 pm  
Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
1600 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203-1602**

Seven 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: Dr. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, Wil Smith, and Mark Alan Filbert. They will perform on the M. P. Möller organ at Saint Paul Lutheran Church.

The performers are:

Jacoby Butler  
Jackson Kastens  
Annemarie Montgomery  
Raditya Muljadi  
Juliana Neufeld  
Adrian Schreurs  
Isaak Vaughan

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

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.

Saint Paul Church is located at the intersection of Sixteenth and Grant Streets. Free parking is available on the street after 6:00 pm or in the lot just to the north of the office building directly across from the church with entry available from 5:30-6:55 pm. Look for the Saint Paul Parking Banner, and a volunteer will be stationed at the gate to let you enter.



## The Dean's Mixture

Where did the summer go? It is 90+ degrees, but I can tell that fall is almost here. The choirs and I are practicing for our opening fall Sunday, so it must be so!

Those of you who attended our chapter's return to fall gathering know what a great time we had! Thanks to Linda and Ed Mack for hosting this event. What a lunch and such fun seeing each other again. The Music Swap is always a wonderful occasion. For the uninitiated, the music swap receives donations of music from members and local musicians. Linda, with her advanced music library training carefully reviews the donations and quickly they are organized into the chapter music swap. Many members have augmented and updated their organ libraries using the services of the swap. (I have found that it is very difficult for organists to pass a table of organ music without adding to their libraries!). Donations left by members "shopping" at the swap are assigned to our scholarship program. Very importantly, our students are offered music from the swap *free of charge*. Our swap music has traveled to college



with many of our scholarship program alumni. Our Board also had a brief meeting prior to the gathering to discuss an issue. See more about that in next month's column!

We have two events in the very near future featuring our young organists. Be sure and put these dates on your calendar.

Annual Summer Scholarship Concert - Monday, September 11, 2023

A concert presented by Bryan Dunnewald - Friday, September 22, 2023

There will also be lots of great concerts and programs this year which are sponsored by our Chapter. In addition, information about events in the community will be available on our website and Facebook page. *Check out both!*

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and musical fall.  
Billie Busby Smith, Dean

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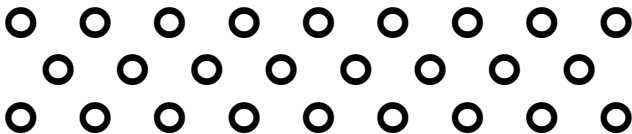
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## Save the Dates

### Our Chapter Programs 2023-24

**August 2023** – Saturday, August 19 – 11am-1pm

- End of summer gathering  
Music Swap & Lunch  
Linda Mack's home, 8421 E Oregon Place,  
Denver

**September 2023** – Monday, September 11 – 7 pm

- Summer scholarship student recital & reception  
St. Paul Lutheran Church – 1600 Grant Street,  
Denver

**October 2023** – Friday, October 27 – 7:30 pm

- Alcee Chriss III concert and reception  
Bethany Lutheran Church

**December 2023** – Saturday, December 9 - 9 am

- Historic Denver Organ Tour  
Churches on Hampden/University  
Calvary Baptist Church  
6500 E. Girard Avenue  
Christ Church  
2950 S. University Boulevard  
Wellshire Presbyterian Church  
2999 S. Colorado Boulevard

**December 2023** – Thursday, December 7 -7pm

- Denver Brass/Organ Christmas concert  
St. Andrew UMC – 9203 S. University Blvd.,  
Highlands Ranch  
Rick Seaton, Organist

**January 2024** – Date and artist TBA

- Organ Concert and Reception  
St. John's Cathedral

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

- Members Lenten Organ Recital  
St. John's Episcopal, Boulder  
Deadline for sign up Monday, January 15,  
2024

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

**April 2024** – Friday in April – 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

## 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? Do you want to learn new pieces 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 those areas that may have been missed in school, or that perhaps you may not have grasped the first time around.

Pull out the July 2023 issue of *The American Organist* magazine and read pages 88-95. 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](http://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, 2023 and March 31, 2024. 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 88 in the July 2023 TAO for specific examination dates, fees, and deadlines for application submissions.

As you may have noticed last year there was a significant repertoire expansion for all levels to include many underrepresented composers.

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  
Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter Education and  
Certification Coordinator  
[deniselanning@netscape.net](mailto:deniselanning@netscape.net)

## New SPC Holders

Three members of our chapter successfully completed the examination to earn the Service Playing Certificate of the AGO this year. Congratulations!

### Liam Harty

I first started studying organ as an undergraduate music major at Knox College (Galesburg, IL). I took organ lessons throughout my time at Knox as well as sang with the Knox College Choir.



After graduating I worked several years for the Music Library and Archive of Recorded Sound at Stanford University, during which time I studied harpsichord with Elaine Thornburgh and sang with the Stanford Early Music Singers. In recent years I have renewed my interest in organ performance, in part by assembling a Hauptwerk based digital organ at home, which has been a tremendous help in practicing. Additionally, I began studying with Cindy Lindeen-Martin in 2022, with one my short-term goals being to prepare for the Service Playing Certificate exam. There were several reasons I decided to pursue the SPC certification. The requirements for the exam felt achievable but

provided enough of a challenge to help me grow as an organist. Also, preparing for the exam was a larger scale project that for me was motivating. Outside of my organ studies, I currently work as the Library Collections Procurement & Processing Manager for the University of Denver Libraries. I also continue to sing in choral ensembles. Currently, I sing most of the year with The Colorado Choir, and for the past several summers I have sung with the Metropolitan Choral Festival.

**Roger Jensen**

Roger didn't come into the organ world via a music degree. Instead, successful completion of the AGO Service Playing Certificate in March 2023 has helped to show dedication and



provided a road map to balanced learning of this art. About a year was spent working on the various components of the test, with seemingly never-ending tweaks to correct the touch in the Baroque piece. Originally self-taught, Roger realized the benefits of study with others and has been engaging with teachers since 2018, despite playing organ for church services since 2010. The late Kent Olson, Kymberly Payne (via Zoom), and Cynthia Choi have been wonderful for elevating Roger's organ skills. In September of this year Roger will begin accompaniment lessons with Dr. Paul Griggsby.

Roger began playing for Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Denver in August of 2022 and is loving the beautiful and historic sanctuary with the 1893 stenciled pipe facade fronting a 3 manual, 50 rank 1962 Reuter. Roger's day job for the past 15 years has been a balance of plowing snow and operating a backhoe as well as running a greenhouse and managing flower beds in a public setting, all one position with lots of variety!

Looking forward, study towards CAGO certification, including catching up on music theory, is on Roger's to-do list. Attaining "FAGO

by Fifty" is a goal that Roger has set but only time will tell how that will work out.

**Emily Brands**

Emily Brands graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Moravian University. She currently is the organist at Calvary United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs.



**Yamaha Digital Piano P-105**

For Sale: \$500, Excellent Condition

Dimensions: 53"

x 12" x 7"

Weight: 26 lbs

Keys: 88 keys

weighted action:

(Graded Hammer Standard)

Touch Sensitivity:

4 different settings

Voices: 14

presets with 128

voice polyphony

Effects/Functions:

Reverb, Dual or

Split keyboards,

Recording,

Transpose, Fine tune, Metronome (10 rhythms),

Connectivity DC in (12v) Phones, 3 pedals, Aux

out, USB to host, AC Power Adaptor

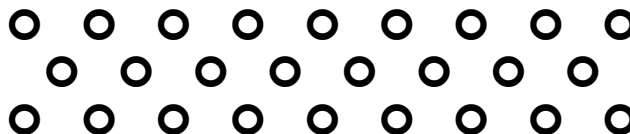
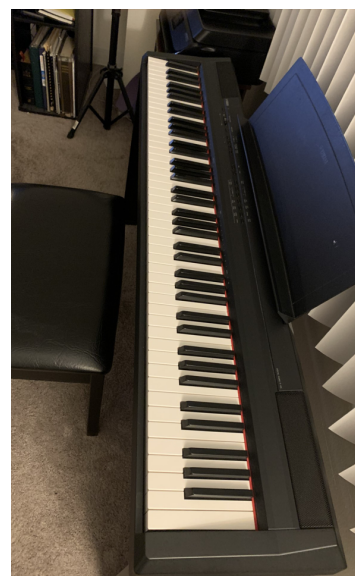
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Other: Special case fits all included. Music

stand, Manual. Preset song list (classical works)

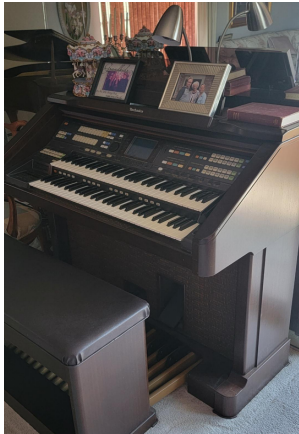
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## Piano and Organ Available

A two manual, 25-note pedalboard Technics organ is available. Also a Wurlitzer grand piano with player. Both instruments are in the Denver area. Contact Karen Bennett, 303-594-0703, [ktbt2@comcast.net](mailto:ktbt2@comcast.net).



## Johannes Opus 270

organ with speakers, 2 manuals and pedal, \$8,000. Please contact Susan Carl, [susancar14@gmail.com](mailto:susancar14@gmail.com), 303-881-5649.



## Employment Opportunities

**Christ the King Roman Catholic Church in Denver** has opened a search for an organist/pianist to accompany the 12:00 pm Mass every Sunday. The position will entail rehearsing with cantors and accompanying the Mass each week on piano and/or organ. There will also be opportunities to accompany extra Masses around Christmas and Easter. Knowledge of Roman Catholic liturgy is preferred. Please contact Music Director John Prager ([jprager@christthekingdenver.org](mailto:jprager@christthekingdenver.org)) for more information.

**Lakewood UCC** is currently seeking to fill the part-time year-round position of **Director of Music Ministries**. This position reports to the Pastors and the Chair of the Board of

Congregational Care. Our music program currently consists of a Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and smaller vocal groups. Lakewood UCC is a progressive, Open and Affirming, Protestant Christian church situated in a suburban neighborhood in Lakewood, CO. For more information about our church, please visit our website: [www.lakewooducc.com](http://www.lakewooducc.com).

The Director of Music Ministries is expected to abide by all policies of the Church. Pay will be \$20,000 - \$24,000, depending on experience. This is an approximately 15 hour per week position, depending on practice and rehearsal needs. Interested candidates should submit a resume with references and direct all inquiries to [lucpersonnel@gmail.com](mailto:lucpersonnel@gmail.com).

## Calendar

*Sunday, September 10, 3:00 pm*  
*St. Luke's United Methodist Church*  
*8817 South Broadway*  
*Highlands Ranch, CO 80129*

### Free concert presented by Rudy Lucente and Kenrick Mervine.

Rudy is an assistant organist at the Wanamaker (Macy's) Grand Court Organ in Philadelphia, and appears regularly at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia, and Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey. As a recitalist, Rudy is known for his "family friendly" presentations and dedication programs. His fifty-plus years as a church musician have enabled him to consult and design extraordinary instruments with the Allen Organ Company, one of which is a magnificent part of St. Luke's! Ken Mervine appears regularly with the Colorado Bach Ensemble and Colorado Symphony as Continuo Player and Organist. He and his wife, Barbara, are Allen Artists and have presented concerts and clinics throughout the country. Ken is also Organist and Associate Music Director at St Luke's.

*Monday, September 11, 7:00 pm*  
*Saint Paul Lutheran Church*  
*1600 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203-1602*

**Summer Scholarship Concert**  
Chapter event; see page 1.

*Sunday, September 17, 2:30 pm*  
*First United Methodist Church*  
*420 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903*

## **Chamber Orchestra of the Springs**

presents Organ Spectacular VIII

Leighton - Concerto for Organ, String Orchestra  
and Timpani

Saint-Saëns - Cyprès et lauriers

Pachelbel (arr. Thomas Wilson) - Ciacona in F  
Minor

Demessieux - Poeme for Organ and Orchestra

Vierne - Allegro from Organ Symphony No. 1

Organists Simon Jacobs, Zahari Metchkov, and  
Joseph Galema. Informatin and tickets at

[https://www.chamberorchestraofthesprings.org/or  
gan-spectacular-viii](https://www.chamberorchestraofthesprings.org/organ-spectacular-viii)

*Sunday, September 17, 3:00 pm*  
*Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception*  
*1535 Logan Street, Denver, CO 80203*

## **Isaac Johnson, Concert Pipe Organist**

An offering will be taken.

*Friday, September 22, 7:00 pm*  
*First Congregational Church*  
*20 East Saint Vrain Street, Colorado Springs 80903*

## **Bryan Dunnewald Organ Recital**

Bryan's recital will feature works by Mendelssohn, Schumann, and Vierne. Bryan is Tonal Director at Schoenstein & Co. Pipe Organ Builders in California, where he shapes and implements the firm's musical direction. In addition to his work at Schoenstein, Bryan is Director of Music at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, where he conducts the professional and volunteer adult choirs, plays the organ, and arranges music for the various ensembles of the church. Bryan grew up in the Denver area; among his teachers were Dr. Joseph Galema and Dr. Martha Sandford-Heyns. There is a recommended donation of \$20.

*Saturday, September 23, 6:00 pm*  
*Saint Paul Lutheran Church*  
*1600 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203*  
and

*Sunday, September 24, 6:00 pm*  
*St. Timothy's Episcopal Church*  
*1401 East Dry Creek Road, Littleton, CO 80122*

## **Colorado Bach Ensemble**

Part of its Cantata Insights Series, Bach's Cantata "O  
Eternal Fire, O Source of Love" (BWV 34). Both concerts  
are free with donations accepted.

