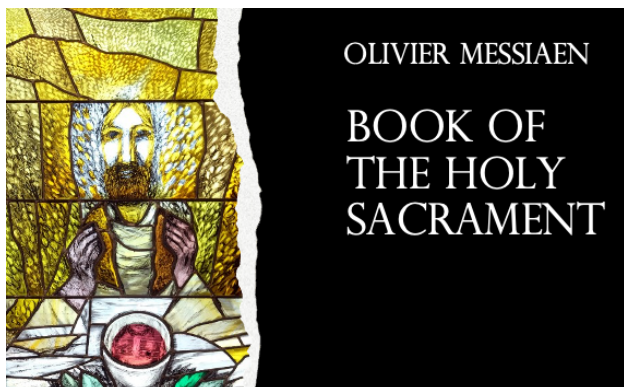
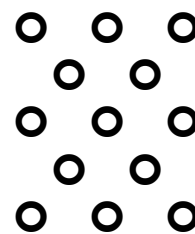


THE DRAWKNOB

Newsletter of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Guild of Organists

March 2023



Saturday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.-noon

A Listener's Guide to the Book of the Holy Sacrament

Lecture-Demonstration by David Vogels

Augustana Lutheran Church
5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver

Olivier Messiaen's monumental *Livre du Saint Sacrement* is loaded with more hidden codes and theological references than a Dan Brown novel. In this lecture-demonstration, David Vogels will unlock the doors to understanding the piece for the optimum listening experience. He will summarize the underlying quotations and sound-design elements of Messiaen's musical language in each of the 18 movements, using images and recorded comparisons. Mr. Vogels is currently translating a full-length book on the *Livre* by Dorothee Bauer, soon to be published by Brill/Schöningh. His extensive article on "The Birth of Messiaen's *Livre du Saint Sacrement*" appears in the January 2023 issue of *The American Organist*. Based on that research, he considers this guide to be essential for anyone attending his subsequent performance, whether an organist or simply a music lover. Free and open to all. A handout will be sent in an email next week.

Saturday, March 11, noon

Luncheon with Address by AGO President Eileen J. Hunt

Augustana Lutheran Church

Dr. Hunt will be speaking on "Honoring Our Tradition—Embracing Our Future." An accompanying document on the AGO Strategic Plan will be sent next week. We will also be honoring members of the Steering Committee for the 1998 AGO National Convention on its 25th anniversary. A catered deli buffet will be served in Fellowship Hall for \$20 per person (collected at the door). Please RSVP by March 7 to Ricki Moyer, rickilmoyer@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

Book of the Holy Sacrament with David Vogels, organist Messiaen's Masterpiece in Sound and Images

Augustana Lutheran Church

The 18-movement *Livre du Saint Sacrement*, commissioned by the AGO in 1986, is one of the most significant works of the past century. David Vogels, who has been studying the piece intensively for several years, will perform it in its entirety. For the first time, the music will be accompanied by projected images showing the text quotations, birds, Gregorian chants, colors, and stained-glass windows that are woven into Messiaen's vast tapestry of sound. The concert and lecture are cosponsored by Augustana Arts. There is no admission charge for either event, but reservations are requested for planning purposes; [click](#)

<https://ci.ovationtix.com/35350/production/1126207?performanceId=11096691>

or visit AugustanaArts.org.

In Addition —

Saturday, beginning at 9:00, coffee will be available and the Music Swap will be open until lunch. There will be a break in the presentation.

Sunday, the Music Swap will be available in the Narthex from 6:30 and during an intermission, during which cookies and punch will be served.

The Music Swap will feature French music, and literature for Lent, Easter, and Ascension.

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The Dean's Mixture

Hope that Lent is going well! I have been excited to see that more and more churches are filled with music!

What Will You Play for Woman Composer Sunday?

AGO and the Task Force for Gender Equity is celebrating *Woman Composer Sunday* on March 5.

The AGO, the Society of Women Organists, and the Royal College of Organists will celebrate organ and choral music by women by inviting everyone

to play or sing something by a woman composer on Woman Composer Sunday.



If you go to agohq.org – the national AGO website – you will find a wonderful and thorough article on Women composers. For the church musician, included is an excellent repertoire list, carefully prepared and annotated by members of the Task

Force for Gender Equity. As well, there are a number of other resource materials. Dr. Lyn Loewi, one of the members of the task force and our chapter is featured in the AGO webinar on women composers., which is included in this article. You might remember her from “Unusual Voices: The Undiscovered Genius of Women Composers,” a webinar she wrote and hosted which was produced by our chapter. We provided it to the National AGO for replay as a webinar in their 2022 season.

SO, help celebrate the lives and work of Women Composers by spending time playing this lovely, underplayed music for Women Composers’ Sunday – or how about month or year?

DRMC Summer Scholarship Program

Our summer scholarship program is beginning its recruitment cycle. Mark Alan Filbert is the coordinator and materials are available attached to the message with this newsletter. *Please think about all of those young pianists aged 13–18 and reach out to them with Scholarship Program information.*

MARCHMARCHMARCH

March is a very special month for our chapter. Thanks to our former Dean, David Vogels, who wanted to thoroughly study Messiaen’s *Book of the Holy Sacrament*. And that he did! We are fortunate to have a weekend (March 11-12) packed with a concert of the work a morning workshop and a luncheon with our national AGO president, Dr. Eileen Hunt, SW Regional Councillor, Dr Sheryl Sebo and members and volunteers of the steering committee for the 1998 AGO National Convention held in Denver.

Look elsewhere in this newsletter and THE AMERICAN ORGANIST for information about the work and David's journey and more details about the weekend.

Young Organist Coordinator

At our last Executive Board meeting, the DRMC Board approved the creation of a YOUNG ORGANIST COORDINATOR position. We have more than 20 members of our chapter who are identified as young organists. It would be wonderful to have a person to provide leadership in engaging and retaining these young organists in our chapter and their careers.

To learn more about this position, read the "job announcement" elsewhere in the newsletter OR contact Billie Busby Smith.

Say HEY

If you are new to the chapter OR have not been back to in-person to chapter events or programs, we really hope to see you. If you are attending an event, introduce yourself to me or other Board members – we all wear name badges! If there are ways in which you would like to volunteer, please contact me.

Billie Busby Smith, Dean

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

**Saturday, April 22, 2023
Wellshire Presbyterian Church
2999 South Colorado Blvd.
Denver, CO 80222
9:30-11:00 am**

Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter is hosting a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event for elementary and middle school-aged children on Saturday, April 22. Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza is a national outreach program of the American Guild of Organists, designed to introduce young children to the pipe organ.

The morning's activities will include a demonstration of the console layout and the sounds of the organ, a "Royal Tour" organ demonstrator by Randolph Currie with narrator, and a chance for attendees to play a piano piece on the organ. There will be a special appearance

by one of our 2022 summer organ scholarship students, Edward Nolen, who will play a few solos PLUS a duet with his dad, chapter member Charles Nolen.

Attendees will also receive a tote bag which will contain information about other AGO programs for young people, a copy of *The American Organist* magazine, and a small wooden organ pipe. The morning will conclude with everyone devouring (a lovely cheese) pizza.

Please include this information about Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza in your church newsletters and orders of worship. Print out copies of the attached publicity flyer for church bulletin boards and make additional copies for church members to pick up on Easter morning.

Registration is encouraged (so that we have enough pizza) and suggested family donation is \$10. Contact Denise Lanning at deniselanning@netscape.net if you have questions and to register

Young Organist Coordinator

Our chapter has been very successful in recruiting young organists! In fact, our chapter won first place in the national AGO challenge for recruitment of young organists. Currently we have more than 20 young organists in our chapter!



NOW, we need a leader to engage and retain these young organists in our chapter AND continue to recruit young organists.

The Coordinator can be a current Board member or a chapter member. This position is not required to attend all Board meetings (held on ZOOM) but would be welcome.

This program is one of our most significant and has the possibility to make a huge difference in our profession.

Please contact Billie Busby Smith, Dean for more information or to nominate yourself or a colleague.

Announcing: The 2023 Summer Organ Lesson Scholarship Program

One of the best endeavors of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has been its commitment to the Summer Organ Lesson Scholarship Program through which, for nearly two decades now, promising piano students have been awarded scholarships for six free organ lessons with qualified chapter members during the summer with the opportunity to perform at the September chapter meeting. This year the tradition continues with the **2023 Summer Organ Lesson Scholarship Program** for which publicity materials and an application form are now available on the chapter website (www.agodrmc.org) or from Scholarship Coordinator Mark Alan Filbert (markalanfilbert@msn.com). They are also attached to the message delivering this issue of *The Drawknob*.

The schedule for this year's program is as follows:

APPLICATIONS DUE: Monday, 10 April 2023

Submit to Mark Alan Filbert at the above email address

AUDITIONS: Saturday, 29 April 2023, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Linda Mack Music Studio, 8421 East Oregon Place, Denver, CO 80231

ORIENTATION: Saturday, 20 May 2023, 10:00-11:30 am (Open to the public)

Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 1600 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203

INSTRUCTION: Six Organ Lessons from June-August 2023

Dates/Locations to be arranged with Assigned Organ Teacher

FINAL RECITAL: Monday, 11 September 2023, 7:00 pm (Open to the public)

Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 1600 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203

All chapter members are encouraged to share this information with their students and/or colleagues who teach piano. The two-part audition will include an assessment of the student's keyboard skills (two prepared piano pieces, one of which must be a *Two-part Invention* by Johann Sebastian Bach, a short sight-reading exercise, and two-octave major and minor scales in the keys of the audition pieces) and a brief interview to discern the student's level of interest in organ study, sincerity of purpose, and sense of vision.

Chapter members are needed to assist with every aspect of the program. If you have an interest in serving as an audition judge, helping with the orientation session, teaching summer organ lessons, or assisting with the final recital, please contact Mark for more information.

Most important of all, however, is spreading the word about this signature program of the Denver Rocky Mountain chapter!

Some Coming Chapter Events

April

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Saturday, April 22, 9:30-11:00 am.

Wellshire Presbyterian Church, Denver

May

Ascension Evensong, Dinner, and Chapter Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 5:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Denver

June

Denver Brass and organist Joseph Galema

Saturday, June 17

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church.

Highlands Ranch

Employment Opportunities

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

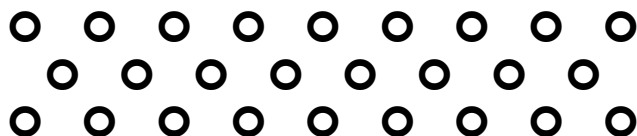
St. John Chrysostom Episcopal Church,

Golden is searching for an **Organist** for Palm Sunday and Easter services. The parish features a Rodgers organ and is located on the west side of Interstate 70, near the 32nd Ave./Youngfield exit. For more information on this paid opportunity, contact the Priest.

priest@stjohngolden.org

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, Westminster, has opened a search for an **Organist/Accompanist**.

The primary duties of this position include three Sunday Masses (7:30am, 9am, 11am), with hymns, service music, and choir accompaniment from our organ and piano. The Organist will also occasionally substitute for the musician at the 5pm Saturday Mass, and be available for funerals. Knowledge of the Roman Catholic liturgy is a plus. Contact Music Director Carma Romano-LaMorte (liturgy.cr@comcast.net) for more information and to apply. To learn more about the parish, visit htrcatholic.org



Concert Calendar

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

Sunday, March 5, 2:00 p.m. Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Pkwy., Lakewood.

Lance Lane, Theatre Organist for the Detroit Redwings. *He Scores!* with a variety of entertaining theatre organ selections and a couple of short comedy silent film clips. Admission: Adults \$15, Students 21 and under \$5, at the Box Office, the door, or by phone 303-987-7845, or online www.lakewood.org/tickets.

Sunday, March 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1270 Poplar St., Denver
Monmouth College Chorale from Monmouth, IL, directed by Dr. Tim Pahel. Concert is free and open to the public.

Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, 1820 Broadway, Denver
Regis University and Trinity UMC Denver are proud to present *Regis Resounds!* This collaboration includes performances by the **Regis University Singers** and **Trinity's Chancel Choir**, concluding with a performance of Schubert's *Mass No. 2 in G Major, D 167*. The Schubert mass features the combined choirs with Organist Norman Sutphin, conducted by Dr. Raul Dominguez. Admission to the concert is free, but we are requesting shoe donations for a Shoes for Schubert Drive! Shoe donations can be dropped off at Trinity through March 12th and will go to St. Francis Center.

Friday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 1700 W. 10th Ave., Broomfield

Lenten Recital Series, Dr. Joel Bacon. Open to the public; suggested donation \$10. Reception following.

Saturday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place, Boulder

God Has Work for Us to Do, a hymn festival will highlight music in the *United Methodist Hymnal*, *The Faith We Sing*, and *Worship and Song*, with a focus on social justice issues and how we can make a positive impact in our communities and

in the world. The festival will feature Organist **Brian du Fresne**, Pianist **Elizabeth Strickland**, and the **Mountain View Sanctuary Choir**. A free-will offering will be taken.

AGO members are invited to sing in the festival choir. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday March 8 at 7pm at MVUMC, as well as a rehearsal on Saturday March 11 from 4-6pm with a potluck dinner before the concert. Please contact Brian du Fresne if you are interested in being a part of this event and to have scores sent to you. (worship@mtview.org)

Tuesday, March 14, noon. Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 1700 W. 10th Ave., Broomfield

*Noon Recital Series: **Women Composers**. Join Organists Susan Carl, Barbara Hulac, Denise Lanning, and Soprano Dr. Tina Lynn-Craig in a recital celebrating Women Composers. Free and open to the public.*

Friday, March 17, 7:00 p.m. Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 1700 W. 10th Ave., Broomfield

*Lenten Recital Series, **Dr. Joe Galema**. Open to the public; suggested donation \$10. Reception following.*

Wednesday, March 22, 12:10 p.m. St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 9203 S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch.

*LENT RECITALS—**Joseph Galema**, Organ. Music by J. S. Bach, Bednall, Brahms, Carter, Jackson, Te Velde. The 25-minute recitals are designed for a midweek soul refresher. After the recital, light lunch is served for a suggested \$5 donation. [Music Ministry \(gostandrew.com\)](http://gostandrew.com)*

Friday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 1700 W. 10th Ave., Broomfield

*Lenten Recital Series, **John Murgel**. Open to the public; suggested donation \$10. Reception following.*

Sunday, March 26, 2:00 p.m. First Congregational Church, 1128 Pine St., Boulder
Stephen Hamilton, organist, performs *Le Chemin de la Croix* (The Stations of the Cross), by Marcel Dupré. Poetry by Paul Claudel, read by Nancy Wade and Susan D'Autremont. Part of the Sawyer Memorial Concert Series. Open to the public; donations accepted.

Sunday, March 26, 3:00 p.m. Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1530 Logan St., Denver

Cristin Colvin, Medieval Music Specialist, in a program of Hildegarde von Bingham and the Early Pioneers of Sacred Music. Cristin Colvin, accompanied by Phil Bordeleau on continuo organ, will present the vocal works of Hildegarde, Vizzana, Badalla, Kassia, and modern composer Grau. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information contact PBordeleau@denvercathedral.org or call 303-831-7010 ext 2228.

Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. St John's Episcopal Church, 1419 Pine Street, Boulder
The St. John's Music Society is presenting *Bach in Space*. This event features live organ music supplied by St. John's Principal Organist **Aaron Hirsch**, which accompanies 4K video of our beautiful planet taken by the International Space Station. Performance is free and open to all.

