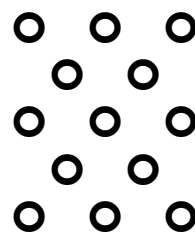


THE DRAWKNOB

Newsletter of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Guild of Organists

October 2024



Organ Concert by Owen Metz

Friday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
1820 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202

An exciting young performer (and onetime Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter summer scholarship student) returns to Denver for a wide-ranging program on the historic organ at Trinity Church.

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, "The Wedge,"
BWV 548 Johann Sebastian Bach

24 Pièces de Fantaisie, Book IV, Op. 55
IV. Naïades Louis Vierne

Fantaisie Choral No. 1 in D-flat Major
Percy Whitlock

Fantasia über den Choral "Wie Schön leucht' uns der
Morgenstern," Op. 40, No. 1 Max Reger

Having studied organ with Ken Mervine and piano with Stephen Fiess in Denver, Owen is now studying organ with Jonathan Moyer at Oberlin College and Conservatory in Ohio. He was the second-prize winner in the 2023 AGO Southwest Regional Competition for Young Organists. Free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$20 per adult (at the door using cash, check, PayPal, or credit card).



A reception will follow the concert.

... And on Saturday



Technology Workshop

Following the Owen Metz concert on Friday evening, October 25, there will be a Technology Workshop on Saturday morning, October 26 from 9:30-12:00 noon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2015 Glenarm Place, Denver CO 80205. Free parking is only available in the first three lots on the right side of the church as you face the front door.

9:30 Coffee and music swap

10:00 Storytelling and demonstration by Julian Tay of his home studio Hauptwerk. Attendees may then see the Hauptwerk up close and have a hands on test drive (manuals only).

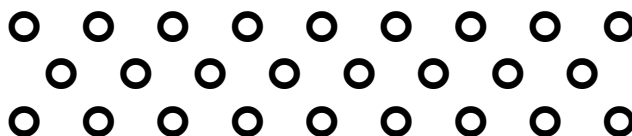
10:45 St. Andrew's organist Ralph Valentine will demonstrate how he uses Hauptwerk in the worship service. Linda Mack will play the Finale from the Vierne First Symphony utilizing the added stops.

11:10 David Vogels will demonstrate the use of the forScore app with an iPad.

11:40 Final music swap opportunity.

To better acquaint yourself with these technologies prior to the workshop, visit the AGO website at www.agohq.org, click on Education, then Webinars. Scroll down to Technology. Click on Technology. The first webinar listed is Using Hauptwerk Virtual Pipe Organ Software. Below Technology you will see AGO Young Organists. Click on AGO Young Organists and scroll down to Technology and click on Technology and forScore.

See you there.



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Dean's Mixture

It was good to see some of you at the chapter's opening program last month. The students in the summer scholarship program played very well. Their recital was followed by the post-concert music swap and reception. Thank you to Mark Filbert for teaching and coordinating the scholarship program and Yinying Luo for teaching these students.

After the programs offered by the chapter each season, hospitality remains one of the most visible aspects of the chapter. Through hospitality at our meetings, chapter members interact with people from the public. This is a wonderful chance for conversation to take place and for people to see what a friendly chapter we have. This chapter is fortunate to have Linda and Ed Mack in its ranks. In addition to work on the music swaps at many of our meetings, the Macks also work on hospitality for most chapter events. Linda is happy to have others helping with hospitality. She is friendly and organized and easy to work with. Please contact Linda at lindajoymack@hotmail.com with questions or your willingness to help with hospitality at a future guild meeting this season.

Later this month we have two chapter programs. On Friday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m., Owen Metz (a former participant in our summer scholarship program) will present a recital at Trinity United Methodist Church. A student at Oberlin in Ohio, Owen will play a varied program on the wonderful, historic Roosevelt organ. The next day at 9:30 a.m., a technology workshop takes place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The morning features presentations by Julian Tay, Ralph Valentine, and David Vogels on Hauptwerk and forScore on the iPad.

Happy Autumn!

Andrew Peters, Dean

Meet the Board

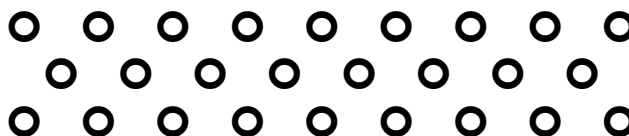
From time to time, short contributions from members about their musical lives will appear to allow people to be better acquainted.

Liam Harty

I am looking forward to serving as a new member of the board and assisting in whatever way I can. In addition to playing organ, I also enjoy choral singing. I sing with The Colorado Choir during most of the year, and for



the past several summers have also sung with the Metropolitan Choral Festival (MCF) under the direction of fellow organist Ricki Vorrath-Moyer. The MCF recently concluded their 12th season with a performance of the Requiem in C Minor by Michael Haydn and Mass No. 6 in E-flat Major by Franz Schubert at the new Mapleton Arts Center and live streamed on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/live/xZDsiKNhzkl?si=OdZnL6K-mt-9p2Ix>)



Chapter Survey

Several members reported difficulty with the link in the message about taking the Chapter survey a couple of weeks ago. Here is the announcement again. If you still are having difficulty, try typing the address in the navigation.

It's back-to-school time, so here is an exercise for you to complete. Don't worry, it isn't a test! It's a *brief survey* that will help our Program Committee plan the 2025-26 chapter season. It should take only about *five minutes* to answer. There is no prize, except for the reward of knowing that our programs have been planned according to your preferences. Results of the survey will be published in a future edition of *The Drawknob*.

Click here to access the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/33LBLY3>. If you have any questions or have difficulty in completing the survey, please contact David Vogels, dsvogels3@gmail.com.

Two November Events

Friday November 22, 7 p.m.

In collaboration with First Congregational Church in Boulder, *Kondens*, An Organ & Recorder Duo from Sweden, Lisa Oscarsson & My Eklun will present a concert at FCC, Boulder.

Saturday November 23, 10 a.m.

Workshop at FCC Boulder will feature techniques of collaboration with other musicians presented by *Kondens*, the performers of the Friday night concert. The event will include a Music Swap.

And in December

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. Cost is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for members of the

AGO, Historic Denver, the Molly Brown House Museum. More information in future newsletters; here's a link to Historic Denver.

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

Scholarship Recital

The annual recital by the Summer Scholarship Students was given on Sunday, September 8 at Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church. All got to enjoy the achievements of the students before a reception and organ music swap. Pictured are: Yinying Luo (teacher), Gemma Davy, Adam Roper, Caroline Taylor, Claire Wilson, Mark Alan Filbert (teacher), and Caroline Mabey.



Nancy Sheffield R.I.P.

Word has been received of the death of a long-time member of the Denver Rocky Mountain chapter of the AGO; she served as treasurer of the chapter and as treasurer of the 1998 national convention in Denver.

Nancy Sheffield (nee Broward) passed away at home on September 17, 2024, at the age of 87 in Boulder, Colorado. A native Texan, Nancy was born November 18, 1936, in Ft Worth. She graduated from Pascal High School and attended the University of Texas (Austin) until her studies were interrupted by motherhood. She moved to Colorado in 1962 where she raised her children and developed her love for the mountains. She was an avid hiker and camper, even backpacking

in Utah's Escalante Wilderness to celebrate her 60th birthday.

Nancy resumed her academic studies in 1973, finishing a degree in Political Science and a Master's in Public Affairs. She became a leading expert in public finance; working for many local governments and municipalities. After retiring from public work, she ran her accounting and CPA business.

Nancy had many passions, including music, running, tennis, and the mountains. She learned to play the organ and sang in many church choirs. Her extensive CD collection reflected a love of organ music, classical, jazz, and Big Band. She also enjoyed singing in church choirs and even traveled to Europe to sing with the Cantabile Ensemble. In her 50s, she took up running and made the Bolder Boulder 10k an annual rite of spring for 17 races. At 79, she ran her final race, coming in 10th in her age group. A member of the Eskimo Ski Club, she skied even into her 70s. Tennis, however, was her lifetime passion, playing well into her 80s. One of her favorite trips was to New York to watch the US Open.

At her request, no services are planned. Private interment will be held at Green Mountain Cemetery in Boulder. Memorial donations to the Colorado Chautauqua Association <https://www.chautauqua.com/support-us/ways-to-give/>

Du Fresne, Sowerby, and St. Anne

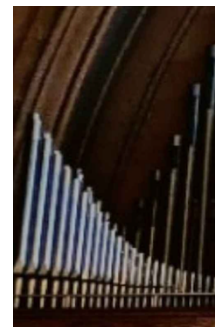
Sunday, October 13, 2:00 p.m., organist Brian Du Fresne will perform at Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO 80303. The program is "Sowerby and St. Anne" a concert of music by Leo Sowerby, including rarely-heard works such as "Whimsical



Variations" and his pedal power-house "Pageant"; as well as music inspired by the glorious ST. ANNE hymn-tune. Free and open to the public.

Holy Ghost Rededication

Holy Ghost Catholic Church will rededicate its organ on October 19 at 7:00 p.m. Earlier this year, Harris Organ Works rebuilt and modified the original Schantz console from 1985, completed extensive renovations, and added several new digital stops. Staff organists Richard Robertson, Kathryn Walsh, and Frank Slechta will play music by Bach, Buxtehude, Couperin, Mendelssohn, and Widor. Vierne, Elgar, Reger, and Messiaen. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the music program at Holy Ghost. The church is located at 1900 California St, Denver, CO 80202.



Halloween in Boulder

The St. John's Music Society presents the Third Annual Halloween Organ Concert, Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 1419 Pine St., Boulder, CO. For the third year running, a free, family-friendly Halloween Organ Concert. Costumes are welcome, and encouraged—there may even be an award for best costume! Come hear the cadre of organists that play regularly or irregularly at St. John's, including Principal Organist Aaron Hirsch, Associate Organist Lydia Morrongiello, Organist Emeritus Tony Lee, and organists extraordinaire David Vogels and Andrew Todd.



Employment Opportunity

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...tba soon). \$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.

