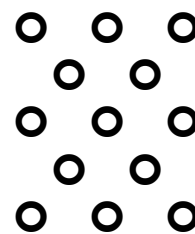


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Newsletter of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Guild of Organists

June 2023



The Denver Brass5 with Joseph Galema

Saturday, June 17, 3:00 p.m.
St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
9203 S. University Blvd.
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126



The Denver Brass recital quintet is joined by organist Joseph Galema at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church for a Saturday afternoon concert. Hear the elegance of a brass quintet amplified by the magnificence of organ.

No tickets required, \$20 donation encouraged.

A reception to greet the performers will follow. Abundant parking is available.

The Denver Brass is an elite ensemble recognized throughout the U.S. and the world as one of the premier ensembles of its kind – setting itself apart through its sound, original repertoire, recordings, and concert productions. **Joseph Galema** currently serves as Principal Organist at First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, one of the largest and most active congregations in the city. He is also the Collaborative Pianist for the Colorado Springs Chorale. Since September 2008, he has been the

Instructor of Organ at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music. At Lamont, he teaches private lessons to organ majors in addition to classes in organ repertoire, organ improvisation, and organ accompanying. He retired in July 2014 as Music Director and Academy Organist at the United States Air Force Academy, after serving there for 32 years.

The Dean's Mixture

Happy June and Random Thoughts!

I decided to reflect on our chapter's Annual Meeting and the AGO season we have just completed. Just ONE MORE TIME before we move into the 23-24 season! If you haven't had time to read the Annual Report, it is worth going back to. What a great document prepared by this year's Board and compiled by our out-going secretary, Andy Crisman. The signs are all there! We are being our usual strong-willed musicians and NOT doing what too many other non-profits are experiencing — shrinking and disappointing. *Instead — we are growing and thriving!*

In addition to the standard data that we use to evaluate this state of "thriving," I have also noticed some interesting things — just a few random thoughts, if you will.

- Thus far this year, our chapter has received nearly \$2,000 in donations from members not associated with membership dues or grant funds.
- We have 17 young organists on our membership list — a number of them have accepted leadership roles or are eager to "get started."
- We had a table of young organists at the Annual Meeting and their enthusiasm is exciting!

- We have two young organists who are legacy — their fathers are Board members.
- We are working closely with area churches. The events which have come as a result of these collaborations have been unique and well-attended.
- Our Board will include several members from outside the metro area — including Aspen.
- Our Scholarship class is full. Interestingly, some of the candidates found us by googling “organ scholarship.”

What do these random thoughts have in common? They show commitment.

Of course, none of this would not have been possible without the work of the 2022-2023 Board and volunteers who helped out in so many ways.



LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

The program year designed by Ricki Moyer and her committee for next year is exciting and full of excellent offerings. Stay tuned.

If you would like to add your name to the Volunteers List, please email me: Billbuzbee@comcast.net.

Happy Summer and see you in June at our last concert of the season, Joe Galema and the Denver Brass.

Billie Busby Smith, Dean



Members at the Annual Meeting are finishing dinner as a Zoom link to include remote participants is set up. Board meetings have been held by Zoom for a couple of years. Photo by Ben Ehrlich.

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Annual Meeting

About thirty members of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the AGO gathered at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Denver for Evensong, dinner, and the chapter Annual meeting on May 21. A beautiful service for Ascension Sunday featured abundant beautiful music by St. Andrew’s Choir, directed by Timothy J. Kreuger with organist Ralph Valentine. A delicious dinner was served in the church’s undercroft. A brief business meeting followed which included the installation of two newly-elected officers present.



Some members attended by Zoom. New Member-at-large Karl Isaac Johnson and Treasurer Cathy Bruno are installed by former Dean Kimber Smith.

Employment Opportunities

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

Broomfield United Church of Christ has opened a search for an **Organist/Pianist**. The Organist/Pianist will provide digital piano and organ accompaniment for worship services, weekly choir rehearsals and other occasions in support of the music ministry of the church. Please submit a cover letter, resume, two references and any multimedia links of video performances to pastormichael@broomfielducc.com.

Concert Calendar

Sunday, June 4, 4:00 p.m. Hope United Methodist Church, 5101 S. Dayton St., Greenwood Village

Baroque Music and Beyond, featuring Cheryl Saborsky, organ, and Lydia Sviatlovskaya, violin. Music composed by Albinoni, Vitali, Vivaldi, Antonini, Bach, Auerbach, and Boulanger. Tickets at the door: \$15, students \$10.

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Program, recital and event information now updated at agotulsa2023.com/convention-schedule

