

Chiff Chat

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Mission Statement: The purpose of the Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members in the city of Lincoln and surrounding areas.

—adopted January 12, 2009

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Luke 2:1-14 KJV

- ¹And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
²(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
³And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

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December 2011

Next Chapter Meeting: January 9, 2012
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
6001 A Street, Lincoln
Potluck at 6:00, Program at 7:00



Topic: Instant Voluntaries. Presenter: You!

As organists, we are always blessed with an abundance of time to prepare for every single time we climb on the bench, right? (Can you feel the sarcasm dripping from the page?) I'm sure that everyone has a nice selection of go-to pieces for those Sundays or other occasions in which time is extra tight. Let's share them with our colleagues!

Please bring your favorite easy voluntary, preferably one that is currently in print so that others may have access to it if they like it. We will swap pieces and sight read for one another. This is meant to be a playful way to get to know some new repertoire, so if it stresses you out to play on the spot, we'll have some backup sight-readers available to fill in. We might even have prizes for most popular voluntary in various categories.

May you all have a blessed holiday season, and we'll see you in 2012!



LINCOLN CHAPTER AGO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING -- November 14, 2011

Officers Present: Stacie Lightner, Bob Craig, and Sinda Dux
Executive Committee Members Present: Jim Hejduk, Carolyn Schroeder

Guests Present: Immediate Past Dean Jim Lytton

Dean Stacie Lightner called the meeting to order at 8:29 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

Jim Hejduk moved, seconded by Carolyn, that the Minutes of the October 3, 2011 Executive Committee meeting be approved as printed. **Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Craig presented a written Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2011: \$17,486.25 in the Slaughter investment account, \$34,044.16 in the Smith investment account, and \$3,074.74 in the checking account, for total assets of \$54,605.15.

It was moved by Sinda, seconded by Jim Hejduk, to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Carolyn thanked the chapter for the flowers she received after surgery.

NEW BUSINESS

Stacie read an email from J. Gordon asking that the chapter encourage and support members seeking certification. Suggestions were to have short talks on certification at chapter potlucks by J. Gordon and others who have received certification. A program on certification was suggested for the 2012-2013 program year.

National by-laws say chapter executive committees should appoint a Nominating Committee no later than December 31. Names suggested were:

Masako Bacon, Susan Cook, Art Fliege, Willa Foster Jones, Denise Makinson, Priscilla Kliewer, Ryan Luckey, Joy Maag. Dean Stacie will contact these members.

Officers needing to be elected are Dean, Sub-Dean, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Class of 2012. All those holding these offices at present are eligible for re-election.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting Dates:

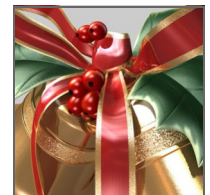
All meetings at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

January 16, 2012

March 5, 2012

May 7, 2012

Sinda Dux,
Chapter Secretary





Upcoming Events:

**First United Methodist Church, Lincoln
Presents the two following events:**

Tuesday, December 20 at 7pm

Malleey Keelan and Friends Christmas Concert with Festival Choir featuring organists Brent Shaw and Nic Engle among other Lincoln musicians.

Friday, January 27 at Noon.

Bach's Lunch" - 3 organs and trumpets
Brent Shaw, organist with Dean Haist, NWU Professor of Trumpet, and student Lauren Fletcher and former student Kensy Berggren.
Short 30 minute recital with free box lunch.



**Another Contemporary Christmas Concert
Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 and Sunday, Dec. 18 at 4:00**
St. John Lutheran Church, 701 N. 6th St., Beatrice
Info: Stacie Lightner (402) 223-5268



For more information on Abendmusic please contact:
Jeremy Bankson
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December 18, 2011

4:00 p.m.

Wonder All Wonders: An Abendmusik Christmas
First-Plymouth Church
20th & D Streets, Lincoln

December 31, 2011

8:00 p.m.

New Year's Last Blast with the Plymouth Brass
First-Plymouth Church
20th & D Streets, Lincoln

Holiday Dreams, Delights and Delicacies Focus of December's First Friday Concert

The December First Friday Concert is always the perfect way to start your celebrations of Christmas before the month gets too full of decorating, trimming the tree, gifts to purchase, cards to send, etc. Won't you consider joining us? You are cordially invited to join us Friday, **December 2, at 12:10 p.m.** for the First Friday Concert featuring Dr. John C. Friesen as he plays Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*. In addition to the First Friday Concert, **Saint Paul United Methodist Church** hosts its annual Holiday Cookie Walk the same day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bevins Family Life Center. If the cookie walk wasn't enough to satisfy your sweet cravings, a soup and sandwich lunch is available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$5. Delicious delights and delicacies in the form of homemade cookies are available for purchase at \$8 per box. For more information please contact Michael Bennett at 402-477-6951 or 402-477-6951.



**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
239 Frank Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Presents the following events:**

December 18 at 3:00 p.m.

"The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols"

St. Paul's Festival Choir, Contate Domino Choir, and soloists will be featured. A full Christmas meal will be served following the service.

March 3, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Heartland Youth Choir

A concert by the Des Moines based Heartland Youth Choir under the direction of Barbara Sletto.

March 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

the performance of a commissioned skit **"A Day in the Life of J. S. Bach"** during **St. Paul's Christ Academy.**

Six Lenten organ recitals presented at noon on Wednesdays during Lent, including John Friesen, Claire Roehrkasse Eason, Carla Post, Charles Cohen, and others.



Chiff Chat News...

From Your Education Chairman:

Playing Certificate preparations are under way for two candidates, and one CAGO inquiry has been received. Are there more candidates in the chapter? More potential candidates in the area that are not yet members of the AGO? The Service Playing Certificate exam can be taken any time during the academic year; the CAGO, AAGO, FAGO and ChM. have specific dates scheduled for taking the exams. Now is the time to formulate plans to earn a certificate: "New Year, New Resolutions, New Goals, New Challenges, New Achievements, New levels of Skills and Musicianship, and a New Sense of Accomplishment."

For those interested in exploring earning a certificate, the guild offers many resources at the national level. The Lincoln Chapter has several members who are more than willing to mentor certification candidates. Questions? Inquiries?

Please contact me at (712) 322-4729; (712) 322-4729 or mrc@chase3000.com.

Merry Christmas!

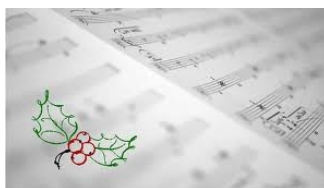
J. Gordon Christensen, AAGO
Chapter Education Chairman



Merry Christmas



Soli Deo Gloria



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NOW OPEN!

AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE ♦ JULY 1-6, 2012

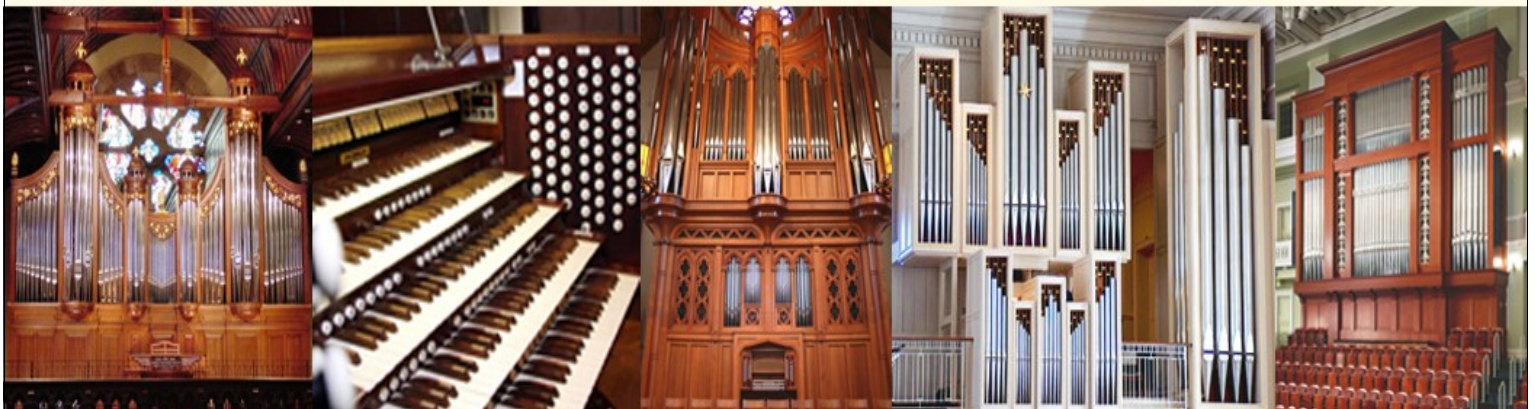


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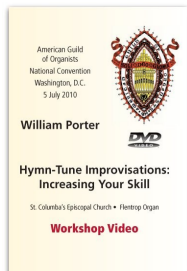




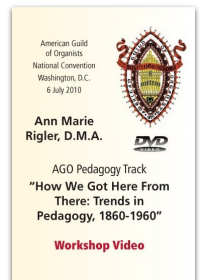
Dear Fellow AGO Members and Friends,

Season's Greetings from AGO National Headquarters! This year as you plan your holiday purchases, keep in mind the Guild's online [catalog](#) of educational resources.

NEW! There are two DVD's in the [online store](#) that are now available for sale. During the 2010 AGO National Convention in



Washington DC, we recorded two workshops which are now available in DVD format: William Porter's "[Hymn Tune Improvisations: Increasing Your Skill](#)" and Ann Marie Rigler's "[How We Got Here From There: Trends in Pedagogy, 1860-1960](#)". These DVDs (\$10 ea.) were produced this fall and can be previewed [here](#). They will be of interest to you or the organist on your holiday list.



As always, we are offering our [Signature AGO Sweatshirts](#) (\$24/reg. price) and [Tee-shirts](#) (\$18/reg. price). First-class shipping is included in the price. With each purchase of a sweatshirt or tee-shirt you or your gift recipient will not only have an item of practical use, but you will broaden awareness of the organ every time you wear it. The [TAO Slipcase](#) (\$35/reg. price) is a useful gift for storing back issues of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine, and always appreciated.

This year, we will include a complimentary CD featuring the 2010 NYACOP winner [Dongho Lee](#) with every purchase totaling \$19.95 or more (this will be included automatically when we ship your order). This CD (\$10) is available for purchase separately, as are [Universe of Poetry](#), by the 2008 winner, Michael Unger, and [Water and Light](#), by Scott Montgomery (2006).



Shopping for Guild gifts is easy. **Remember, all current members have a built-in account with the store, which will enable you to receive your 10% member discount.** To [login to your account](#), just enter your user name, which is the first initial of your first name, followed by your last name, e.g., jdoe for "John Doe." Your password is your member ID, which is found each month on your TAO Magazine address label. You can also contact AGO National Headquarters for your password or other assistance logging in.

Contact our AGO store manager Harold Calhoun, hc@agohq.org, 212-870-2311 (ext. 4318) or FAX your order to 212-870-2163 using the form found on page nine of each issue of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine. All eligible orders will automatically receive the free CD. We will be pleased to enclose an AGO gift card with your purchase at no extra charge upon request. For a comprehensive list of educational resources and gift items, please see pages 8 and 9 in any issue of TAO Magazine.

For the organist, friend, teacher, or loved one who has everything, make a gift that keeps on giving: a contribution to the [AGO Annual Fund](#), [Endowment Fund](#), or [New Organist Fund](#) in their honor. Your honoree's name will appear alongside yours in our annual donor report, published in TAO Magazine. Your gift in their honor will go to work immediately supporting the educational activities of the American Guild of Organists. All contributions to the AGO are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. [Contribute online now!](#)



**Best wishes for a happy Holiday Season
from the AGO National Headquarters staff!**