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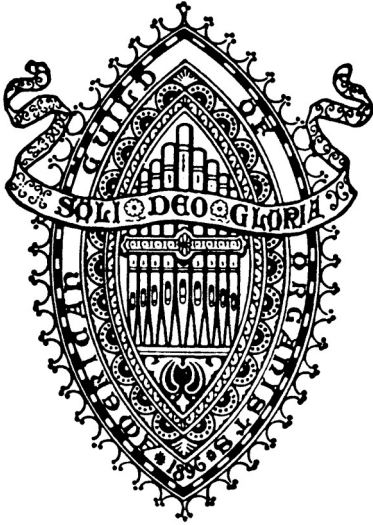
THE LINCOLN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Congratulations to the winner of the
2021 Regional Young Organists Competition—
Lincoln and Wichita Chapters: Aidan Hill!



Aidan Hill is a sophomore undergraduate at the University of Kansas majoring in music with an emphasis in Organ Performance studying under the direction of Dr. James Higdon. Aidan began piano lessons in 2nd grade with his hometown piano teacher, Joan Robinson, and began organ lessons in 5th grade with Carole Pracht, organist at St. Mary's Cathedral in Wichita. Alongside his performance, Aidan enjoys writing his own original scores both for organ and piano, which includes his recently completed Missa Sancta Familia for organ and choir to be used at his and his fiancée's wedding this fall.

Aidan will now have the opportunity to compete alongside all chapter winners in the regional level. Winners of the regional level will compete nationally and have the chance to perform at a convention of the national American Guild of Organists.



REGIONAL YOUNG ORGANISTS AGO/QUIMBY COMPETITION

Special thanks to all our volunteers who did so much work this year to make RCYO a success, including:

Ralph Phillips and Brent Shaw, Wichita and Lincoln
RCYO coordinators

Sara Schott and Chris Shaw, communications for Wichita and Lincoln

Nancy Anderson, Lincoln publications and mailings

Officers and committee members for the Lincoln and Wichita Chapters:

Ryan Luckey, Sinda Dux, Mark Miller

Pat Walker, Annette Lindal, Marlene Hallstrom, Carole Pracht,

And Gary Huffman.

Thanks to our Lincoln AGO executive committee volunteers for all their extra work, support, and planning of prizes for the competitors.

David Schmidt

Ross Mosier

Priscilla Kliwer

Brian Lew

Chelsea Vaught

Sinda Dux

Mark Miller

Ryan Luckey

Brent Shaw

Nancy Anderson

REGIONAL YOUNG ORGANISTS AGO/QUIMBY COMPETITION JUDGES

In such an unusual time for RCYO, with the first ever completely digital competition, the Lincoln AGO chapter is thankful for the opportunity to have joined with the Wichita chapter to make this year's competition so successful and meaningful for all the competitors.

Special thanks to all who made the competition possible, including our judges:



Dr. Christopher Marks

Dr. Marks is a Professor in the Glenn Korff School of Music at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he also serves as Associate Dean of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts. Marks is active as a performer, teacher, and writer, having published articles on performance practice, organs, and professional concerns. He has performed at conventions of AGO and the Organ Historical Society and has participated in more than a dozen Pipe Organ Encounters. He served on the Board of Directors of the Organ Historical Society from 2009 until 2017 and served as Chair 2015-2017. He holds degrees from University of Richmond (B.M., piano), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (M.M., piano and M.M., organ), and the Eastman School of Music (D.M.A., organ), where he studied with Michael Farris. His performances have garnered him top prizes in competitions, including the Arthur Poister Competition, the San Marino Competition, the Fort Wayne Competition, and the Mader Competition. <https://arts.unl.edu/music/faculty/christopher-marks>



Dr. Chelsea Vaught

Dr. Vaught received her doctorate from University of Kansas. She previously served as Organist and Choirmaster at St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church. She recently began a new ministry in pastoral care at her home church. Vaught won second prize in the Arthur Poister National Organ Competition, and third prize in the Clarence Mader Organ Competition. In 2011, Vaught won third prize in the John Rodland scholarship competition, and was one of four winners from the American round of the Tariverdiev International Organ Competition to go on and compete in Kalingrad, Russia. Vaught is also active as an organ recitalist around the country having performed at various locations including Syracuse University, University of Florida, and the National Cathedral in Washington D.C.



David von Behren

David von Behren is the newly-appointed Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster of the Memorial Church at Harvard University. He received his Master of Music degree and Church Music Studies certificate at Yale University (School of Music/Institute of Sacred Music) studying organ with Martin Jean, improvisation with Jeff Brillhart, and choral conducting with Marguerite Brooks. David served as senior organ scholar at Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven, Connecticut under the direction of Walden Moore, working with the Trinity Choir of Men & Boys and Choir of Men & Girls. During his time at Yale, David was awarded the 2019 Richard Paul DeLong prize for the student "whose work best exemplifies the dedication and the use of those special gifts required of practicing church musicians" in addition to the 2018 Mary Baker Prize in Organ Accompanying. He is currently a DMA candidate.

Free Membership

AGO Year of the Young Organist

July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022

Investing in the Future

The AGO National Council is committed to membership recruitment, retention, and growth within our organization. During the Year of the Young Organist, July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022, any individual under the age of 30 can become a member or renew her/his membership for free as part of this program. Events and new initiatives will be held throughout the year.



Jan Kraybill Concert Sunday, May 16

3 p.m. at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha



Grammy-nominated organist and organ conservator of Kauffman Performing Arts Center in Kansas City.

Co-sponsored by the Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Cathedral Arts Project

Reception from 1 to 3pm for Lincoln AGO member Dr. J. Gordon Christensen

A donation for the reception was sent on behalf of Lincoln AGO





**The RIVER CITY
THEATRE ORGAN
SOCIETY PROUDLY
PRESENTS!**



Sunday, August 29, 2021 - 3pm

Annual Concert Rose Theater - Omaha

DAVE WICKERHAM GUEST ORGANIST

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear an amazing organist on the fantastic Rose Theatre organ! The organ raising up from under the stage floor is always an exciting sight!



Presented by the American Guild of Organists



AGO **ORGANFEST 2021** *beauty endures*

JUNE 27-JULY 2, 8PM EASTERN

<https://www.agohq.org/organfest/>

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Marathon Concert

**Tuesday, May 25
from 4 to 8p.m.**

Soloists, groups, instruments, choirs and organists!

Including a special performance by the Doane University choir with Tom Trenney, organ



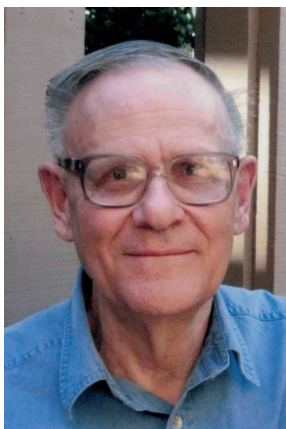
Announcement
From Mu Phi Epsilon,
International Music Fraternity,
Foundation

**Congratulations to the 2021
Wihla Hutson Organ Scholarship
Winner: Brent Shaw.**



Applicants are from collegiate and alumni chapters internationally. Submissions were digital and included 30 minutes of recorded music or performances and a plan for outreach and education. Brent's funds will be used for outreach (music and books for lower income students), community connections (the Organ Happenings magazine) and continuing education (taking some music lessons from an advanced coach and performer).

Brent currently has organ students from middle school age through retirement. He especially enjoys working with pianists looking to offer organ as a ministry at their church. Past winners have included longtime Lincoln AGO member David von Behren.



In Memoriam:

Morrie Tuttle, constant supporter of the Lincoln Organ Showcase of the AGO.

Morrie and his wife Amy Jean Tuttle, who passed away in 2018, were long-time supporters of organ concerts in our Lincoln community. They both were active members of the First-Plymouth Congregational Church, where he served on the organ selection committee. Thank you to family members for sharing this with the guild. <https://roperandsons.com/morrie-tuttle/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Organ Recital Featuring Jan Kraybill with reception honoring Dr. J. Gordon Christensen

Sunday, May 16 at St. Cecilia Cathedral Omaha, presented by Cathedral Arts Project and Omaha AGO (organists' guild)

Recital at 3pm; Reception from 1 to 3pm

<https://www.cathedralartsproject.org/2020-21-season>

OrganFest 2021 presented by the National AGO

June 27 - July 2

<https://fb.me/e/27k2UHdu4>

James Clausen Organ Recital at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Just outside of Seward

Sunday, August 2 at 12:30pm

Theatre Organ Concert at the Rose Theatre in Omaha

Sunday, August 29 at 3pm featuring the famous Dave Wickerham!

Presented by the River City Theatre Organ Society.

<http://www.rctos.com/calendar.htm>