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*Newsletter of the
Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*

April 2023

Lincoln Organ Showcase Presents

Adam Pajan

Sunday, April 16, 4:00 pm

Southwood Lutheran Church

4301 Wilderness Hills Blvd.



Note the change of date!! Our 2022-23 Lincoln Organ Showcase season concludes with a concert by Adam Pajan, organ faculty at the University of Oklahoma and Artist in Residence at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa. He has been a prize winner at multiple prestigious organ competitions and his performing career has taken him across the United States and to tours of Germany, England, and Switzerland. Michael Barone has said that he is “a rising star definitely worth watching.” So come, see, and hear! To learn more about Adam, visit his website at www.adampajan.com.

Are you a Facebook user?

If so, follow us (Search Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists) and consider sharing the Lincoln Organ Showcase event on your own page(s) to help us promote Adam Pajan's upcoming recital.

Lesson Scholarship Update

Your board is pleased to report that the Lincoln AGO has awarded 14 scholarships this year to help students with the cost of organ lessons. This year's scholarships have been provided through the Lillian Slaughter Memorial Fund, but additional gifts to our chapter designated for scholarships are always welcomed so that we may continue to offer these awards for many more years to come. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the scholarship fund, you may contact our treasurer, Ryan Luckey at Ryan.Luckey2@gmail.com or mail a check (designated for scholarships) to him in care of the Bedient Pipe Organ Company, 2200 S. 6th Street Suite P, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502.

If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a scholarship to help cover the cost of organ lessons, encourage them to apply on our website at www.agolincoln.org/scholarships. The scholarships are available to anyone – beginning or advanced – who studies with a member of our chapter.

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Looking Ahead to Fall...

Three Exciting Announcements about Saturday, September 16!

Mark your calendars – you don't want to miss this day. First exciting announcement... *Hearts, Hands, and Voices*, a series of nationwide church music workshops under the auspices of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians will be coming to Seward at St. John Lutheran Church and Concordia University on September 16. Watch for details about how to register for this one-day mini-conference in future chapter newsletters and correspondence.

Second exciting announcement... While in Seward on September 16, conference attendees will be able to take a tour of the newly completed music building at Concordia University.

Third *very* exciting announcement... **Christoph Bull**, University Organist at UCLA and organist of First Congregational Church in Los Angeles will be performing the kick-off concert to the Lincoln Organ Showcase 2023-24 season at the conclusion of the church music workshops on September 16 on the newly renovated Schlicker organ at St. John Lutheran (time TBA).

Bull is an exciting and innovative performer who will be sure to excite and delight the audience! He is the creator of the genre-crossing, collaborative multi-media series organica, combining traditional and contemporary music. His collaborators include DJs, video artists, live painter, instrumentalists and singers. He has also contributed to projects by Steven Spielberg, Robin Williams, Harry Connick Jr., George Clinton and Bootsy Collins (Parliament Funkadelic), Cindy Lauper, Lili Haydn and Nishat Khan and opened the organ series at Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa and Villa Aurora in the Pacific Palisades.

His solo album *First & Grand*, the world premiere recording of the Walt Disney Concert Hall Organ, was celebrated by the international trade press and showcases the stylistic versatility and expressiveness of his playing. His original song "Peace" was featured on the benefit album *2 Unite All together* with songs by Peter Gabriel, Stewart Copeland and others. His song "Ali" was featured on the website for the collector's book about Muhammad Ali by Taschen.