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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Lincoln AGO

As busy as musicians are during December, taking time to be part of an audience rather than a performer can be a rejuvenating experience! Here are some local events for you to consider attending this month:

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| Friday, December 2 | Handel's Messiah Sing-along Union College at Collegeview Seventh-Day Adventist Church. 7:30 pm Dr. Ramon Araujo and Dr. Ricky Little, conductors. Brent Shaw, organist |
| Sunday, December 4 | Organ Concert by Former and Current Collegeview Organists Keith Riese, Jovan Cross, David Campbell, and Brent Shaw Union College at Collegeview Seventh-Day Adventist Church. 3:00 pm |
| Thursday, December 8 | Lincoln Choral Artists Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, 7:00 pm http://www.lincolnchoralartists.org/tickets--support.html |
| Sunday, December 11 | Concordia University Handbell Choirs St. John Lutheran Church, Seward. 3:00 pm |
| Sunday, December 11 | A Thrill of Hope: Christmas with Adendmusik Plymouth Choir, Plymouth Ringers, Plymouth Brass, and Abendmusik Chamber Orchestra First-Plymouth Congregational Church, Lincoln, 4:00 and 6:30 pm <i>Free-will offering will benefit the Food Bank of Lincoln</i> |
| Saturday, December 31 | Last Blast! Nathaniel Gumbs, organ and the Plymouth Brass First-Plymouth Congregational Church, Lincoln, 7:00 pm <i>Free-will offering to benefit the Lincoln Music Teachers Association</i> |

Lincoln Choral Artists

On Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7pm the Lincoln Choral Artists under the direction of Jason Horner and in collaboration with Chase Crispin and the Lincoln Homeschool Choir will present A Holiday Concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, NE. Chase Crispin will be featured on some solo selections for organ, and well as lead an audience carol sing-a-long and accompany LCA on a performance of the "Domine Deus" from John Rutter's Gloria. For more information on the concert visit: <http://www.lincolnchoralartists.org/tickets--support.html>

Board Member Picks

This month's board member picks are available for free download! Several years ago, organist Aaron David Miller completed a project in which he recorded improvisations that he did in services or in concert, then transcribed them and made them available for fellow organists to use. The audio and downloadable PDFs can be found at <https://www.aarondavidmiller.com/journal>. Particularly notable for this season is a very fiery setting of O Come, O Come Emmanuel and a light-hearted setting of VENITE ADOREMUS (The Snow Lay on the Ground). Many thanks to Aaron for providing these setting for all to use and enjoy!

Webinar on Tablets, Tech, and forScore for Organists

Have you seen performances where the musicians used tablets instead of printed musical scores? If you (like me) have wondered how you might be able to utilize these tools in your own playing, a new, free webinar created by the AGO Young Organists committee can help! There are now three helpful videos available on the [AGO YouTube](#) channel to help you discover the possibilities.

Spring Lincoln Organ Showcase Events

Keep these two spring events on your calendars and help us promote them in your own parishes and communities.

Alexander Meszler

Sunday, March 19, 2023
4:00 pm
St. Mark's on the Campus
1309 R Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

Recently appointed College Organist at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, Meszler is an organist named of the *The Diapason's* '20 under 30.' His performances and research aim to inspire new perspectives on the organ and its capabilities beyond the liturgy. With Kimberly Marshall, he co-created "Walls of Sound: The Ecology of the Borderlands" which brought together collaborators from across the disciplines of music, science, theater, art, and activism.

Adam Pajan

Sunday, April 23, 2023
4:00 pm
Southwood Lutheran Church
4301 Wilderness Hills Blvd.
Lincoln, Nebraska

Adam Pajan serves on the organ faculty at the University of Oklahoma and is 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.