



Chiff Chat

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Spring 2023 Lincoln Organ Showcase Events

Isn't it nice to see the word "spring" in upcoming events? Your Lincoln AGO and Lincoln Organ Showcase is sponsoring two exciting recitals this spring. Keep these events on your calendars and please 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.

Ross Mosier Piano Recital

Our board's own Ross Mosier will perform a piano recital on Saturday, February 18 at 3:30 at St. Mark's on the Campus. The program includes works of Bach, Chopin, Beethoven, and Copland. Come and enjoy!

Concordia University Senior Organ Festival Weekend!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of March 31, April 1, and April 2. Three senior organ recitals will be on the same weekend, so we're billing it as the organ festival! Since our Music Center is not quite finished, all three recitals will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward. The weather should be lovely for a road trip, so come and support these young organists and hear the recently renovated Schlicker (story to come in a future edition of Chiff Chat).

Friday, March 31	7:00 pm	Nathaniel Mars <i>Works by Bruhns, Bach, Karg-Elert, Arvo Pärt, and Franck</i>
Saturday, April 1	3:00 pm	Renata Peperkorn <i>Works by Duruflé, Bach, Widor, Charles Ore, and Jan Bender</i>
Sunday, April 2	7:00 pm	Nathan Pennington <i>Works by Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, Duruflé, Dubois, and Pennington</i>

Board Member Picks

As with December, this month's board member pick is available for free download! A few years ago a friend suggested that I take a look at a set of [43 chorale preludes](#) by 19th century German organist Otto Dienel that is available on IMSLP. They are all fairly brief and, while there are a few tricky ones, most are readily accessible and not terribly complicated. Not all of them are favorites, of course, but I have found some very charming pieces in the set which I have played and which I have used with my students.