



Chiff Chat

Newsletter of the
Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

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Chapter Potluck and Music Swap

Thank you to Ross Mosier and St. Mark's on the Campus for hosting our welcome back potluck dinner and music swap on September 19! It is good to be back together again, to catch up with each other, and to be able to encourage one another. We hope to see you again on November 13 as Lincoln Organ Showcase presents James Kealey at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.



Print copies of *Chiff Chat*

Our chapter correspondence will generally be done electronically because it is efficient, cost effective, and environmentally friendly. However, we recognize that there are some who might prefer to receive a print copy of *Chiff Chat* in the mail for various reasons. If you know of such a member, please send me a message at jeff.blersch@gmail.com and we will be happy to drop a copy in the mail.

Organ Lesson Scholarships are now Available!

Please help us spread the word! Through the Lillian Slaughter Memorial Fund, the Lincoln Chapter of the AGO is excited to begin offering scholarships in the amount of \$500 per year to organists of any age, beginning or advanced, who wish to study with a current member of our chapter. The scholarship money should primarily be used to assist with the cost of lessons but may also be used to purchase organ shoes and music. Please note that the student does not need to be a member of the AGO to receive a scholarship.

Our chapter [website](#) now contains information about the scholarship program as well as a short online application to complete. Once the application has been received, our committee will verify instruction with the listed teacher and then be in touch with the applicant about payment of the funds.

These scholarships are a wonderful and exciting way to encourage people in their study of the organ, especially those who may want to begin learning. If someone would like to study, but isn't sure how to find a teacher, we can help with that too; there is a space on the application form to indicate if you would like the AGO to put you in contact with a local teacher.

Thank you to Brian Lew for his work on this program and to Bill McClung for managing our chapter website and making the information available.

Upcoming Events

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| Thursday, November 3 | Seraph Brass
Art for the Soul Music & Fine Arts Series
First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, 7:00 pm
www.fpclincoln.org |
| Sunday, November 13 | Lincoln Organ Showcase: James Kealey
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
6001 A Street, Lincoln, 4:00 pm |
| Sunday, November 27 | Abendmusik: Handel's <i>Messiah</i> Community Sing
First-Plymouth Congregational Church, 4:00 pm
www.abendmusik.org |

Board Member Picks

Have you seen “staff picks” at your local library or bookstore? Frequently, these are books that staff members really enjoyed and would recommend to others. Starting this month, we’ll include a few organ pieces or collections in each *Chiff Chat* that different board members find useful and enjoy playing. I hope that you’ll find a “new to you” piece in these lists that you that you will find useful. And, who knows - perhaps you’ll find a new favorite.



Douglas Wagner, *[Sing a New Song - Settings for Organ](#)*. Hope Publishing Company Item 8090 or 8090DP (digital download). This volume contains accessible arrangements of well-known hymns and songs. The available of digital download is an added bonus.



[Augsburg Organ Library: Baptism and Holy Communion](#). Augsburg Publishing Company. This volume contains 39 pieces by various composers for worship or recitals based on Baptism and Holy Communion hymns. (Brian Lew said he recommends the entire series, but especially this volume

Positions Available

St. Michael’s Catholic Church is looking for additional accompanists for weekend Masses: 5:00PM Saturday, 9:30 and 11:10AM Sunday. Rehearsals are 7-8:30PM Tuesdays. Accomplished pianists/organists are encouraged to contact Sharon Long (253)224-8668 (text or call accepted) or email sharon-long@cdolinc.net. There is a stipend of \$60 for each service (a service is a rehearsal or a Mass).

Beatrice Presbyterian Church is looking for a pianist/organist starting in October. Their Sunday service is at 10:30 am. Contact Heather Korn at heatherkornmusicworks@gmail.com for more information

Music Works Academy has opened in Beatrice and they are looking for private and group music teachers for ALL instruments. The pay scale starts at \$30 an hour and they will work with your schedule on weekdays and Saturdays. College students and recent graduates needing resume building experience are especially encouraged to apply. Contact Heather Korn at heatherkornmusicworks@gmail.com me for more information.

Lincoln Organ Showcase 2022-23

The Lincoln AGO is excited to announce the return of the long-running Lincoln Organ Showcase concert series. Thanks to generous sponsors and gifts, we will now offer these concerts free of charge as a gift to the community. Please help us promote this series in your own parishes, communities, and on social media!

James Kealey

Sunday, November 13, 2022
4:00 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
6001 A Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

First Prize winner of the 2022 American Guild of Organists National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance, James Kealey opens the LOS series on the Three manual Reuter organ at Holy Trinity Episcopal. He has been honored as one of the '20 under 30' by *The Diapason*, an accolade awarded to some of the most successful artists in the field and has performed extensively in England, the United States, and Europe.

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.