



# **BOMBARDE!**

***Newsletter of the Greater Kansas City Chapter –  
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS***



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## **From the Dean**

.... And as the fog of August's wretched heat and humidity rolled in, still the organists floated happy upon the clouds, lolling about in the massive triumph of a Convention just recently passed....

Friends, I hope that you are still just THRILLED with yourselves for putting on what can only be described **as the very best convention anywhere ever**. I have heard from friends new and old, far and wide, that the 2018 National Convention in KC was immensely enriching and enjoyable. We have labored for more than five years towards that first week in July, and IT SHOWED! Congratulations to us all!

It's hard to believe that there's life after a convention, isn't it? This is the first time in half a decade that I have neither a pipe organ project nor a convention to work on. My schedule is gloriously flexible.... No more contracts to comb over, no composers to pester, no more bills to pay (thanks, Debbie Winter). But I don't feel empty – I'm still full, knowing that we made a difference in the lives of people in our field and beyond. And I'm full because, believe it or not, GKCAGO still has work to do. We have a wonderful season ahead of us, to continue our rich tradition of nurturing one another with education, performance, and breaking bread.

As usual, we begin our season with the French Festival, held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, August 26, 2-5 pm. Please see Mario Pearson's note in this Bombarde, as he asks for volunteers to step forward for French Festival. Though the convention is behind us, our hearts and hands are still needed to do the fun work of our AGO chapter.

I'm looking forward to serving our chapter as Dean. We're a special chapter, remember? One of the largest and busiest in the Guild, and obviously talented at throwing conventions. The friendships here are unique, to be treasured. I'm excited to get to know more of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
Elisa Bickers, Dean  
DMA, FAGO

## New caterer search

We've rather suddenly lost our caterer for this year's dinner meetings. The Board is working on some other options. We have been lucky to pay \$10 per person per meal for quite some time; it may be that an increase in cost is unavoidable, depending on what we are able to work out. Please be patient as we solve this, and if you have any suggestions, do communicate them to Elisa.

## Registrar's report

*by Boyd Ahrens, Registrar*

### 'Tis the Season

No, it's not Christmas in August. It is the "season of renewal." It is time for our members to renew their membership, if they have not already done so. ONCARD should send you two notices when it is time to again pay your dues. We hope that most of our members will renew in July, which is the typical month for going online or sending in your paper notice to again enjoy the full benefits of our AGO Chapter. There are also members who have different renewal dates. The National office requests those members to wait and pay when they get an invoice.

Our published Operating Procedures uses August 15<sup>th</sup> as the cutoff date for your data to be included in the 2018-2019 Directory. If you have not renewed by then, it is possible you and your current information will not be included.

Please be mindful, when you are looking at the ONCARD data, to update it if your circumstances have changed. Also, please scroll through the various sub headings to check if there are things you would like to sign up for, like being on a committee, having permanent dinner reservations, etc. And of course, we would be MOST grateful if you would contribute to our Concert Series and programming needs. Our Chapter receives about 30% of its operating funds for its budget from extra contributions. There is a separate menu item for contributions in ONCARD.

As of July 20, when this message was compiled, we have:

117 paid members

61 invoiced and unpaid members

Please renew in a timely manner. We love our members and want you all to be a part of this great group!

If you have an questions about your membership, how to pay, or have other issues, please contact me at [boydlee@aol.com](mailto:boydlee@aol.com) or call me at 816-405-8209. If you have any problems with ONCARD, please call the National Office.

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## Upcoming Event

### SIXTH ANNUAL FRENCH ORGAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

2:00-5:00pm

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
416 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

## **Sr. Claudette celebrating 60-year of Mercy Ministry & Music with upcoming concert**

Sr. Claudette Schiratti, RSM, invites you to a concert on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 12th and Broadway, celebrating her 60 years of being a Sister of Mercy. Donations accepted to [www.justiceprojectkc.org](http://www.justiceprojectkc.org). Click on the following link for a printable and sharable flyer: [\*Celebrating 60 years of Mercy Ministry & Music\*](#).

## **French organ music festival VI**

*From Dr. Mario Pearson, Festival Chair*

**NOTE:** We are looking for volunteers to help assist in various areas of the upcoming French Organ Music Festival VI. Please click on the form below under Volunteers.

French Organ Music Festival VI

Sunday, August 26, 2018, from 2pm-5pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

The festival is pleased to announce that our colleagues listed below will perform at the 6th annual French Festival.

Claudette Schiratti, Paul Turner, Tom Vozzella with St. Andrews Choir, Nick Good (Harpsichord) Tom Andrews, and Jan Kraybill.

### Volunteers:

Below is a link for volunteers to sign up to assist at the festival.

<https://goo.gl/forms/xOXrZN5MoWaFzbCr1>

### Social Media Promo:

Below is a YouTube promo video for the event. Please share on your social media pages.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQySshb9zgc&feature=youtu.be>

Downloadable & Printable PDF Flyers

[\*FF Invitation Flyer 2018\*](#)

## **ALCM to host several events for planning and leading worship**

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians is sponsoring a number of events for those who plan and lead worship (not necessary to be an ALCM member to attend). There is a one-day event being held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mission, KS. There are two PDF file links of information below this article for you to consider. Of special interest is an appearance by Dr. John Ferguson, this year's recipient of AGO's Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist award. AGO members Lara West and Ben Spalding are among the presenters at this day of workshops. You can explore more info at <https://alcm.org/kansas-events/>.

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[\*Registration Form\*](#) · [\*Event Schedule\*](#)

## **A gem from the history books**

### **The First Bach-a-thon**

It was Sunday, May 4, 1980 and the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists was mounting their first Bach-a-thon. The venue was Immanuel Lutheran Church on Westport Road in Kansas City, MO. The audience was encouraged to "greet each artist over cookies and coffee in the church lounge following their recital, to allow the next performer to prepare their registrations at the organ.

The time slot and the artists were as follows:

2:00 pm John Obetz, organist, RLDS Auditorium; Professor, UMKC Conservatory of Music

2:30 pm Daniel P. Smith, organist/choirmaster, Country Club Christian

3:00 pm Carol Hursh, organist, Red Bridge Christian

3:30 pm Larry Stratemeyer, organist, St. Paul's Episcopal

4:00 pm Frederic W. Homan, professor, Central Missouri State University

4:30 pm Andre D. Lash, organist, Nall Avenue Baptist

5:00 pm William T. Stewart, Jr., Director of Music, RLDS Stone Church; Instructor, Midwest Music/Arts Institute; Dean, GKCAO

5:30 pm Barbara Liley, Artist in Residence, Park College; Minister of Music, First Christian, NKC

6:00 pm John L. Schaefer, Organist and Director of Music, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral; assisted by Lisa Volk, Soprano and Morton Rader, oboe

6:30 pm Patricia Ballinger, staff organist, RLDS Auditorium; assisted by Joy Postnikoff, Soprano and Glenda La Mere, Violin

7:00 pm Rodney Alan Giles, minister of music, First Baptist

7:30 pm AGO Festival Chorus with soloists: Patti McGill, Soprano; Mary Lou Anderson, Contralto; Craig Smith, Tenor; Rodney F. Caldwell, Baritone. David Vogeding, Conductor

Then follows the lists of the Orchestra and Festival Chorus Members.

The program chairman was Rodney Alan Giles. John L. Schaefer was in charge of the Chorus/Orchestra Organization. Dale G. Rider was the host organist and provided for the physical arrangements and program booklet. Chapter Dean was William T. Stewart.

This acknowledgement closes the program booklet:

*The membership of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists expresses sincere appreciation to the staff and members of Immanuel Lutheran Church for providing this splendid instrument and for allowing us to use their facilities for this, Kansas City's first Bach-a-thon.*

## **Organ Scholar Competition in Evanston, IL**

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Evanston, IL is holding its annual Organ Scholar Competition.

### **Award:**

\$2000 and 60-minute Organ Recital in October 2018.

### **Applicant Requirements:**

Age 18 and above

Currently enrolled in college or university (any degree level)

Plans to continue in church music in their future

### **Repertoire Audition Requirements:**

One (1) J. S. Bach work of your choice

One (1) piece of your choice

One (1) Lutheran Hymn from Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal selected by Immanuel Lutheran Church Organ Scholar Committee (all verses with introduction)

**Auditions** will be held on site on **Saturday, September 8, 2018** at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Evanston, 616 Lake Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Please apply by sending a COVER LETTER stating and describing your background and future goals, a scanned recommendation letter from your private teacher and a scanned completed audition form to [organ-scholar@ilcevanston.org](mailto:organ-scholar@ilcevanston.org). Deadline is August 15, 2018.

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[Organ Scholar Application](#)

[Organ Scholar Announcement Poster](#)

## **From the funny file**



### Question:

Why are an organist's fingers like lightning?

### Answer:

Because they rarely strike the same place twice.

## Substitutes available for you

Substitutes listed are members of the local organ guild. The people who hold AGO certificates have passed requirements of the National American Guild of Organists for various levels of service playing and choral conducting. However, the GKCAGO is not an endorsement agency for service provided by the persons listed here. To learn proficiency of substitutes, feel free to ask them for references. Feedback regarding the hiring of GKCAGO substitutes is welcome and encouraged. Please send feedback to John Schaefer [canonjohn40@gmail.com](mailto:canonjohn40@gmail.com).

### **These substitutes have passed various levels of AGO certification requirements:**

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Linda Mann, BME, SPC org, piano (Weddings/Funerals only)	(816) 353-4826 (c) (816) 289-9760
Marjorie O’Konski, MM, MME, SPC org, piano	(785) 766-2545 <a href="mailto:mjokonski@hotmail.com">mjokonski@hotmail.com</a>
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Claudette Schiratti, MM AAGO org, dir, lit	(c) (913) 530-0960 <a href="mailto:cschiratti1@gmail.com">cschiratti1@gmail.com</a>
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SPC = service playing certificate | CAGO = Colleague certification | AAGO = Associate certification | FAGO = Fellow certification  
org = organist | lit = liturgical worship | dir = choral director | piano = pianist

**The following have various degrees in organ or church music at the college or postgraduate level:**

Joyce Berg, MM org	(816) 741-7388 <a href="mailto:joyberg74@gmail.com">joyberg74@gmail.com</a>
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Stephanie Henry, DMA Choral Music org, piano, dir.	(816) 678-6372 <a href="mailto:shenry24@kc.rr.com">shenry24@kc.rr.com</a>
Sharon Hettinger, DMA org, lit, dir, handbell	(785) 842-2053 <a href="mailto:slhett.sunflower.2016@gmail.com">slhett.sunflower.2016@gmail.com</a>
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