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A TWO-DAY EXPERIENCE: A WORKSHOP AND A HYMN FESTIVAL

Our next AGO program is a double header!! On Saturday, January 7, 2017 Dr. John Ferguson will lead us in a workshop session exploring "What Is Relevant for the Typical Church Choir?"

One of the most challenging responsibilities facing church musicians today is the nurture and maintenance of an adult choir. Ferguson will share ideas drawn from his experience conducting both church and college choirs and most recently a two-year interim in medium sized Lutheran Church. He will give special attention to concepts and techniques practiced during his St. Olaf years, all geared to help us grow our church choirs, both in quality and size. As a component of our session, we will sing from anthems provided by Mark Lawson of Morningstar Music Publishers. The session will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 11:30 am. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am in Nicolls Hall. You may want to consider inviting your choir director to this program. Please make reservations via the usual method.



On Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm Dr. Ferguson assisted by the choirs of Second Presbyterian Church, Andrew Peters, director and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rick Burk, director in an Epiphany Hymn Festival. Please include this information in your church newsletters and bulletin as it will be an outstanding presentation!

He has been honored by his colleagues in the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians both by the Raabe Prize for distinctive musical composition and the Faithful Servant Award for his years of service to church music. The Minnesota American Choral Directors Association presented him with the F. Melius Christiansen award for distinguished service to the choral art and his colleagues at St. Olaf elected him to the St. Olaf chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

In his spare time he enjoys caring for and driving his collection of classic vehicles including six historic military vehicles and two classic muscle cars. To stay young, he also enjoys riding his two motorcycles.

Both events will be held at Second Presbyterian Church. 4501 Westminster Place. Saint Louis, Missouri 63108.

Andrew Peters, Second's Minister of Music is our host for this exciting weekend. MorningStar Music is co-sponsor of this event with additional support from Second and Westminster Presbyterian Churches.

Plan to attend (and invite everyone you know!) and refresh after the busy Christmas season!

See you there!

Burnell Hackman, Sub-Dean

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Ramblings from the Dean . . .

Every two years, our Chapter engages in a vigorous evaluation of our Operating Procedures. It is the time when we bring our organizational documents into compliance with changes necessitated by the National Committee, and the opportunity to more clearly define our mission as a Chapter, and the responsibilities of our elected officials and committees. This year, Cathy Cassy, Dawn Riske, Phillip Brunswick, René Zajner, Bill Wade, and yours truly devoted three days to this task. At the November meeting of the Executive Committee, after some discussion, the revised Operating Procedures were approved as presented (as noted elsewhere in this issue of *The Opus*). It is now the responsibility of the Chapter membership to grant its *imprimatur* before the document can be sent to the National Committee for final approval. The Operating Procedures are available for perusal on the Chapter's website, agostlouis.org. We will vote on this document at our 13 February meeting at Hope United Church of Christ.

A couple of Regional items for your consideration:

The River Valley (Iowa) Chapter will host this summer's Regional Convention (19-22 June, 2017) in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. As was evidenced by our own enormously successful Regional Convention in 2015, much hard work is expended on these endeavors. So, our support through contributions and, most especially, attendance, is vital.

The North Central AGOYO (AGO Young Organists) will be sponsoring a composition competition for composers under the age of 30. The winning compositions will be performed at this summer's regional convention in Iowa. Further information will be coming soon on both the National and Regional Convention pages. From what I gather, there are considerable prizes for the winners.

With business items duly noted, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very productive, rewarding, profitable (!), and healthy 2017.

Cheers,

Mark R. Scholtz
Dean

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**February deadline is
January 15**

From the Editor:

An enormous **"Thank you!"** to Mark, Burnell, René, Cathy, and Andy. Everyone helped make this issue of

***The Opus* possible and, most important, timely.**

Nancy Barbee

Chapter News:

Executive Board Meeting Summary-November 14, 2016

The Chapter Operating Procedures have been revised and will be sent to National for approval following local approval.

The Board decided on sponsoring a January Jubilee in 2018. A committee, consisting of Dawn Riske, Phillip Brunswick, Cathy Bolduan, and Nannette Tornblom will be working on programs and venues. It will be a sub-committee of the Program Committee. In connection with this event, a Fundraiser Committee, chaired by John Hawn, will host an event to supplement funds needed for the January Jubilee. Possible other future events presented for discussion include: Pipe Organ Encouter; Pipe Organ Encounter Plus; Quimby Organ Competition.

The National AGO has reached an agreement with the Federal Trade Commission resulting in steps that the Guild must undertake. As of November 16th, all chapters need to begin the process of compliance as well so that: "all salary guidelines and model contract provisions from national and all local variations thereof that your chapter has promulgated should be removed from your chapter website, newsletter, or other publications, and you must no longer reference them or circulate them to AGO members, churches, or the public."

The OPUS Newsletter is not issued in December. The deadline for the January issue is December 10th.

Rene reported on the increase in number of people viewing the website and responding to ads now being placed to advertise events. People came in from Iowa to see the Thomas Murray event.

New business: Stephen Jones submitted a proposal for the Chapter to consider an APP by GROUPEHEAD that allows individuals to access membership directory information along with National/local websites link, message boards, Chat room, alerts for special events, photo gallery directly from their phone. Brent and Rene will check into the viability and comparison of the program versus National Headquarters' program capability.

With the donation of several boxes of Music from Washington University, the Chapter is considering a possible Music Yard Sale.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS

January 7, 2017 - Saturday morning – **9 am**, Breakfast and Presentation by Dr. John Ferguson.

Second Presbyterian Church, 4501 Westminster Place, 63108 (Central West End).

January 8, 2017 - Sunday afternoon – **3 pm**, Epiphany Hymn Festival. Second Presbyterian Church, 4501 Westminster Place, 63108 (Central West End).

February 13, 2017 – 6:30 PM, Supper at Hope UCC, 6273 Eichelberger St., St Louis, 63109 **RSVP to**

Kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com **\$10.00 with RSVP, \$12.00 at the door. 7:30 PM - program**

Next Executive Board Meeting: February 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Cassy, Executive Board Secretary



January

Sunday, January 1—6:00 pm—KOI—King of Instruments

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Sunday, January 8—5:30 pm—Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Epiphany Lessons & Carols. This Candlelit service celebrates the appearance of God's glory in the world. Music by Bach, Sowerby, Walton, Willcocks, and Robert Richter. 110 N. Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63124.

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Sunday, January 15—4:00 pm—Second Presbyterian Church

The Dawn Weber Jazz Trio presents a salute to African American composers. Trumpet virtuoso Dawn Weber has been a musical institution in St. Louis since the late 1990's. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call 314-367-0367 or www.secondchurch.net. 4501 Westminster Place in the Central West End, St. Louis, 63108.

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Sunday, January 22—8:30 and 10:30 am—Webster Groves

Presbyterian Church. Worship services. Matt Mazzoni, piano Jennifer Mazzoni, flute. Contact Shawn Portell, Director of Music/Sr. Organist 314-962-9210 x 3211 or see website: www.wgpc.org 45 West Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Sunday, January 22—2:30 pm—Cathedral Basilica

Dr. Horst Buchholz, organist. Dr. Buchholz takes the 7621 pipes of the Great Cathedral Organ through their paces. Hear the wonderful sounds of one of the largest organs in the Midwest. He will be joined by Cathedral Assistant Organist Benton Blasingame. \$15 general admission. 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

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Sunday, January 29—6:00 pm—KOI—King of Instruments

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Monday, January 30—5:30 pm—Holmes Lounge, Ridgley Hall

(Washington University Campus). Equal Play: Celebrating Women Composers. Concert: Clara Schumann, Piano Trio in G minor; Amy Beach, Theme and Variations for Flute and String Quartet; Joan Tower, *Second String Forces* for solo violin and *Rising* for flute and string quartet. Co-sponsor: Community Partnership Programs of the STL Symphony. Performers: Kristin Ahlstrom, violin; Eva Kozma, violin; Melody Lee, violin; Beth Guterman Chu, viola; Anne Fagerburg, cello; Patti Wolf, piano; Jennifer Nitchman, flute; with special guest composer, Joan Tower. Free of charge.

Tuesday, January 31—8:00 pm—Cathedral Basilica

The Boston Camerata: The Play of Daniel. A powerful medieval mystery play composed eight centuries ago in Beauvais, France. The Boston Camerata renews and transforms this classic work of early music theater, bringing together music and movement, theater and liturgy, light and shadow to retell the story of the young prophet. \$42, \$29, \$19. Call (314) 533-7662 or purchase tickets online at www.CathedralConcerts.org. 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

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Choral Evensong

Sunday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Canticles: *Purcell* in G minor • Anthem: Thy word is a lantern *Purcell*

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Canticles: *Darke* in A minor • Anthem: O Lorde, the maker of al thing *Joubert*

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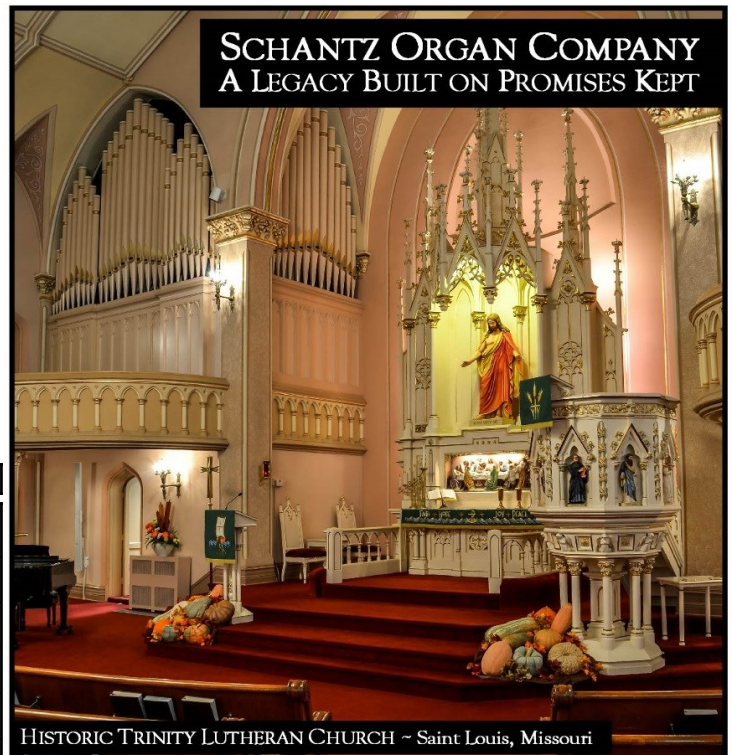
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Friday, February 10—8:00 pm—Cathedral Basilica

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Friday, February 17—7:00 pm—St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson MO.

Organ Recital: featuring Matthew Palisch, Austin Wessel, and Mary Miller. 223 W. Adams St. Jackson MO

Saturday, February 18—6:00 pm—St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson MO. Hymn Festival "With a Voice of Singing" featuring the choirs of St. Paul. 223 W. Adams St. Jackson MO

Saturday, February 18—7:30 pm—Union United Methodist Church

Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra—Viennese waltzes, polkas, and marches. Dr. Robert Hart Baker, Music Director and Conductor. Program includes Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," Johann Strauss, Jr.'s "Champagne Polka in E-flat Major, Op. 211" and Johann Strauss, Jr.'s "The Blue Danube Waltz, Op. 314" with the Belleville Philharmonic Chorale. 721 East Main St., Belleville, IL 62220

Sunday, February 19—4:00 pm—Second Presbyterian Church

Organist Andrew Peters plays a varied program of American composers on Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 pm at Second Presbyterian Church. A screen placed in the front of the Sanctuary will enable the audience to watch the organists' hands and feet. The concert is free and open to the public. The church is located at 4501 Westminster Place in the Central West End, St. Louis, 63108. For more information call [314-367-0367](tel:314-367-0367) or www.secondchurch.net.

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Friday, February 24—8:00 pm—Cathedral Basilica

St. Louis Collegiate Choirs Concert. The choirs of Webster University and the University of Missouri—St. Louis. \$17, \$12. Tickets may be purchased by phone (314) 533-7662 or online at: www.CathedralConcerts.org. 4431 Lindell Blvd., S. Louis, MO 63108

February 26—2:00 pm (rehearsal); 6:30 pm concert—Peace Lutheran Church.

The Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis invites your handbell choir to participate in Bell-A-Bration—2017. Beginning at 2:00 pm, an afternoon of working together with fellow ringers to present a public concert at 6:30 pm. 737 Barracksview Road St. Louis, MO 63125

Sunday, February 26—6:00 pm—KOI—King of Instruments

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THE DETAILS

Event: Dr. John Ferguson—Workshop: “What Is Relevant for the Typical Church Choir?”

Location: Second Presbyterian Church,
4501 Westminster Place, St. Louis MO 63108
(314) 367-0366 <http://www.secondchurch.net>

Date: Saturday, January 7, 2017

Time: Breakfast—9:00 am in Niccolls Hall 6:30 p.m.
Presentation—10:00-11:30 am.

Host: Andy Peters, Pastoral Musician

Cost: Breakfast \$10 with a reservation, \$12 at the door

Reservations: Contact Kathleen Bolduan for reservations as much in advance as possible. Phone or text 314-853-5011 or email Kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com

Directions: **From I-64 Westbound:** Take exit 38A and merge onto Forest Park Ave. Turn right on South Taylor Ave. Turn left on Westminster Place. The destination is on your right.

From I-64 Eastbound: Take Exit 36A for Kingshighway Blvd. Keep left at the fork and follow signs for St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Turn left on S. Kingshighway Blvd. Turn right on Lindell Blvd. Turn left on North Taylor Ave. Turn left on Westminster Place. The destination is on your right.

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Date: January 8, 2017

Cost: Free of charge
No reservations required

Directions: See above.

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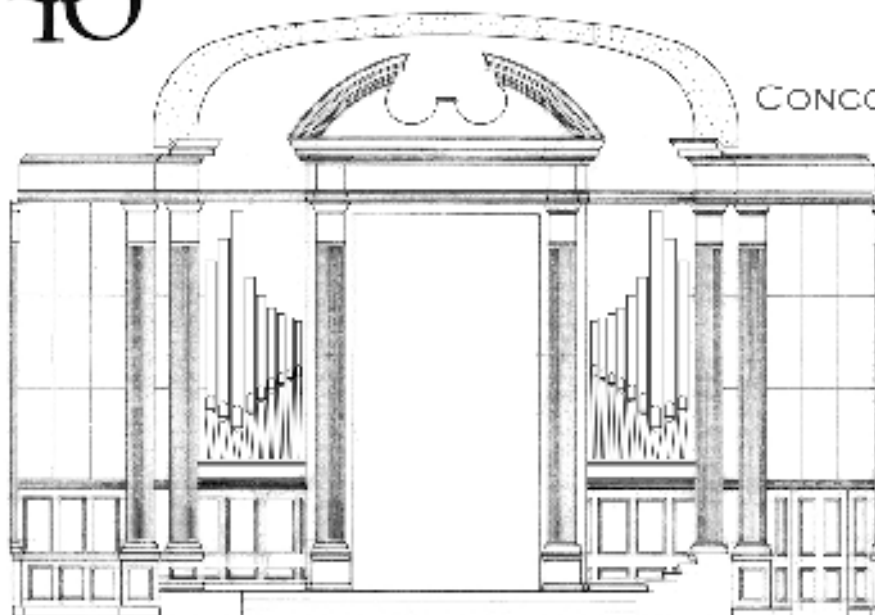
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