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SNOWMAGGEDON, INDEED!

Snowmaggedon has come and gone, but the work of the Guild goes on! We are in final preparations for our February Flourish! The event is scheduled for February 9th, 2019, with registration beginning at 8:00 AM, and will last around 7 hours, with various sessions and workshops and reading sessions from which to choose. Dolan Bayless and Dana Self will be hosting the event at Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 West Adams in Kirkwood. For more details, visit http://www.agostlouis.org/februaryflourish.

In addition to the Flourish, we will have a regular program in February, hosted by Suzanne Manelli at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 3738 Morganford Road in south St. Louis city. Dr. Nicole Aldrich will be presenting a program on Working with Older Voices on February 25th. Dr. Aldrich is music director and organist at University United Methodist Church in University City, MO. This program would help a lot of us who have aging choirs and help us learn how to better use those voices.

This is a last call for anyone who would like to play the organ for our Members' Recital on March 25th. Please contact me right away at iawhite1967@gmail.com if you would be willing to play a short program of fifteen minutes, and the theme is Music for Lent and Easter. This is an opportunity to play the wonderful organ at Third Baptist Church, and the program will be on the radio at the Sunday night organ program hosted by Bill Stein and Mark Scholz.

Both the February 25th and March 25th programs will have dinners at 6:30pm, which require RSVP in advance as soon as possible. A reminder that these dinners, which are always excellent, are \$15, and reservations may be made by phoning or texting Kathleen Bolduan at 314-853-5011 or emailing her at kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com. Each meal is preceded by the Executive meeting at 5:30pm, and the program will begin at 7:30 pm.

On a final note, the closing banquet in May will be held at Peace Lutheran Church. More information will be sent in the next edition of the OPUS, but I will say that you might want to brush up on your organ trivia!

Jeff White, Subdean

St. Louis Chapter to Host Young Organists' Competition

The Executive Board has agreed to host a Chapter-level competition in preparation for the North Central Regional Convention in Milwaukee this summer. The RCYO is a competition for organists age 22 or younger. They compete at the chapter level, after which the winners of the chapter competitions compete at the Regional Conventions. The Regional winners then compete at the National Convention the following summer. Many of you will remember that we hosted the Regional Competition in St. Louis as part of the Convention in 2015.

We are excited to hold this competition and hope many of you will attend and support the 2 competitors that we will host. The competition will take place on:

Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood.

First Presbyterian is located at 100 E. Adams Avenue. Travis Evans is the competition coordinator, and can answer any questions you may have. His email is tevans@kirkwoodpres.org. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

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From the Dean . . .

Dear fellow musicians, Happy February—the month of Love!

As a chapter we loved the Epiphany Party hosted by Dr. Steven Ball. Over forty members and friends attended the event.

As individual musicians we loved and gained so much knowledge at our Fantastic February Flourish. We thank Dawn Riske and her hard-working committee for supplying us with such an educational event!

We are looking forward to our February 24 session on working with adult voices. We love our older choir members! It is good to find ways of helping them make the most music they can.

Looking ahead, I would like to share some events that will be happening in the future:

Recently we renewed the contract with the Radio Arts Foundation and Organ Media for another year of the King of Instruments. A powerful program which highlights great organ music once a week. This is a major financial undertaking of the chapter. I ask you or your institution to consider giving toward this endeavor. Become a "Friend of the King of Instruments" by donating today. It's easy! You can pledge with your credit card at http://www.agostlouis.org/friends-of-koi. You may also mail a check to our treasurer Mike Kaberline at P. O. Box 140067, Saint Louis, Missouri 63114-0067. Be sure to indicate KOI in the memo.

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Copy deadline for the February Issue is January 15

On March 23, our chapter will host a local competition for the National Young Artists Competition. The winner of our local competition will advance to play at our regional convention in Milwaukee this summer. Travis Evans is heading up our local event.

We are gearing up for our third Pipe Organ Encounter this summer. Please visit our website for full details. We are looking toward our members and members of heighboring chapters to help make this very important week possible. Donations to the Encounter can be made online at: http://www.agostlouis.org/poe2019/ Any amount you can give will help make this an enjoyable week for those in attendance.

There is much happening for lovers of organs and organ music. I encourage you to become more involved with our chapter!

I hope to see you at our February events!

Burnell Hackman, Dean

The North Central Regional Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from June 16 – 19, 2019. Please visit their website: http://www.agomilwaukee.org/Convention- Details for more information.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

FEBRUARY

Saturday February 9—8:00 am— Kirkwood United Methodist Church AGO Saint Louis CHAPTER HAPPENING—February Flourish Organizer: Dawn Riske This is an ALL DAY event See our dedicated page for full details [http://www.agostlouis.org/februaryflourish] Hosts: Dana Self and Dolan Bayless Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 West Adams Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri 63122

Saturday February 9—7:00 pm—9:00 pm—Peace Lutheran Church Valentine Dance and Chocolate Buffet. The Peace Gym will host a very special Valentine Dance and Chocolate Buffet sponsored by Peace's Music Ministry. The Missouri Big-Band will provide music for dancing. The irresistible sound of soaring trumpets, robust trombones, wailing saxophones and that swinging rhythm section. The Missouri Big Band is a swinging, screaming and roaring 17-piece St. Louis Big Band that celebrates the best Swing and Jazz big band music of all time. The MOBB features well-known music from such iconic big bands as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Woody Herman and contemporary big bands like Buddy Rich and Gordon Goodwin, plus original compositions by band members. Led by lifetime music educator and musician Joe Pappas, this St. Louis area big band plays a variety of Jazz, Swing and Jazz-Standard music that appeals to all ages. A dessert buffet of Chocolate specialties will be enjoyed at intermission!! Tickets are \$20.00 per person and are available until February 3 from the Church Office during regular business hours. Tables of eight may be reserved. This is the major fund-raiser for our Music Ministry in 2019. 737 Barracksview Road South St. Louis County.

February 10, 3:00 pm, First Congregational Church of St. Louis, **Child of the Light: A Hymn Celebration with Singing and Solo Organ** Music includes: *Fantasy on the Choral "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"* by Max Reger, *Toccata on Aberystwyth* by Brenda Portman, and Sun Dance by Bob Chilcott. 6501 Wydown Blvd.

Sunday February 10 - 7:00 pm - First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

Metropolitan Orchestra Concert The Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis presents a concert on Sunday, February 10 at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. The program includes conductor Wendy Lea leading the orchestra on Mendelssohn's Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage and Elgar's Enigma Variations. The evening also includes conductor Ted Rubright and marimbaist Laura Franklin on Ney Rosauro's Marimba Concerto No. 1. The church is located at 100 East Adams Road, Kirkwood, 63122. For more information including ticket prices visit www.metro-orch.org or call 314-349-4497.William "Pat" Partridge and other guest organists.

Sunday February 10 - 3:00 pm - Peace Lutheran Church Stephen Jones Piano Recital Chapter member Stephen Jones will present a piano recital. 737 Barracksview Road, South St. Louis County. Sunday February 10 - 7:00 pm - First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood Metropolitan Orchestra Concert The Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis presents a concert on Sunday, February 10 at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. The program includes conductor Wendy Lea leading the orchestra on Mendelssohn's Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage and Elgar's Enigma Variations. The evening also includes conductor Ted Rubright and marimbaist Laura Franklin on Ney Rosauro's Marimba Concerto No. 1. The church is located at 100 East Adams Road, Kirkwood, 63122. For more information including ticket prices visit www.metro-orch.org or call 314-349-4497.

Sunday February 17—3:00 pm—Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church St. Louis Chamber Chorus. Love Surrounding the celebration of Valentine's Day, the Chorus salutes love in its many forms, with Romances by Robert Schumann, folk songs arranged by Bela Bartok, and tales of ill-starred lovers evoked by Judith Bingham.

Sunday February 17 - 4:00 pm - Second Presbyterian Church Brian Owens Duo The music of Brian Owens engages listeners in an experience that feeds the soul and uplifts the heart. Joined by a very special guest accompanist, Brian will explore songs of love and hope. The afternoon's program draws from his extensive catalog of original material as well as from some of the most notable African American writers and artists that continue to influence him. For more information call 314-367-0367 or go to www.secondchurch.net. 4501 Westminster Place in the Central West End, St. Louis, 63108.

Sunday February 24—2:30 pm—Lincoln Theatre
Broadway Pops On Main Street Masterworks return to Belleville's
historic Lincoln Theatre, with its classic proscenium stage and colorful
theatre pipe organ. A program of favorites from the Great White Way
and the Silver Screen. 103 East Main Street, Belleville, IL 62220

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MARCH

Friday March 1—7:30 pm—First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood National Lutheran Choir "Holy Spirit Mass" in Concert The New York Times called Kim Andre Arnesen's Holy Spirit Mass..."extremely well made and was rapturously received..." following the premieres in Washington D.C. and Minneapolis in the fall of 2017. With great joy, the National Lutheran Choir returns to the St. Louis area with highlight performance of this seminal work for chorus and strings. "Prelude" for this performance is Bach's motet Lobet den Hern, Palestrina's Sicut Cervus, and a hymn-sing with conductor and organist Dr. David Cherwien. 100 East Adams , Kirkwood, MO 63122

Sunday March 3—7:30 pm—Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis Bach Society of Saint Louis Dr. A. Dennis Sparger, Music Director, Cathedral Concerts is proud to collaborate with one of St. Louis' finest arts organizations, the Bach Society of Saint Louis. The rich resonance of the Cathedral is a perfect complement to the beautiful Requiem by Duruflé. Ticket prices: \$42, \$29, \$19. Featuring soloists Alice Anne Light and Alexander Dobson. 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

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Sunday March 10—4:00 pm—Second Presbyterian Church
Greenville University Choir. Founded in 1927 by Dr. Robert W. Woods,
the Greenville University Choir has attained a widespread reputation
for its polished performances of sacred choral music. Under the
direction of Dr. Jeffrey Wilson, this choir of talented singers has
performed with the St. Louis Kingsbury Ensemble, the Illinois Music
Educators Conference, and the American Choral Directors Association.
Their evocative and powerful interpretations of sacred music are sure
to inspire you. "For more information call 314-367-0367 or go to
www.secondchurch.net. 4501 Westminster Place in the Central West
End, St. Louis, 63108.

Sunday March 17—8:30 am - Webster Groves Presbyterian Church Music in a Great Place. Brett Floyd - Classical Guitar. Brett Floyd plays "Triduum" by Mark Anthony Cruz.

Monday March 25—6:30 pm—Third Baptist Church
AGO Saint Louis CHAPTER HAPPENING—Members Recital Music for
Lent and Easter 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm,
Dinner (see RSVP information following) 7:30 pm. Program Host: Brent
Johnson. Dinner Reservations require RSVP in advance as soon as
possible. Phone or text 314-853-5011, or email Kathleen Bolduan
<kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com> Third Baptist Church, 620 North
Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63103

Thursday March 28—8:00 pm—Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis The Tallis Scholars - Peter Phillips, Director Program: Music from The Sistine Chapel Over four decades of performance and a catalogue of award-winning recordings for Gimell, Peter Phillips and The Tallis Scholars have done more than any other group to establish sacred vocal music of the Renaissance as one of the great repertoires of Western classical music. They have sought to bring Renaissance works to a wider audience in churches, cathedrals and venues on every continent on the planet except Antarctica! These include the Royal Albert Hall, the Sistine Chapel, the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall New York, the Philharmonic Hall Berlin, Saint Mark's Venice, Seoul Arts Centre Korea, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre London, Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Wigmore Hall, Beijing Concert Hall, Megaron Athens and the Opera House Sydney. The Tallis Scholars continue to develop their exclusive sound, praised by reviewers for its supple clarity and tone, and to bring fresh interpretations to music by contemporary as well as past composers, such as Part, Tavener, Whitacre, Muhly and Jackson. Ticket prices: \$42, \$29, \$19. 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO

Sunday March 31—3:00 pm—Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Pro Arte Saint Louis. Laetare Jerusalem Our concert on the fourth Sunday of Lent will feature music for the Lenten season, as well as music inspired by the feast of the Annunciation, a reminder of Christmas in the middle of Lent. 3140 Meramec Street, St. Louis, MO

Sunday, March 31—7:00 pm—First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood Metropolitan Orchestra Concert. The Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Loouis with conductor Wendy Lea presents a concert. The program includes Brahms' Concerto for Violin and Cello with violinist Julia Sakharova and Cellist Kurt Baldwin and Sibelius' Symphony No. 2. For more information including ticket prices, visit www.metro-orch.org or call 314-349-4497. 100 East Adams, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

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The Avis H. Blewett Award was established to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the American Guild of Organists in Missouri. The award is presented to those who have made a significant contribution to the musical life in the Saint Louis Area. The award is presented at our Annual Meeting in May. Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart is the chair of the Award Committee. Other members include Dr. Kathleen Bolduan and John Powel Walsh.

ANNOUNCING THE 2019 EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES:

Look for an email notice informing you of on-line voting in late February or early March to elect the 2019 AGO Executive Board. According to our Operating Procedures:

"Additional nominations may be made by petition if each petition is signed by five (5) Chapter members in good standing and submitted to the Chapter Secretary within thirty (30 days of the announcement of the slate to the Chapter membership." Petitions should be sent to Cathy Cassy, Secretary at cmcass@yahoo.com or sent to:

2191 Shirlene Drive; Granite City, IL 62040.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES FOR 2019:

SECRETARY - Rick Burk

Rick has served as Minister of Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in St. Louis for the past nine years. He has been a member of the American Guild of Organists for over thirty-five years during which time he has been a member of six different chapters including here in St. Louis. Throughout his membership in the AGO Rick has served on Executive Boards and Professional Concerns Committees in various chapters. In addition to the American Guild of Organists, Rick also maintains membership in the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the

Presbyterian Association of Musicians, the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, the Handbell Musicians of America and the Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis where he currently serves as treasurer.

CLASS OF 2022 CANDIDATES:

Steven Ball: has recently been named as Director of Sacred Music at The Oratory of St. Francis de Sales in St. Louis, Missouri. The Oratory is famous for a unique and varied choral repertoire spanning several centuries and performed by numerous ensembles. The liturgies are

conducted exclusively in Latin using the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, the universal form of the Roman Catholic Liturgy before the changes which followed the Second Vatican Council. As such it provides a unique cultural and musical setting in which the music of some of the greatest composers for sacred choral and organ music can be heard in their original context.

Wes Kassulke: Completed his masters degree in education from Webster University. Wes is also currently teaching elementary music at Long Elementary School. In addition to teaching in the Lindbergh School District for the past 27 years, he has taught summer opera camp for Opera Theatre St. Louis for 10 years. Wes worked with the St. Louis Symphony to develop the Adopt-a-School Program, and worked in an adopted school for many years. A summer highlight for Wes occurred at the national AGO Convention in Kansas City. Even though the endowment for the St. Cecilia Organ Concerts at national AGO conventions was started in 2010 at the Washington DC National Convention by Marianne Webb, it wasn't until this summer's convention that the fund came to fruition to fulfill her complete dream of sponsoring not only the St. Cecilia Organ Concert, but also a full reception. Sharing memories of Marianne Webb with Anthony Thurman at the reception and seeing her dream become realized was a real blessing! Wes is a former member of the St. Louis AGO Board, and served as Hospitality Committee Chair for 2015 St. Louis Regional Convention. Wes is a former member of the St. Louis AGO board, and 2015 Regional Convention Hospitality Chairman.

JD Brooks: JD Brooks enjoys his 40 plus years of creating music in the church and non-for-profit world. JD is currently the Music Director of the Ethical Society where he coordinates musicians through the Music Outreach Program and performs for Special events. He has worked as an Associate Conductor for the St. Louis Children's Choir, Sheldon Chorale, and the University Chorus of UMSL. His educational back ground is varied with degrees in Music Education, Keyboard Studies, Kodaly Education, and Conducting. JD is committed to promoting outreach to the community through music.

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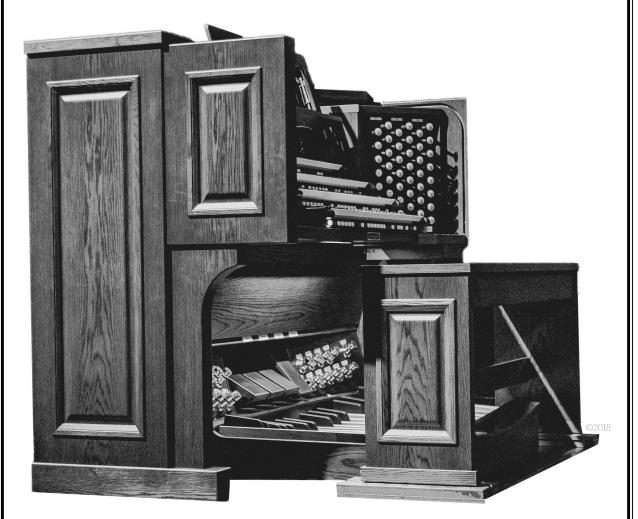
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THE DETAILS

Event: February Flourish

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019

8:00 am - 3:45 pm

Location: Kirkwood United Methodist Church

201 West Adams Avenue Kirkwood, MO 63122

Cost: \$25.00 which includes sessions and lunch

Register: http://www.agostlouis.org/ffregistration/

Driving Directions: **Metro East** -- Take I-44 to exit 277b Lindbergh

(Kirkwood Boulevard) Turn Left onto Lindbergh to Adams Street and turn left. The church is two blocks

ahead.

Points West, North, South—take I-270 to I-44 east towards St. Louis to exit 277b Lindbergh (Kirkwood Blvd)
Turn Right on to Lindbergh Boulevard to Adams Street and turn

left. The church is two blocks ahead.

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Event: Working with Older Voices

Dr. Nicole Aldrich, presenter

Date: Monday, February 25, 2019

7:30 pm

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church

3738 Morganford Road St. Louis, MO 63116

Cost: \$15.00 for dinner at 6:30 pm. No cost for the 7:30 pm program.

Reservations: Contact Kathleen Bolduan for reservations as much in

advance as possible. Phone or text (314) 853-5011 or

email: Kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com

Driving Directions: The church is on the corner of Historic Route 66 (Route 30)

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