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HEADLINES:

Notre Dame Benefit French Music Marathon

Our St. Louis Chapter in cooperation with Christ Church Cathedral will host a special French Music Marathon on Bastille Day, Sunday, July 14, 2019 at Christ Church. Proceeds from the event will be sent to the Cathedral in Notre Dame for restoration of the organs/cathedral. We are looking for organists and others who could provide a few minutes of French or French inspired music. Please contact our Dean Burnell Hackman (dean@agostlouis.org) if you would be willing to play or help plan the event.

In a Nutshell . . The Executive Committee

Dean's Report: A Communications Review Committee ti review the Chapter's communications procedures has been established. Ted Cronbaugh will be the chair and committee members are being sought.

Election Update: Voting has taken place online. Members without e-mail and those who did not vote online will receive Ballots and election information in the mail around April 16. All are asked to return their self-stamped and addressed ballot card by April 28.

POE: Planning and organization continues for the July 28-August 3 event. Ten Registrants thus far. The youngest is 15, and there are two 18-year–olds. Early Bird Registration is open until June 1 @ \$495. Final registration is July 1 with the cost at \$525.

RCYO Competition—Took place at the First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood on Saturday morning, March 23, 2019. We hosted 2 competitors. Judges for this event were Dr. Barbara Harbach, Dr. Nancy Peterson, and Mr. Mark Scholtz. Travis Evans served as competition coordinator and did a fantastic job of coordinating schedules ith the players and the judges. Thank, Travis! First place was awarded to Peter Binder, who celebrated his 19th birthday the day of the competition. He is from Marion, IA and is a freshman at Iowa State Unversity. Second Place was awarded to Emily Roth, from Rochester, MN. Whe received a \$100 check from th Chapter. Peter will advance to the Regional Competition in Milwaukee this summer. The budget for this event will be finalized duing the coming week. The total cost to the Chapter will be under \$400.

Registrar/Membership: Burnell is looking into information for the new Commications Committee and reported that there are only 4 members who do not have email.

Social Media: The website and calendar were under discussion. Rene stated he would give information to Ted for the Communications Committee and then he was stepping down from the position. Then it would be in the hands of Ted and the Committee's hands.

Exam Coordinator Report: Dawn reported on a planned session for those interested in Certification. She had 12 people attend a session, and 3 or 4 are interested.

Operating Procedures: We'll send any thoughts on updates needed to Bill Wade.

Adjourn: Tim moved, Horst seconded and all approved to adjourn at 6:13.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Cassy, Executive Committee Secretary

From the Dean . . .

With the glorious Easter music now a memory we look forward to end of the year school activities. Although not the end of the calendar year, it is the end of many musical activities and a much-needed summer hiatus.

I thank each of you for the many hours sacrificed over the past nine months preparing Music for each service!

As we look forward to a little rest and relaxation there are still many ways to refresh Ourselves musically over the summer. I will list a few of the summer events that have been brought to my attention this summer.

Our Regional AGO Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this summer from June 16 – 19. You may register online at:

http://www.agomilwaukee.org/Convention-Details

Closer to home, The Association of Disciple Musicians will meet in St. Louis for the 2019 Music and Worship Conference. Mack Wilberg, Joel Raney and Janette Fishell are just a few of the excellent clinicians. Raney will present a recital at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood on Monday, July 8. More information can be found at https://www.adm-doc.org/

The Handbell Musicians of American will host their National Directors' Seminar in town From July 16 - 20. Days will feature classes and concerts by some of the most outstanding handbell choirs in the country. You can check it out at:

http://seminar.handbellmusicians.org/about-seminar/

Our Chapter is sponsoring a Pipe Organ Encounter for students ages 13 -18 from July 29 – August 2. Students will receive semi-private instruction in the morning, visit St. Louis organs and hear lectures on organ related topics in the afternoon and spend the evening attending recitals or other events in St. Louis. There will be 3 evening recitals open to the public as well as a closing recital by students on Friday morning. Details are still being finalized so check the website at :

We are still in need of donations for the Encounter. You may use the same website to donate. Registration has been closed with 22 students registered.. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please tell them about the event and to hurry and register.

Our Sub-Dean, Jeffry White, has resigned for health reasons. As prescribed by our by-laws The Dean shall appoint a replacement.

Our Webmaster Rene Zajner has also stepped down. Rene has done an outstanding job with our website. If you are interested in taking over this task, please let me know. Rene will continue to serve our chapter as Social Media Coordinator.

Our Annual meeting will take place on May 20, 2019 beginning at 6:30 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. During the meeting we will be honoring our Avis Blewett Award recipients, paying tribute to Cathy Cassy who has served for eleven years as our secretary, and present some additional awards. The evening will conclude with a short Organist Trivia Contest where you have a chance to win an outstanding prize.

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed summer!!!

Burnell Hackman, Dean

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

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Thursday May 2—11:30 am—Christ Church Cathedral Thursday Lunchtime recitals. Free half-hour organ recital on the 70-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ performed by Canon Precentor William "Pat" Partridge and other guest organists. 1210 Locust St, St. Louis, MO 63103

Friday May 3—12:30 pm—Third Baptist Church

Friday Pipes Organ Recitals Join us for free half-hour recitals in the beautiful sanctuary of Third Baptist Church. Each Friday a different organist will take their turn on the 72-rank Kilgen/ Moller/Reuter pipe organ. These recitals are free and open to the public. For more information visit FridayPipes.com. Washington at Grand Avenue (Near the Fox Theatre)

Friday May 3—7:30 pm—Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church (Saint Louis, MO)

Celtic Spring I - (Masterworks Chorale and guest artists) The first of two "Celtic Spring" concerts takes place at Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, in Saint Louis, a beautiful setting for a celebration of folk music both ancient and new from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Cornwall. 2213 S 39th St, St Louis, MO 63110

Sunday May 5—3:00 pm—St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church Celtic Spring II - (Masterworks Chorale and guest artists) The second of two "Celtic Spring" concerts. A beautiful setting for a celebration of folk music both ancient and new from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Cornwall. 1411 Cross St., O'Fallon, IL 62269

Thursday May 9—11:30 am—Christ Church Cathedral Thursday Lunchtime recitals. Free half-hour organ recital on the 70-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ performed by Canon Precentor William "Pat" Partridge and other guest organists. 1210 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Friday May 10—7:00 pm —Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church MUSIC of RESURRECTION Organ Concert. St. Louis concert organist Dennis Bergin will present an all French organ concert ""MUSIC of RESURRECTION"" at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1230 Big Bend Road, Ballwin, MO2 63021 on Friday, May 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. on the church's splendid 51 rank Quimby pipe organ. The program will include ""Transports de joie"" (L'Ascension) by Olivier Messiaen; Pastorale Op. 19 by Cesar Franck; Scherzo Op. 2 by Maurice Duruflé; Final (Symphonie III Op. 28) by Louis Vierne; and the monumental

Symphonie-Passion Op. 23 (complete) by Marcel Dupre. The program is free and open to the public. Dennis Bergin is the Organist of Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church and a nationally acclaimed concert organist, having won First Prize in the International Organ Playing Competition sponsored by the University of Michigan Ann Arbor in 1989, as well as First Prize in the National Organ Playing Competition sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1978. He was also one of five finalists in the Grand Prix de Chartres International Concours d'Orgue in Paris and Chartres, France in 1984. He was the Principal Organist for the American Kantorei BACH at the SEM Concert Series for sixteen years where he performed most of the major organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach in public concerts at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Church location: at the intersection of Big Bend Road and Highway 141.

Sunday, May 12—3:00 pm—Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church

The International Organ—Mark Scholtz, Organist. 9450 Clayton Road, Saint Louis, MO 63124

Sunday, May 19—9:30 am—Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. Music in a Great Place—Dawn Weber Trio Dawn Weber Trio plays at a morning worship service. 45 West Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO

Sunday May 19—1:00 pm—Belleville Square

Meet Me at the Square Broadway, Pops, and Celtic favorites by Metro-East's premiere choral ensemble. 30 Public Square, Belleville, IL 62220 (Near the Courthouse Building)

Sunday, May 19—9:30 am—Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. Music in a Great Place—Dawn Weber Trio Dawn Weber Trio plays at a morning worship service. 45 West Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO

Monday May 20—6:30 pm—Peace Lutheran Church AGO Saint Louis CHAPTER HAPPENING - Annual Meeting and Organist Trivia Game 6:30 pm—Dinner (see RSVP information following) 7:30 pm—program. Program Host: Burnell Hackman—Dinner Reservations require RSVP in advance as soon as possible. Phone or text 314-853-5011, or email Kathleen Bolduan <kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com> 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis, MO 63125

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Saturday, May 26-2:00 pm-Webster University Community Music School. Free Patriotic Concert. The Band of America's Few, comprised of both veteran and active duty Marine Corp Musicians, will perform in concert. Past notable events include the Royal Nova Scotia. International Tattoo and many others. This all-volunteer, precision group is a treat for everyone who hears them. 535 Garden Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119.

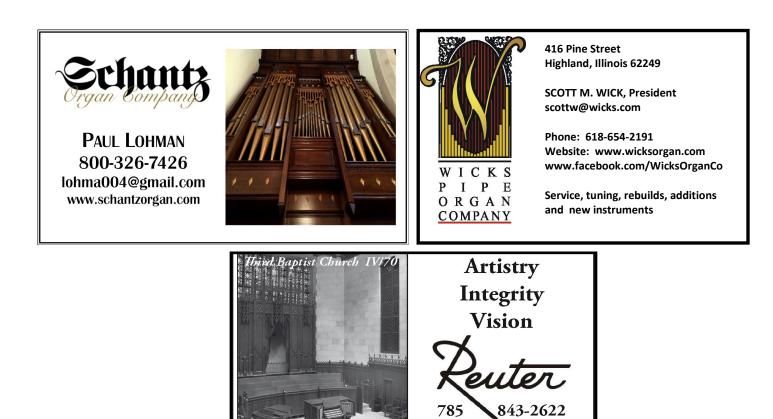
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Saturday, July 6—7:00 pm—Second Presbyterian Church

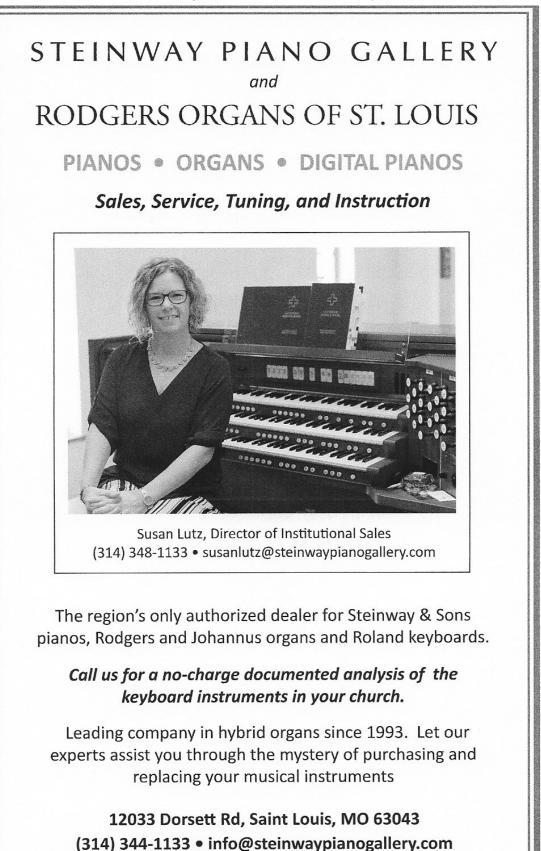
The the Forté Handbell Quartet in concert on. The concert is free but a free-will offering will be collected. For more information call 314-367-0367 or www.secondchurch.net. Based in Colorado Springs, Forté is an advanced handbell quartet marked by artistry, energy, and dedication to their craft. The musicians of Forté - Luke Nabeta, Megan Reishus, Dillon Ekle, and Tory Marting – continually challenge themselves by adding original compositions and arrangements. In the Central West End at 4501 Westminster Place, 63108. to their ever-expanding repertoire, and seeking out new performance venues and educational opportunities. Since forming in 2007, Forté has had an increasingly active schedule of concerts and recordings. They have been featured performers and faculty at Handbell Musicians of America events, have presented several successful tours across the country, and released two CDs and a DVD of music videos filmed around the state of Colorado. Visit fortehandbells.org for more information about the group.

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THE DETAILS	
Event:	Annual Meeting and Banquet
Location:	Peace Lutheran Church 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis, MO 63125
Date and time:	Monday May 20—6:30 pm—Peace Lutheran Church
Reservations:	Dinner Reservations require RSVP in advance as soon as possible. Phone or text 314-853-5011, or email Kathleen Bolduan <kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com></kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com>
Cost:	Dinner—\$15
Driving Direction	 From Metro-East—Use I-255 South toward Memphis. Exit at Telegraph Road and turn right from the ramp. Prepare to make a left turn very quickly onto Barracksview Road. From Points North and West—Use I-64 to I-270. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 25-25A-25B to merge onto I-270 toward Memphis. Turn right onto US-61, N/US 67 North Lemay Ferry Rd. Turn right onto S. Lindbergh Blvd. and continue straight on Lindbergh. Just before Lindbergh ends, (at traffic light) turn left onto Barracksview Road. Peace Lutheran will be on your left.



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Public Events at Pipe Organ Encounter

Members of our Chapter and the public are invited to the following public concerts during our Pipe Organ Encounter.

Sunday, July 28, 2019 - 7:30 pm ~ Recital by Frederick Holman on the 118 rank Kilgen/Moller/Wicks pipe organ at the Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday, July 31 - 7:30 pm ~ Nicole Keller on the 72 rank Moller/Rueter organ at Third Baptist Church

Thursday, August 1 - Time: TBD ~ Carillon Recital by Steven Ball 49 bell Van Bergen Carillion at Concordia Seminary

Thursday, August 1 - Time TBD ~ Recital by Benton Blasingame on the 62 rank 1997 Casavant organ At Concordia Seminary.



We Welcome:

Cathy Cassy as our new Sub-dean (appointed by the Dean) Rick Burk as our new secretary Members of the Class of 2022 Steven Ball J.D. Brooks

Wes Kassulke

Member of the Class of 2021

Martha Schaffer (appointed by the Dean)



We thank the outgoing Executive Committee Members Ted Cronbaugh John Hawn Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart Horst Buchholz

Out going Secretary Cathy Cassy who served as our secretary for eleven year!!



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