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## JANUARY PROGRAM

**Date:** Monday, January 20, 2003

**Program:** A Workshop with Douglas Major  
"Conducting from the Console: What to do when  
you only have two hands and two feet."

**Where:** Parkway United Church of Christ  
2841 North Ballas Rd. 63131, 314/872-0330  
*South of Hwy 40, between 40 and Clayton Rd.  
Next to Missouri Baptist Hospital*

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Program

**Cost:** \$7.50

**Reservations:** Kathleen Bolduan, 314/935-5517  
kbolduan@artsci.wustl.edu



With 30 years of experience in church music, Douglas Major will lead a workshop on conducting your choir from the organ console, covering such topics as what to play (and what not), how to achieve effective ensemble, and how to energize your choir with your accompaniments. Bring your questions and challenges to share.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2003

**Recital:** Douglas Major

**Where:** Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

**Time:** 8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10.00

**Reservations:** Cathedral Basilica: 314/533-7662

### Program:

Prelude and Fugue in E Flat - Johann Sebastian Bach

Choral-Improvisation on In Dulci Jubilo - Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Resurrection - Larry King

An Italian Festival Overture

Much Ado About Nothing - Richard Dirksen

*Intermission*

Symphonie V - Charles Marie Widor

An internationally recognized organ solo artist, Douglas Major has toured throughout North America, Europe and the Far East. From 1988 through the spring of 2002 he was Organist and Choirmaster of the

## FROM THE DEAN

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that your Holiday Music making was spectacular; that only your monotones were away for Christmas and everyone who finds your organ playing a bit too loud visited their relatives in South Dakota for the entire season!

As hard as we all worked during the past few weeks, the New Year is a great time to assess our work and make a few resolutions to make the coming year even better. Whether it is a few more hours per week at the organ or more time in preparation for our choral rehearsal; whether learning a new prelude once a month or just getting along better with that annoying staff person, the new year is the perfect time to begin again. MAYBE, your resolution will just be to make an extra Guild meeting or two and meet a new colleague and learn a new music trick. This month's AGO program is the perfect way to begin. Conducting from the console is a skill that always gets sloppy. Make 2003 the year that that waving in the air really says something to our choirs. Our January meeting provides you a chance to learn from one of the best in our field. I hope to see you there.

All of the blessings of a wonderful New Year!

—John Romeri

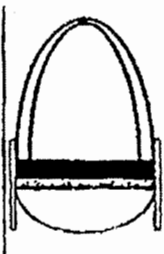
## WELCOME NEWEST MEMBER

Welcome to new member Sean Dineen. Sean is the organist at Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church. Let us hope that the new year of 2003 will be one in which we welcome many more into the Guild.

## AGO GRIEVANCE NOTICE

On August 4, 2002 an AGO Member filed a formal complaint against the Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church for wrongful termination of employment. The Guild is investigating the matter according to the AGO's Procedures for Dealing with Complaints about Termination. No determination has been made at this time.

Although Guild Members may provide substitute or interim services, no Member may seek or accept regular or permanent employment with Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church while these Procedures are pending. Contact AGO Headquarters for the current status of this case.



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## 2002-2003 AGO PROGRAMS

*Committee: Marcos Krieger (Chair), Cathy Bolduan,  
Pat Partridge, Barbara Raedeke, John Romeri*

### Monday, February 17, 2003

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Program TBA

### Monday, March 24, 2003

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Program TBA

### Friday, April 3, 2003, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Choral Repertoire and Techniques

Malcom Archer, Presenter

6:30 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Concert by Wells Cathedral Choir

Malcom Archer, Conductor

### Monday, May 12, 2003, 6:30 p.m.

Final Banquet and Awards Ceremony

## HANDBELL FESTIVAL

First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, Illinois is proud to present it's 3rd Annual Handbell Festival with clinician Dr. John Behnke. The Festival will be on February 1, 2003 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. with a free concert to follow. Ringers will be learning bell techniques as well as playing music by Dr. Behnke and other prominent handbell composers. For more information, visit [www.firstunitedpres.org](http://www.firstunitedpres.org) or contact Josh Peterson at [joshandnancy@juno.co](mailto:joshandnancy@juno.co).



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**Photos from the Martin Wick  
Memorial Recital: Above: Charles  
Callahan & Barbara Wick.**

*Below: Charles Callahan, Barbara  
Wick, Scott Wick & John Romeri.*



**The Wicks Organ Company is  
proud to announce the  
appointment of  
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William Hamner comes to Highland, Illinois from Akron, Ohio where he served as Associate Organist and Master of Choristers at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Dr. Hamner also served as Organist and Choirmaster at the All Saints' Chapel at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and at Calvary Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Hamner has held several collegiate teaching positions. He was assistant professor of music at The University of the South and an instructor of Music History at Case-Western Reserve University. He also has lectured in the Humanities program at the University of Akron.

Prior to his appointment at Wicks, Dr. Hamner studied as an apprentice in organbuilding, installation and tonal finishing with the J&G Lester Organ Company of Akron, Ohio and the Robert G. Capra Organ Company of Memphis, Tennessee.

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**Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra**

The Alberici Concert

Thursday, November 21, 2002

**Vienna Choir Boys**

Holiday Concert

Friday, December 13, 2002

**The Boston Camerata**

A Renaissance Christmas

Tuesday, January 7, 2003

**Brass Spectacular**

with the Archdiocesan Choir of St. Louis

Tuesday, January 21, 2003

**Douglas Major, Organist**

Formerly of the Washington National Cathedral

Friday, February 21, 2003

**Chanticleer**

Friday, March 21, 2003

**I Musici**

12 member String Ensemble from Rome

Friday, April 4, 2003

**Wells Cathedral Choir**

Malcolm Archer, Director

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Washington National Cathedral. He now spends his time as a composer and concert artist, residing with his family in Rockport, Massachusetts.

Major's compositions include anthems, motets and carols for choir and organ, as well as solo organ works, works for brass, organ and choir as well as various chamber pieces. His composition for choir, synthesizer and organ, Love Poem to God, was commissioned by the Philadelphia American Guild of Organists for their National Convention in July of 2002, and he has just completed a commission entitled Aurora Borealis - A Vision of the Celestial City for piano, soprano, choir, trumpet and bassoon.

In December of 2002 Major made his second tour to Japan with the Empire Brass, playing concerts in six of the great Japanese concert halls to sold-out audiences. In the past few seasons, his appearances have taken him all over the United States, from California to Maine, and Florida to Washington and Canada. He has toured as organ soloist with the Orchestre National de France and Lorin Maazel, and he collaborated with Barry Tuckwell and the Maryland Symphony for a series of concerts to mark the opening of the rebuilt organ at the Maryland Theatre in Hagerstown. In 1999 Major played a solo concert tour to Taiwan and the Philippines. In May of 2001 he participated in the first American Organists' Festival in Kiev, Ukraine, playing recitals to standing-room-only audiences.

Dr. Major's solo recordings include eight organ compact discs, recorded on the Washington Cathedral's magnificent 185 rank Skinner organ. With the Empire Brass of Boston Major has recorded A Bach Festival for Angel/EMI. He has recently completed a new CD for Gothic Records of organ music by Bach, and a second CD including the complete Symphonie V of Widor and the monumental Grande Piece Symphonique of Cesar Franck.

Major is a graduate of Lindbergh High School, and received his bachelor's degree from Webster University, studying with Ronald Arnatt. While in St. Louis, he was Assistant Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church Cathedral. He holds an honorary Doctor of Music from Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary in Wisconsin.

## JOB OPENINGS

### Music Director

*St. Luke's United Methodist Church*, 2761 Telegraph Rd, 63125. Director of chancel and bell choirs. Sunday services are at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Chancel choir and bell rehearsals are Tuesday at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. Resumes may be submitted by mail, fax 314/892-6077 or email [stlukesumc1941@hotmail.com](mailto:stlukesumc1941@hotmail.com).

### Organist

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### Assistant Organist

*Historic Trinity Lutheran Church* (Soulard). Part-time position needed for a growing congregation and music program. Duties include playing organ for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday services with possible 5:00 p.m. Saturday service combination. Flexible combination of duties can be arranged. Salary negotiable. Contact music director, Wes Kassulke, for details at 314/772-5532 or at [wkassulke@aol.com](mailto:wkassulke@aol.com).

### Organist

*St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church* (Des Peres). Part-time organist/pianist to accompanying the choir for Monday evening rehearsals and 11:00 am Sunday morning liturgy. Excellent choir also performs at least one concert per year. Extra weekend services negotiable. Job can be divided if necessary. Salary commensurate with experience. For more information contact David Kowalczyk, Director of Music at 314/965-7205 ext. 247 or email [dkowalczyk@stjosephacad.com](mailto:dkowalczyk@stjosephacad.com)

### Music Director

*All Saints Catholic Church* (University City). Part-time position includes playing organ and piano for 2 Masses on Sunday at 8 and 10:45 a.m. and accompanying/directing the choir. Choir rehearsals are Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Contact Angela Alexander at 314/727-7738 for more information.

### Organist

*Zion Lutheran Church* (St. Louis). Contact Fritz Raedeke at 314/231-0382, 314/231-1193 (home) or 314/495-4969 (cell) for more information.

### Organist

*Mt. Zion Church* (Milstadt, Illinois). Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. Contact Tracy Gilmore at 618/476-9808 or [zion@htc.net](mailto:zion@htc.net) for more information.

### Organist

*Mt. Zion United Methodist Church*, 1485 Craig Rd. Position available September 1, 2002. Two services at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Accompany Chancel choir rehearsal on Wednesday from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. Salary is negotiable. Contact Robert Adams at 314/727-7451 for more information.

### Director of Music /Choir Director

*St. John UCC*, Manchester, MO. Part-time position includes coordinating overall music ministry program, directing the Adult choir, develop and direct the Children's Choir and work with Sunday School music program. Contact Rev. Richard Brandon at the church located at 332 Old Sulphur Springs Rd, Manchester, MO 63121. 636/391-6655.

### Music Director/Organist

*John Knox Presbyterian Church* in Florissant has begun a search for Music Director/Organist, and possible bell choir director. Any persons who are interested may submit a resume to the church at 13200 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, 63033. You may also call Art Hutchinson, the committee chair, at 314/921-8366. Salary is open and negotiable, commensurate with experience.

### Organist

*Concord Trinity United Methodist Church*, 5275 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63126 would like to invite you to share your talents with a dynamic, 900-member congregation. Service times are at 8:00 a.m. with a soloist and at 9:30 and 11:00 a. m. with the choir. The organist also plays for adult choir practice on Wednesday evenings. For more information concerning this opportunity, please contact Rev. Steve Williams at 314/842-2060.

### Other Catholic Positions

For more information on the following positions, call the Archdiocesan Office of Music Ministry, 314/533-7662.

#### Director of Music

*St. James the Greater-St. Louis (Dogtown)*

Contact Fr. Johnson 314/645-0167

#### Organist per Mass

*St. Rita-Vinita Park*

Contact Fr. Wichlan 314/428-4845

#### Organist

*Cure of Ars-Shrewsbury*

Contact Fr. Clarence Good 314/962-5883

#### Director of Music

*St. Catherine of LaBoure*

Contact Fr. Cormack 314/843-3245

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**Organist** - 5 p.m. Saturdays  
*Immaculate Conception, Arnold*  
Contact Shiela White 636/296-5289

**Part-time Music Director, Organist**  
*St. Peters, St. Charles*

Contact Fr. Ghio 636/946-6641

**Organist**  
*St. Barnabas the Apostle, O'Fallon*  
Contact Fr. Hogan 636/240-4556

**Part-time Director of Music**  
*St. Paul, Highland, IL*  
Contact Jean Korte 618/654-2339

**Part-time Choir Director, Organist**  
*St. Mary Magdalen-Brentwood*  
Contact Fr. Wilkins 314/961-8401

**Full-time Music Director**  
*Our Lady, Queen of Peace*  
Contact Fr. Kevin Sullivan 618/377-6519

**Part-time Director of Music, Liturgist**  
*Our Lady of Loretto-Spanish Lake*  
Contact Patti or Susann 314/741-7700

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.**  
St. Louis Cathedral Concerts  
Douglas Major, Organist  
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis  
Call 314/533-7662 for more information.  
AGO Workshop Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

**Friday/Saturday, January 31–February 1**  
Gateway Liturgical Conference  
Chase Park Plaza

**Sunday, February 16, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.**  
Chamber Chorus Venice/La Serenissima  
Cathedral Basilica

**Friday, February 21, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.**  
St. Louis Cathedral Concerts  
Chanticleer 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Tour  
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis  
Call 314/533-7662 for more information.

**Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Organ Recital – James O'Donnell  
(Westminster Abbey)  
St. Peter's Church, Ladue

**AGO St. Louis Annual Awards**

Be thinking about this year's nominations!  
Details will be in the February Opus.

**Sunday, March 2, 2003 at 2:30 p.m.**  
Masterworks Chorale – Rejoice in the Lamb  
Our Lady of the Snows Shrine, Belleville, IL

**Sunday, March 8, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.**  
Choral Concert – St. Peter's Choir with  
Chamber Orchestra  
*Crucifixus pro nobis* – Kenneth Leighton,  
*Requiem* – Maurice Durufle

**Sunday, March 16, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.**  
Bach Society Faure's Requiem  
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

**Friday, March 21, 2003**  
St. Louis Cathedral Concerts  
I Musici, Rome  
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis  
Call 314/533-7662 for more information.

**Friday, April 4, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.**  
St. Louis Cathedral Concerts  
Wells Cathedral Choir, Malcolm Archer Director  
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis  
Call 314/533-7662 for more information

**Sunday, April 6, 2003 at 2:30 p.m.**  
Masterworks Children's Chorus  
First United Presbyterian, Belleville

**Sunday, April 6, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.**  
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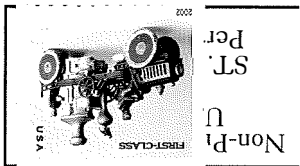
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