

Guild of Organists
A.G.O. Pipe Notes

October 2017



Soli Deo Gloria

*“Sing psalms,
hymns, and
spiritual songs
with gratitude
in your hearts
to God.”*

Colossians 3:16

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From the Dean

Greetings Muskegon-Lakeshore Colleagues:

I hope you are all well and enjoying the nice weather. On behalf of all chapter members, I heartily welcome new members David Gritter, John Deppe, Annette Jurcevic (Music Director at Samuel Lutheran Church), Michael Match DM (Music Director at First Congregational Church), and Charles Nolen (Music Director at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids). I hope each will feel at ease and at home with us and find time to take part in the activity and work of our AGO chapter.

In my opinion, the September 24 Choral Evensong/Installation of Officers at St. Adalbert's was simply a magnificent event. It was great that a good number (14) of our members, including Michael, David, John and Charles were in attendance for the program and dinner. We certainly owe a debt of gratitude to Peter Kurdziel, Dean of the Grand Rapids AGO Chapter, Dr. Huw Lewis and the Choir of St. John's Episcopal Church, and the West Michigan Brass Works for their participation in a wonderful musical service.

For our next event, we will present Monica Czausz in recital, 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 8, at Central Methodist Church. I cannot say enough to recommend your attendance at this recital; I encourage you to invite others to come, too. Monica is working on an advanced degree in organ at Rice University, but has already performed recitals at OHS (2015) and AGO (2016 National) conventions. Her playing has elicited only the most stellar reviews. I think Monica's program will present the opportunity for us to enjoy and revel in the artistry of one of the finest of "Young Artists" in our country.

It happens that a new organ was recently installed at Grace Episcopal Church in Holland. The instrument was built by Pasi Organ Builders, Inc., Opus 26, 2 manuals and 16 stops, mechanical key and stop action, hand-carved pipe shapes. I do not know how many pipe organs will be constructed in the U.S. this year (probably not many), but the Pasi instrument will surely be among the most distinctive. If you happen to travel to Holland, Steve Jenkins (Director of Music) invites anyone to stop by to examine and play the organ at Grace Church. It is worth the trip to Holland.

Finally, special thanks to Juanita Joiner for meticulous financial and other record-keeping and the fine work compiling our annual membership booklet.

Carry on, and may God bless you in your lives and your work in sacred music.

Sincerely,

Richard T. (Dick) Hoogterp, CAGO, Dean

Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

October 8, 2017 — 3 PM

“Monica Czausz—Young Artist”

Central United Methodist Church

October 29, 2017 — 4 PM

“Spooktacular”

First Presbyterian — Grand Haven

November

January 12, 2018 — 6:30 PM

“Holiday Party”

Home of Shane Arkels

February 24, 2018 — 10 AM-12 PM

“Start Here—Progressing from Piano to Organ”

Samuel Lutheran Church—Muskegon

March 11, 2018 — 4 PM

“Young Artist—Matthew Bickett”

First Presbyterian — Grand Haven

April 15, 2018 — 3 PM

“Members’ Recital”

First Congregational Church—Muskegon

May 4, 2018 (date could change) — 6:30 PM

“Celebrating Healey Willan: Organ & Choral Works”

Potluck Supper

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Muskegon

Feeding the Soul of the City

2017-2018

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church — Muskegon, MI

12:15 PM-12:45 PM

October 24, 2017 —

Diane Penning, soprano, with Paul Langford, piano/tenor (Broadway music)

November 28, 2017 —

AnDro (Celtic/world music)

December 12, 2017 —

“Christmas at the Organ” with Jonathan Tuuk

December 17, 2017 — 5:00 PM

Festival of Lessons & Carols with The Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys

February 27, 2018 —

Olde Thyme Harmony Quartet (barbershop quartet)

March 27, 2018 —

Solee Lee-Clark, piano

April 24, 2018 —

Folias (Tango and South American folk)

May 22, 2018 —

“Il Duo Lyrico” (classical)

June 5, 2018 —

Ruth and Max Bloomquist (folk and bluegrass)

Membership Report



Each of you by now should have received your 2017-2018 directory. Our membership is at 34 and as the saying goes...there is always room for more. If you know of anyone else who would still like to join, send me their name and I'll guide them with using ONCARD. Thanks for all you do to make this a great chapter

~ Juanita Joiner

Financial Report **As of September 30, 2017**

General Fund

\$2,031.80

Scholarship Fund

\$2,219.51

Young Artist Fund

\$695.00



Contributions are always accepted!

Submitted by: Juanita R. Joiner, Treasurer

Central United Methodist Church Vesper Series
and
Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter of The American Guild of Organists
present

Monica Czausz, organist



October 8, 2017

3:00 pm

Central United Methodist Church
1011 Second Street

Freewill Offering to benefit the AGO Young Artist Series

Reception following in Parish Hall

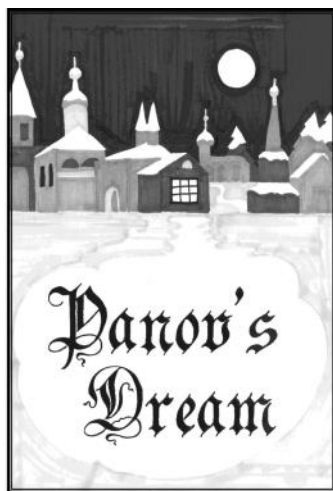


As things start to get underway for the fall, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the Spooktacular organ concert that we will be having at First Presbyterian in Grand Haven. **The concert will be on Sunday, October 29, at 4 PM.** This concert is open to anyone and everyone who would like to play some spooky organ music. Examples of pieces to play would be Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, the toccata from Boellmann's Suite Gothique, the finale of Dupre's Ave Maris Stella, etc. **Performers are encouraged to dress in costume** (family friendly, please).

I'm trying to get a head count of how many people want to play and a general sense of the program, so please **let me know** if you're interested in performing and what you think you'd like to play. If you have any questions, please let me know. This should be a fun concert and a great way to share our love of the organ with the community!

-Rob Hlebnsky
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If you haven't responded to Rob...do so today!



an unstaged opera in one act

First Congregational Church
1201 Jefferson Street
Muskegon, MI

November 19, 2017
3:00 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

Libretto by

Foley Schuler

based on a short story by Leo Tolstoy

Music by

Floyd Farmer

Synopsis

The story takes place in the humble home and shop of an old shoemaker named Papa Panov who lives in a small unnamed village in Russia. The time is long ago and it is the evening before Christmas, followed by Christmas Day. Panov has a dream that he will have a special visitor on Christmas Day and that he should wait by his window so as not to miss him. Papa does as he is told, meeting many different people who help him discover the real meaning of his dream.

Opera Premiere Sunday, November 19, 2017



First Congregational Church in Muskegon will host the premiere of a new unstaged one-act opera, "Panov's Dream," on Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m. The work is a collaboration between librettist Foley Schuler of Blue Lake Public Radio and Floyd Farmer who wrote the music.



Mark your calendars now for this exciting afternoon of music.

The opera calls for six principal singers, a chorus, and a seven piece instrumental ensemble. Michael Match, the new music director at First Congregational Church, will sing the title role of Papa Panov and Tom Clark will return to Muskegon to sing the role of Jesus. Other roles include Panov's deceased wife, to be sung by contralto Camille DeBoer; an old street sweeper, sung by tenor William Potts; soprano Jessica Coe in the role of a young mother with a small child; and the sanctimonious village priest, sung by tenor Joel Dulyea.





Next Meeting

October 8, 2017

MISSION STATEMENT

The American Guild of Organists is an organization devoted to the advancement of organ and church music in the United States.

Since its founding in 1896, the Guild has grown from approximately 100 members clustered around New York to over 24,000 nationwide, with chapters in all 50 states and abroad. Synagogues and churches of all denominations and sizes are represented in the Guild's membership, which ranges from students to world-renowned recitalists and teachers.

The Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter currently has some 30 members serving churches throughout the Western Michigan area.

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