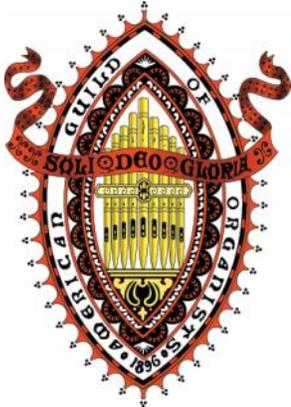


Guild of Organists

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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 ~ Richard Hoogterp

March has been a banner month for music for the organ in West Michigan, and Daniel Chang's spell-binding recital on March 10 stood as a fine beginning. Our chapter has been so fortunate in engaging wonderful young musicians to perform on the Young Artists Series. The fact that Mr. Chang finished in third place at the 2018 National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP) is a testament to the ability of Aaron Tan and the second place contestant. It was of interest that Daniel chose not to perform one of the Demessieux *Etudes* because the piece requires an instrument capable of very fast repetition of notes. Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968) was the protégé of Dupre who was accorded great accolades for her sensational playing, and we may have missed a rare experience in not hearing *Octaves*.

I attended two fine organ recitals which were part of the *Bach Festival* in Grand Rapids. On March 18, Julian Wachner, of Trinity Church located in New York, performed a varied and exhilarating program at the Basilica of St. Adalbert. This may have been the first time that appreciation of an organ recital at the church was enhanced by the use of a very large video screen. Watching, as well as hearing the performance, was enjoyable.

On March 20, Isabelle Demers, who has performed in West Michigan on several occasions, presented a stunning mostly-Bach program at Grace Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids. The 3-manual Noack Organ has almost no registration aids, and Ms. Demers' splendid playing and deft stop-changes were astounding. Her program was performed entirely from memory.

Then, on Friday, March 22, I attended a program of three Solo Cantata's (one each for Soprano, Counter-Tenor and Baritone) at First United Methodist Church. Mr. Wachner conducted an ensemble of strings, one oboe, continuo organ and harpsichord. But, prior to the Counter-Tenor Cantata, I noticed a lady seated at the console of the church organ itself. In fact, for the final movement of that cantata, Bach had added fascinating, bravura manualiter passages for solo organ over the playing of the ensemble. Yes, I missed the presence of a choir, but this was still a wonderful program.

We are only three months from the AGO Regional Convention, and I strongly encourage you to consider attending if you have not already registered. If you know of those who may wish to attend the evening recitals, featuring Scott Dettra, Lynn Davis, Ken Cowan and Nathan Laube, there will be an all-inclusive pass available for the nominal price of \$25.

Please note that the time of the *In Memoriam - Member's Recital* is now 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 28 at Central United Methodist Church, Muskegon. This program will be dedicated to the memory of three members of our Chapter: *Robert Christie, Ken Nelson and Annette Jurcevic*. This annual event seems a fitting way to end the year. I look forward to another afternoon of interesting and skilled performances by our very own collogues from the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter. Please join us and pass the word along to those who may especially wish to be present for the occasion.

Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

2018—2019 Program

April 28, 2019 at 3 p.m.

“In Memoriam — Members’ Recital”
Central United Methodist Church

Your Muskegon-Lakeshore Board is already planning for NEXT year. If you have a thought or an idea about a program, please let our Dean know so this can be brought to the attention of the Board. Our mission is to keep the Pipe Organ and alive in the churches of West Michigan. It’s too soon to name some of our gems...but we have some.

Feeding the Soul of the City

2018-2019

All performances are held
Tuesdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.

April 23, 2019 — Reeths-Puffer Madrigal Singers (student vocal ensemble)

May 28, 2019 — GVSU Steel Drums Band

June 11, 2019 — Max and Ruth Bloomquist folk and bluegrass music

Grand Rapids AGO Chapter

April 8, 2019 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Calvin Christian Reformed Church
700 Ethel St. S.E. Grand Rapids, MI

Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists
Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition
(see website for the complete details)

Holland AGO Chapter

April 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Hope Church — 77 W. 11th St, Holland, MI

Musician-Clergy Relations, with Brian Carder and the Pastors at Hope Church.

Kolkema Scholarship — 2019

It is time to be thinking about applying for our Irene Kolkema Scholarship. In the past we have been able to help many young people get a good start with their organ study with this scholarship. The scholarship can also be used to further YOUR organ study.

The application form and additional information about the awarding process will be sent along with your February Pipe Notes. *Please make note that this application form has been revised by the Scholarship Committee.* Please print the application form out to use personally or to share with others.

The due date for applying is March 31!

Daniel Chang — Young Artist

This program was held on March 10 and everyone who attended agreed it was a total success. Daniel’s programming was very well received and we even had an added treat at First Presbyterian by being able to watch the projection of the keyboard and foot pedal as he played. It was a win/win for each of us!



A huge thank you needs to go out to these four chapter members who made this program possible.

Stay tuned...another two young artists will be named very soon!

A Financial Report As of March 31, 2019

General Fund
\$1,946.81

Scholarship Fund
\$2,570.51

Young Artist Fund
\$183.00



Contributions are always accepted!

*Submitted by: Juanita R. Joiner, Treasurer
(Feel free to ask for a more detailed report.)*

HAPPY EASTER!

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



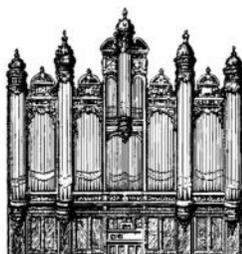
American Guild of Organists
Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

In Memoriam

A Members' Recital

*In Loving Memory of Dr. Robert Christie,
Annette Jurcevic and Kenneth Nelson*

Sunday, April 28, 2019
3:00 PM



Central United Methodist Church
1011 Second Street — Muskegon, MI

*A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the
"Irene Kolkema Organ Scholarship Fund"*

A reception will follow the concert

**It's not too soon to start thinking
about next year and invite
a friend or colleague to
join the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter.
You are our hands and feet!**



Thank you for your interest in the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We're proud to be the hosts of the 2019 Great Lakes Regional Convention which will be held here in our city from June 30, 2019 – July 3, 2019. We have a great line-up of top shelf artists and venues. We also have opportunities for continued education and of course plenty of social time.

Take a minute to check out the line-up, read about the Amway Grand Plaza, and make sure you register.

You can find all the information here:
<https://grago2019.org/>

I know I speak on behalf of the entire 2019 Steering Committee when I say that we can't wait to welcome you to "Gather at the Grand."

Cordially,
Peter Kurdziel, Convention Chair

Nominations for 2018-2019

Thank you to our nominating committee (Eileen Hoogterp, Caron Farmer and Melody Waldon) who secured people willing to serve on the Muskegon-Lakeshore Board for 2018-2019. Next month your Pipe Notes will be sent out via UPS. Your stamped ballot will also be included. We are asking each of you to mark these and place in the mail as soon as they are received. As always, you have the opportunity to add a name to each position listed on the ballot.

Proposed Ballot:

Dean:	Richard Hoogterp (1 year)
Sub Dean:	Michael Match (1 year)
Recording Secretary:	Ron Vanderwest
Treasurer:	Juanita Joiner
Council Member 2020:	Eileen Hoogterp
Council Member 2021:	Melody Walden
Council Member 2022:	Shane Arkels

CALLING ALL COMPOSERS

Are you a composer? Do you have any colleagues who compose? We are looking for submissions for the "Grand Rapids Organ Book II."

If you have questions about the process?
Contact Linda Strouf, Chair of Commissions,
at strouf@hope.edu.

The Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter would love to have one of our members selected for that publication.

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.



Next Meeting

April 28, 2019

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