

Guild of Organists

# A.G.O. Pipe Notes

December 2019



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*

Please accept special Christmas and Holiday greetings from the Muskegon-Lakeshore Board of officers: Melody, Juanita, Caron, Eileen, Shane, Ron, Michael and Dick. May we all experience the ever-new exhilaration and joy of Christmas music for choir and organ again this year.

I thought Young Artist Matthew Wachtman performed a varied and very interesting recital on November 20. I was especially impressed by his registration choices which seemed perfectly suited to every piece. It was a pleasure hear a fine young organist who was capable of playing such a sensitive, mature and definitely a polished performance.

It happened that Eileen and I also recently heard Noah Klein, first-prize winner of the Convention Quimby Competition, in recital. Noah played under Grand Rapids AGO auspices on November 18 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids. He also played wonderfully! He did remark afterward that he was quite nervous performing for a Guild Chapter...(well, who wouldn't be?) and chose a very original program.

There was only one really “big” selection programmed, the Franck *Piece Heroique*. Noah instead played music, from Bach to 20th Century composers Hampton and Bolcom, which explored the mid-volume level voices and colors of the organ. The recital was rewarding to hear and very well-received by those in attendance.

Have you noticed that Rob Hlebnsky (along with Ronda Sider-Edgington, Holland AGO Chapter Dean) is available for recitals and presentations through the *Concert Artist Cooperative*? In addition to his skill as an organist, Rob has the rare ability to adapt popular music for the organ, and generally making the instrument interesting and fun to hear. I learned from Dr. Barbara Hiranpradist, Past-Dean, that Rob's recent recital-presentation for the Greater Lansing AGO chapter was met with great approval.

Please make time to be with us at the annual 12th Night Christmas Party, which will be at 6:30 PM, Friday, January 10, at Shane Arkels' home, 1220 Lakeshore Drive. I always look forward to this event because the food, drink and spirited conversation are wonderful to experience. Best wishes to all as we anticipate a great New Year in 2020, for ourselves and the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, as our 60th Year as a Chapter is celebrated!

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas!*



## Muskegon-Lakeshore AGO Chapter

### 2019-2020 Programs

*Complete details will be printed in your directory.*

**January 10, 2020 (Friday) 6:30 p.m.**

**“Twelfth Night Party”**

Home of Shane Arkels—Muskegon

**February 29, 2020 (Saturday) 9-11a.m.**

**“Choral Workshop” — Dr. Michael Match**

Mona Shores MS Choir Room—Muskegon

**March 15, 2020 (Sunday) 3 p.m.**

**“In Memoriam: A Members’ Recital”**

First Congregational Church UCC—Muskegon

**April 19, 2020 (Sunday) 4 p.m.**

**“Young Artist: Emily Amos”**

First Presbyterian Church—Grand Haven

**May 8, 2020 (Friday) Time TBA**

**“60th Anniversary Banquet and Celebration”**

Prince of Peace Catholic Church—Muskegon

**Grand Rapids Chapter wishes each of you a Merry Christmas and plan to join them again in February.**

**Holland Chapter wishes each of you a Merry Christmas and plan to join them again in February.**

**Twelfth Night Party  
Friday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

Home of Shane Arkels  
1220 Lakeshore Dr.  
Muskegon, MI

Bring a yummy hors d’oeuvre to share with your AGO friends.

A fun time will be had by all!  
Why not invite a friend to join us?

## Feeding the Soul of the City

2019-2020

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

**December 17, 2019**

“Christmas at the Organ” Peter Kurdziel

**February 25, 2020**

“Grand Valley Faculty Brass Quintet”

**March 24, 2020**

“Grand Rapids Guitar Quartet”

**April 14, 2020**

“Gregory Maytan, violin”

**May 26, 2020**

“Quintessence, Woodwind Quintet”

**June 9, 2020**

“Denise Newell, mezzo soprano and Caron Farmer, piano”



### **A Financial Report As of November 30, 2019**

**General Fund  
\$2,238.73**

**Scholarship Fund  
\$3,290.51**

**Young Artist Fund  
\$799.00**



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

It’s not too late to make a year-end contribution to the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter for 2019. The Young Artist Fund and our Scholarship Fund both welcome your support. If you have any suggestions, please contact a board member.

*~Juanita Joiner*

**Next Meeting**  
**January 10, 2020**

## **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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