



The Bombarde

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A Note from the Dean

Thank you Julie Ford, Organist/Music Director of Sts. Peter and Paul, for hosting this year's Scholarship Winners and Members Recital.

Thank you, Jean Randall, for organizing the event.

The following scholarship winners and members performed:

- Jean Randall, member;
- Benjamin Schuessler, member and scholarship winner;
- Sheri Brown, member;
- Joanne Vollendorf Clark, member;
- Aaron Kaleniecki, member;
- Steve Livingstone, member and scholarship winner;
- Julie Ford, member; and



- **HyoJin (Jenna) Moon, scholarship winner.**

Congratulations, kudos, and thanks to all who performed this year. The outstanding performances, the organ, and the space all contributed to a delightful evening.

Regarding last month's cancellation of the American Guild of Organists Certification Workshop, plans are underway for rescheduling in the Fall of 2018; date, time and place to be determined.

Our next event, "Big Honkin' Organs on Woodward," promises to be a lot of fun. We haven't had an organ crawl in quite a few years, so mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

As a teaser, the organ at The Cathedral of St. Paul, built by D.F. Pilzecker & Company of Toledo, Ohio, is on the agenda for this year's organ crawl. Come and enjoy the organs, the churches, and the camaraderie; I hope to see you there. We'll start at St. Paul's Cathedral at 10:00 a.m.

The Pedal, Pipes, and Pizza event at St. Paul's UMC, Rochester on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Please consider sending your young piano and organ students to this worthwhile event. See the announcement in this month's Bombarde.

Our final event for this year is happening on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 11-13, "A Weekend with Eugenio." Eugenio Maria Fagiani will be at St. Paul's Rochester for one of the 30th birthday celebrations of the Walker organ. Happy Easter, everyone.

**Ronald Prowse
Dean, Detroit Chapter, AGO**

Chapter News

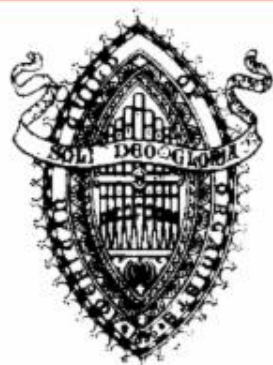
2018 Chapter Programs

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10 AM-3 PM

"Big Honkin' Organs on Woodward" Organ Crawl with lunch!

We'll begin at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, at 10 AM Saturday, April 21.

Saturday, April 28, 2018
Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza
St. Paul's UMC, Rochester



Saturday, April 28, 2017

10 am - 1 pm

Saint Paul's United Methodist

620 Romeo Rd. Rochester Michigan

CALLING ALL PIANISTS GRADES 4—12

This is an opportunity for piano students to learn a little about the piano's big brother, the pipe organ. Participants will hear about the various types of organs, get to visit the chambers to see the pipes, learn how an organ works, the different sounds it can make, get to blow some of the pipes, and the most fun will be playing one or two favorite pieces on an organ. A pizza lunch is included in the event. The event is free, but advance registration is required, and is limited to the first 35 who register.

To register go to DetroitAGO.org and follow the prompts to the registration.

We are grateful to Steinway Piano Gallery for providing the lunch.

Host: Jean Randall

As with anything, the future is always with the young. So it is with the Organ-our future is with young people that might want to play, but also with those that might find they just enjoy hearing organ music.

On Saturday, April 28, 2018, we will sponsor our third Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event to introduce young piano students to the wonders of the organ.

The event is open to young people from 4th through 12th grades and is limited to the first 35 to register. Registration is available on the Home page of our website DetroitAGO.org. If you know piano students, and piano teachers, let them know about this exciting opportunity.

A flyer to post in local music stores and to hand out is attached to this issue. ([click here](#)) Print some copies and put them up in local music stores. And mark your own calendars: we'll definitely need help, but even if you just come to watch you'll enjoy just interacting with the young people as they explore our instrument.

Friday, May 11, and Sunday, May, 13, 2018

St. Paul's UMC, Rochester

Host: Pete Townsend

"A Weekend with Eugenio"

Eugenio Maria Fagiani will be with us at St. Paul's Rochester for one of our 30th birthday celebrations for the Walker organ. I am going to piggyback a masterclass and lecture on Saturday for interested folks. Eugenio is a well known organist / Composer / performer throughout Europe and the middle east. He is organist at the Cathedral in Bergamo and organist / concert coordinator at Santa Maria Sanctuary and Pilgrimage site at La Verna IT where he ha discovered many new organ works by Padre Martini.

Chapter Scholarship Information

The Detroit Chapter of the A.G.O offers three possible scholarships of \$400.00 are awarded in three categories: beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

Additional scholarships may be awarded. ALL scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the judges. The number of applicants, the amount of funds available, and the final opinion of the judges will affect these decisions.

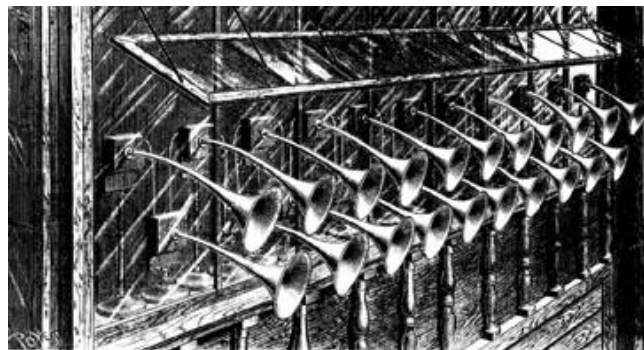
Each scholarship will be made payable to the student's private organ instructor or educational institution.

A student may be a scholarship recipient a maximum of three times.

Scholarship winners will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee, composed of local qualified organists, as empowered by the American Guild of Organists, Detroit Chapter Executive Board.

[Full details and the Application Form available here.](#)

Member News



Do you have news that you'd like to share with the Chapter? Please send your news by the 15th of the month to Gerald Furi at:

detroitago@gmail.com

for inclusion in the next issue of *The Bombarde*.

The List

Sunday, March 25-4:0 p.m.

[Cathedral Church of St. Paul](#)

4000 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Passiontide Choral Concert: Schola Cantorum



Suggested donation of \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Students and Seniors.

Sunday, March 25-4:30 p.m.

[Christ Church, Grosse Pointe](#)

61 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

St. John Passion by J. S. Bach

Christ Church Chorale, Soloists, and Orchestra

As we begin the journey of Holy Week, the Chorale performs Bach's gripping masterpiece retelling the arrest, trials, death, and burial of Jesus.

Tickets \$20.

Sunday, March 25-7:30 p.m.

[Kirk in the Hills](#)

The Ranctuary

1340 West Long Lake Road

Bloomfield Hills 48302

Annual Palm Sunday Concert

Presented by the Kirk Chancel Choir and Orchestra, featuring part III of Handel's Messiah and other sacred classics.

Tickets are available on the Kirk website (kirkinthehills.org) or at the door, \$12 general, \$10 seniors and \$5 students.

Sunday, April 15-5:00 p.m.

[Kirk in the Hills](#)

The Sanctuary

1340 West Long Lake Road

Bloomfield Hills 48302

International concert organist David Briggs

A showing of Cecil B. deMille's silent movie classic, "King of Kings" with improvised accompaniment. This movie recounts the life of Christ; David Briggs is one of the leading practitioners of the art of organ improvisation in the world today, and is presently artist-in-residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City in addition to making annual world tours as a concert organist.

Tickets are available on the Kirk website (kirkinthehills.org) or at the door, \$12 general, \$10 seniors and \$5 students.

Sunday, April 29-5:00 p.m.

[St. James Episcopal Church](#)

355 W. Maple

Birmingham 48009

Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Purcell's *Rejoice in the Lord Always*, and other Baroque favorites.

St. James Choir and the Michigan Sinfonietta

Freewill Offering

Substitutes, Teachers, Builders, and Technicians

You are important to our calling, instruments, and future. Check the DetroitAGO.org website and see if you are listed correctly. To add your name or make corrections contact Pete Townsend at Registrar@DetroitAGO.org.

Positions Available

*** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia MI is looking for an Organist/Director of Music. The church has two Sunday morning services, one adult vocal choir, one handbell choir and an active children's music ministry. For more information contact Rev. Beth Birkholz, 734-386-0603, pastorbethbirkholz@holycrosslivonia.org.**

*** First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Michigan
Position Description: Music Director & Organist**

Overview

The Music Director will report to the Senior Pastor and participate in the ministry of the church as a part-time member of the staff, shall coordinate the music program with the ministerial staff, and shall be responsible for the organization, coordination and supervision of the music program for the church.

First Baptist has an Allen Quantum Q325C American Classic organ console which is a hybrid of Allen's samples organ voices, Allen's MIDI Orchestral suite, and 19 ranks of MP Moller organ pipes. The Allen voices are matched to those of the Moller pipes which were re-leathered and re-voiced in 2012.

Duties and Responsibilities

- 1. Responsible for providing organ, piano and choir music for worship services. This may include: prelude, offertory, postlude, choir accompaniments, solo or ensemble accompaniments, congregational songs and other worship service music.**
- 2. Coordinate with the Worship Design Coordinator, Pastor(s), and other leaders in preparation for worship services. Select and recommend appropriate music in consultation with the Senior Pastor who will have the final decision on service music.**

- 3. Plan and prepare special music for special services, which may include: Advent, Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve, and Maundy Thursday, etc. Prepare special music for participation in community music events, such as the interfaith Thanksgiving service, Good Friday service, etc.**
- 4. Coordinate and/or direct musical presentations and offerings. This may include: adult/children choirs, hand bell choir, soloists, ensembles, etc.**
- 5. Play or coordinate playing for all weddings, funerals, memorial services at the church in accordance with the Church's fee schedule.**
- 6. Conduct regular rehearsals, and encourage and train people to develop and use their musical abilities. Prepare, lead and play accompaniments for all regularly scheduled rehearsals. Rehearsals during the week which follows Christmas and Easter shall be optional.**
- 7. Develop a continuing program of recruitment for vocal and instrumental offerings.**
- 8. Secure a substitute during vacation and sick leave absences. Provide adequate information and materials to substitutes as needed.**
- 9. Facilitate, or at minimum assist, with development of music in an emerging Contemporary Worship Service. This may include setting criteria for that program's music leadership, assisting with position description(s), reviewing applicants' resumes, participating in candidate interviews, etc.**
- 10. Supervise and arrange for the care, maintenance, tuning and repairs of all church musical instruments (organs, pianos, keyboards, hand bells, etc.) and choir robes, and oversee the music library. In support of these efforts, the Church will provide facilities, music resources, and equipment as may be necessary and included in the Church budget.**
- 11. Responsible for ensuring that music materials covered by copyright laws are properly handled.**
- 12. Make recommendations for the purchase of all new instruments, music and music supplies, and the hiring of instrumental and vocal guest musicians as needed. All appropriate church business procedures will apply, related to these activities.**
- 13. Provide input in developing the proposed annual music budget.**
- 14. Participate in regular staff meetings.**
- 15. Participate in all meetings of church groups which involve or relate to Church music. To serve as a resource for the church on music matters.**
- 16. Perform such other duties and responsibilities as properly authorized by the Senior Pastor and Church Council.**

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Bachelor's Degree in Music from an accredited institution.**
- 2. Experience in conducting a church choir(s) in a wide range of music.**
- 3. Competence in piano and organ.**

*** University Presbyterian Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan
Director of Music / Organist**

University Presbyterian Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan is seeking a Director of Music / Organist who will glorify God by providing for the spiritual enrichment of our congregation through music.

This full-time, salaried position is responsible for leading and administering the entire music program. Primary duties include, but are not limited to, playing the organ for all services, directing the adult, youth, and children's choirs, and overseeing all other members of the music staff.

The Director of Music will report to the Senior Pastor, who is Head of Staff. The successful candidate will be one with a mature Christian faith, who can maintain the excellence of the church's current vibrant music ministry, and continue to build and enhance the music ministry of the church. This position will take effect as of August 1, 2018.

UPC is a 585-member congregation that began over 50 years ago with a rich tradition of worship, music ministry, youth ministry and mission. The congregation has a strong commitment to and participation in music ministry at all age and skill levels. The high school choir, The Agape Singers, has traveled extensively, nationally and internationally, to share God's love through verse and music.

The church has been blessed with a Reuter pipe organ, opus 2232. This beautiful two-manual, 28-rank instrument was installed in 2010. The organ and the Yamaha C7 grand piano are integral to our music program. Further information about our church and congregation can be found on our website at <http://www.universitypres.org/>

Candidates must have at least a Bachelor's degree in Music, Sacred Music, or a related field; a Master's degree in one of these fields is preferred. Also, candidates must have a minimum of 5 years relevant experience.

To apply please submit a resume and three references, two of which must be work or skill related, by email,

to:

**University Presbyterian Church Music Director Search Committee
musicdirector@universitypres.org**

All applications must be received by April 1st , 2018.

For Sale

1929 Holtkamp Casework Pipe Organ for sale

6 Ranks 16 Stops Full pedal board

Unusual Ludwig's Tone stop in swell division

Organ was rescued from a church that closed and needs a loving home

\$3000.00 313-829-6602

Wahl six-stop Organ for Sale.

Carolyn Farrell writes, "My father, Robert Ferrell, commissioned a Wahl six-stop organ to be built for his house about ten years ago. He is now in a nursing home and we are starting the process of clearing out his house. The organ, of course, is quite large, requiring a 9' ceiling. I was hoping we might be able to place an ad in your newsletter, as suggested by Pamela Ruiten-Feenstra. Here are some pictures and more information about it:

<http://www.wahlorganbuilders.com/organs/practice/Six-stopPO.shtml>

If the organ was built today, it would cost \$145,000. We are hoping to get \$70,000 for it but will entertain all offers."
