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LETTER FROM YOUR DEAN

Dear AGO Friends, and greetings of the season to you and yours!

This year's preparation for the holidays has been unlike any other (though I guess we say that every year, right?). My congregation will be worshipping remotely well into 2021, and most of my Christmas Eve carols and hymns were recorded before Thanksgiving to give way to the voices we will add on top of that base recording. What would have been a month of final touches on programs and extra services is now for Adobe editing and recording choristers in Zoom calls. Who could have imagined this a year ago?

Kudos to Mike Reiter and Berend Gildea for an excellent and informative program last month! The practice organ at UO has undergone an impressive transformation under their capable hands. Thanks to Mike and Berend for sharing their work with the rest of us!

As we look ahead to 2021, it has become apparent that face-to-face gatherings will remain difficult to organize safely. We regret that Wolfgang Rubsam and Julia Brown's residency as part of the John D. Hamilton endowed visiting artist series will not take place in February as previously planned, but will instead be postponed until October of 2021. The Lenten Recital Series, like PipeScreams, will move to an online format this year. We will be riding the "PipeScreams high" for these concerts — counting on all of you to help make these concerts known to the community.

Speaking of the website, if you missed PipeScreams in October, the concert is still available on the chapter website. Barbara Baird has recorded two more seasonal hymn tune arrangements to add to the tribute page for Robin Rokey. Robin's setting of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Joy to the World" can also be found at www.agoeugene.org.

I wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Brad Schultz, Dean



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

The next chapter meeting will take place on Zoom on Saturday, January 23. It will be a hymn playing workshop led by organist EIRay Stewart-Cook.

LENTEN RECITAL SERIES

The Lenten Recital Series for 2021 will be presented in a virtual format online. Unlike previous years, the organists will be using different organs for the presentations. These 45-minute recitals can be viewed online LIVE beginning at 4pm at agoeugene.org on the Saturdays during Lent.

Our former chapter member, Julia Brown starts off the series performing on her 5 manual, 95 rank Teller-Lauck pipe organ at Mayflower Congregational Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

EIRay will perform on the Central Lutheran Brombaugh organ, and Brad will perform on the Hochhalter organ at FUMC.

Mike Reiter and the UO organ students will perform on the Ahrend pipe organ in UO Beall Hall. Richard Guy will play on the Möller organ at Eugene Christian Science Church, and Eric McKirdy will play on the Hochhalter organ at Albany FUMC.

Finally, Barbara Baird will perform on the Congregational Church Möller pipe organ.

See the AGO Eugene Chapter Schedule on the page 3 for a list of dates and organists.

NATIONAL AGO WEBINARS

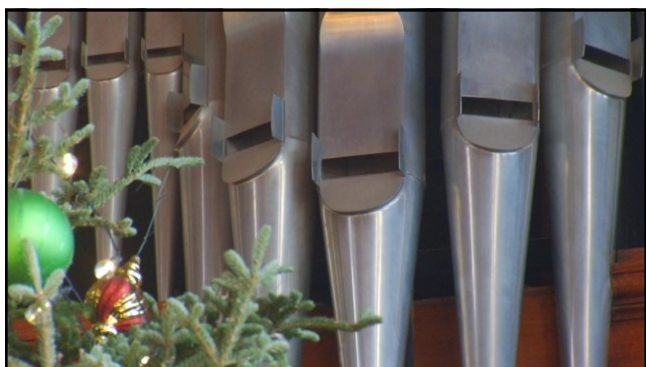
Since last summer, AGO national has produced a number of interesting, high-quality webinars, all featuring fine composers, teachers, performers, practitioners, and scholars. All of these webinars are archived at the site below, and member credentials are not necessary to view them. Webinars go live on selected Fridays at 9am Pacific time, and are archived shortly after.

www.youtube.com/user/GuildofOrganists/playlists

Upcoming webinars:

December 11; Organ Factory Tour at Austin Organ Co.

January 8, 2021; Webinar: Young Conductors' and Organists' Guide to Church Music



The Organ Loft is a radio program about choral and organ music, particularly music of the Pacific Northwest. The program is hosted by Roger Sherman, the Associate Organist of St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. The Organ Loft features music of Pacific Northwest choirs, organs, composers and organ builders. The programming is half organ, and half choral music.

This program is underwritten and sponsored by your Eugene AGO Chapter on KWAX-FM and the University of Oregon radio network (webcast: KWAX-FM Homepage) on Sundays at 6 PM.

Eugene, 91.1 KWAX-FM Redmond, 88.5 KWRX-FM
Florence, 91.5 KWVZ-FM Canyonville, 92.3 KWRZ-FM

and on these translators:

Bend 98.9	Cottage Grove 101.9	Corvallis 92.9
Newport 91.3	Reedsport 90.9	Salem 92.9
Sunriver 90.9	Sutherlin-Oakland 107.1	Roseburg 97.9
		Glide 105.3

NEW MUSIC REVIEW

Wisconsin born composer, pianist and harpsichordist Grant Colburn has released his second volume of *Twelve Carols of Christmas as Lessons for the Harpsichord or Organ*. This collection of familiar Advent and Christmas carols follows an earlier volume published a couple of years ago. The dozen carols are accompanied with a brief history of each, and introductory 'Lessons' or arrangements of tunes as preludes. (Grant studied harpsichord with Igor Kipnis, and composition with Irwin Sonenfield ... and it shows in his delightful arrangements).

Playing the same tunes year after year, one can easily tire of the simple settings of most of the them. Grant has arranged these tunes into baroque arrangements which are utterly charming on both the harpsichord and the pipe organ. Most are pretty easy to play, and are written with all the bells, whistles, mordents and harmonic sequences you'd expect to find in baroque music.

They are published by Lulu and are available at www.lulu.com. The second volume sells for \$22.00. (You can use the promo code *lulufam15* to save \$3.30).

Contents of volume 2 include:

- Lesson 1 (incidental music)
 - Oh Come All Ye Faithful
 - Good King Wenceslas
 - Sussex Carol
- Lesson 2 (more incidental music)
 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing
 - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
 - Angels We Have Hear on High
- Lesson 3
 - Foom, Foom, Foom
 - Basque Carol
 - Sing We Now of Christmas
- Lesson 4
 - While By My Sheep
 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 - Minuet of the Bells
 - Good Christian Men, Rejoice

And here is information on Volume 1, which is also highly recommended.

Contents of Volume 1 include:

- A Prelude to These Lessons
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- Ding Dong Merrily on High
- God Rest You Merry Gentlemen
- Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
- Joy to the World
- What Child is This?
- Variatio (interlude)
- Patapan
- Coventry Carol
- Here We Come A Wassailing
- The Holly and the Ivy
- I Saw Three Ships
- The 12 Days of Christmas

AGO EUGENE CHAPTER

2020 -2021 Schedule

Sunday, January 23, 4:00 pm - Via ZOOM

Virtual Hymn Playing Online

Coordinator: ElRay Stewart-Cook

Saturday, Feb. 20, 4:00 pm

Virtual Lenten Recital Online

Julia Brown, organist

Mayflower Cong. Teller-Lauck organ

Saturday, Feb. 27, 4:00 pm

Virtual Lenten Recital Online

ElRay Stewart Cook, organist

Central Lutheran Brombaugh organ

Saturday, March 6, 4:00 pm

Virtual Lenten Recital Online

Brad Schultz, organist

First United Methodist Hochhalter organ

Saturday, March 13, 4:00 pm

Virtual Lenten Recital Online

Mike Reiter and UO organ students

UO Beall Hall Ahrend organ

Saturday, March, 20, 4:00 pm

Virtual Lenten Recital Online

Richard Guy and Eric McKirdy, organists

Christian Science Möller organ

Albany FUMC Hochhalter organ

Saturdays, March 27, 4:00 pm

Virtual Lenten Recital Online

Barbara Baird, organist

Congregational Church Möller organ

April 12 - 15 Times t b a

Musicking Conference

Central Lutheran Church

Coordinator: Brad Schultz

May Times t b a

King of Instruments

Coordinator: Richard Guy

June - time / date t. b. a.

End of the year Business Meeting

PIPE DREAMS ON KWAX-FM

Michael Barone, host of Pipe Dreams is heard on KWAX-FM on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and at 8 pm. This program's presentation on KWAX-FM is underwritten by the Eugene Chapter of the AGO. The program can also be heard anytime streaming on the world-wide web. More details at: www.pipedreams.publicradio.org.

UPCOMING LOCAL CONCERTS

Sunday, December 13 — Holidays Around the World, a concert video recorded by Eugene Concert Choir will be posted on YouTube. The free video includes new material recorded this year, and highlights from past Christmas programs

Concerts at First has two virtual programs this month:

Sunday, December 20, 3 pm — Ring out the Bells. Shira Fadeley and the bell choirs of First United Methodist church with special guest, harpist Martha Griffith.

Friday, December 25, 12 noon—Christmas Organ Concert

Brad Schultz and the Hochhalter pipe organ present a holiday organ recital for Christmas Day, live at 12 noon

Recitals are available on the Concerts at First Facebook page and are also viewable through the church website:

www.eugenefumc.org

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE NOW

If you haven't already joined or renewed your AGO membership via ON-CARD, now is the time to do so. In order to be able to include your current contact information in our annual Eugene Chapter AGO directory, please renew your membership immediately.

To renew or become a Eugene Chapter AGO member, just go online:

New members: https://ago.networkats.com/members_online/members/ago_new_member.asp

Renewing members: <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

If you have questions, or need assistance, you can call (212) 870 - 2310 and they will help you with the process. If you are more comfortable sending a check, it can be sent by mail to:

American Guild of Organists
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1260
New York, NY 10115

Please note that the check should be made out to the American Guild of Organists, NOT the Eugene Chapter.

If you are a student, assistance with a portion of your membership dues is available. Simply visit www.agoeugene.org, click "join," and scroll to the bottom of the page for the appropriate form.

Current member categories are: Regular Member (\$105), Young Organists (\$50), Special, 65 and older (\$80). Chapter Friends are \$35.

WITH HEART AND VOICE

With Heart and Voice is a radio program that spans the full range of Western classical music from the Gothic period through the 21st century. There are occasional surprises from the non-western tradition. The program is hosted by Peter DuBois, an active organist who teaches at the Eastman School of Music. This program originates from Rochester, New York, and is broadcast Sundays, 11 am and 7 pm on KWAX-FM.