

The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

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STAGO BOARD ELECTIONS

Congratulations board members for the 2012 - 2014 chapter board term!

Newly elected to the board are:

Wayne Wagner, Dean

Michael Asmus, Sub-dean and Program Chair

Christine Schulz, Secretary

Ron Shilling, Treasurer

David Porth, Publicity Chair

Paul Otte, Member-at-large

Mark Thompson, Member-at-large

The position for Education Chair was left open by the nominating committee. Finding a volunteer to accept that position will be a task for the next board.

Thanks to members Charles Luedtke, John Baumann, and Joseph Owens for standing for election to the at-large position. Thanks also to outgoing members Charles Luedtke, Chad Fothergill, Verda Pape, and Chad Winterfeldt for serving on the present board.

Elections for the board were held in May via electronic ballots on ballotbin.com or via USPS mail. Voter participation topped 60% of members. Thanks, members, for taking such an active interest in the business of our chapter.

SUMMER RECITAL SERIES POSTERS

This packet contains a poster or two for you to distribute. You are all the best ambassadors for our chapter. **Please post your posters at your church or in a prominent position in your town.** Tell a friend about the series and invite them to attend. We are able to print such great looking and colorful posters due to a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. **Please do not let the posters go to waste!** Thanks to Chad Fothergill for his design and production of the posters.

SUMMER NOONTIME RECITAL SERIES BEGINS SOON

The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists announces its Annual Summer Noontime Recital Series, June 12 through August 21, 2012.

This 30 year continuous tradition for music lovers in Mankato and the surrounding region presents local and guest organists in weekly half-hour noontime recitals at two locations in downtown Mankato: Grace Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. All recitals begin at 12:10 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays during the summer. Each location offers ample parking, accessible entrances, and air-conditioning. A free-will donation will be collected to defray costs.

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The series begins at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 E. Main St., Mankato, on Tuesday, June 12 and continues through July 10. The guest artist for the series kick-off recital is Dr. Kristina Langlois, who is Director of Music at Westwood Lutheran in St. Louis Park and Professor of Organ at Concordia University in St. Paul.

The series continues its second half at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St, Mankato, on Tuesday, July 17, running through August 21. The first artist at this location is Br. Theophane (Kraig) Windschitl OSB, a native of New Ulm and a favorite of local audiences. Bethlehem's resident organist Christine Schulz will perform the final recital.

The schedule of performers is as follows:

June 12: Kristina Langlois, St. Louis Park
June 19: Chad Winterfeldt, St. Peter
June 26: Verda Pape, Madison Lake
July 3: Potpourri of American Music performed by chapter members
July 10: David Lim, New Prague
July 17: Br. Theophane (Kraig) Windschitl OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville
July 24: Wayne Wagner, New Ulm
July 31: Ron Shilling, New Ulm
August 7: Ames Anderson, New Ulm
August 14: Chad Fothergill, St. Peter
August 21: Christine Schulz, Lake Crystal

Please visit the chapter website www.agosioustrails.org for more information about the recitals and updates about program and performers.

This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature.

SUPPORT FROM MICHAEL BARONE AND PIPEDREAMS

We thank Michael Barone for his support of our Noontime Recital Series, through his weekly announcement "on air" of the recitals and by the inclusion of the series on the regional calendar on the PIPEDREAMS website.

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SOME WORDS OF THANKS FROM THE DEAN

Thanks to all who have helped run this organization in the past 5 years that I have served as the Dean of the chapter. It's been a pleasure to steward this chapter as a positive voice for the arts in our region. I also thank Verda Pape for producing the Vox Principalis for the past 4 years. Verda is stepping down as the editor of our newsletter after this term. Sincerely, Chad W.