

David Briggs Visits Minnesota

Tuesday, April 2 – Tuesday, April 9

One of the foremost concert organists of his generation, David Briggs enjoys a busy touring schedule that takes him all over the world. He has built a reputation as an exciting performer and communicator, with particular emphases on orchestral transcriptions and the art of improvisation. David is increasingly in demand as a composer.

Currently Artist-in-Residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, (where he premiered his choir-and-organ transcription of Mahler's *Symphony of a Thousand* in 2015), David is also Organist *Emeritus* of Gloucester Cathedral, UK.

His week in Minnesota includes:

Tuesday April 2, 12:35 p.m.

A 30-minute noontime mini-concert of improvised music. Free.

[Church of Saint Louis, King of France](#)
506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

Tuesday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

His own spectacular solo-organ transcription of Gustav Mahler's "*Tragic*" *Symphony* No. 6. Free-will donation accepted.

[Cathedral of Saint Paul](#)
239 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul

Thursday, April 4, 8:00 p.m.

Masterclass for students and auditors. Free.

[Boe Memorial Chapel, St. Olaf College](#)
1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield

Friday, April 5, 9:15 p.m.

An improvised accompaniment to the Buster Keaton silent film *The General*. Free.

[Boe Memorial Chapel, St. Olaf College](#)
1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield

Monday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Masterclass for students and auditors. Free.

Co-sponsored by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

[Christ Chapel](#)
Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter

Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

Solo concert. Varied repertoire and an improvised symphony. Free.

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Briggs' week-long residency in Minnesota is co-sponsored by MPR/American Public Media's *Pipedreams*, TCAGO, St. Olaf College, and Gustavus Adolphus College.



Chapter Events 2018-2019

Sunday, September 23

Celebration of Michael Barone's 35th Anniversary of *Pipedreams* Members Dinner and Annual Meeting

Friday/Saturday, October 12/13

Celebration of newly-restored Aeolian-Skinner organ in Northrop Auditorium

Saturday, October 13

Introduction to the Northrop Organ

Saturday, November 10

350th Anniversary of François Couperin

Tuesday, December 4

Nathan Laube at Northrop Auditorium

Saturday, January 26

Winter Workshop

Sunday, February 10

Daniel Roth, organist

Saturday, February 23

Pipe Organ Discovery Day

Saturday, March 9

AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists

Saturday, March 16

Before Bach's Birthday Bash

Thursday, March 28

Choir of King's College, Cambridge

April 2, 4, 5, 8, 9

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Annual Members Recital

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Slate of Candidates for TCAGO Board

Pamela Carlson, Nominating Committee Chair

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of candidates for board members in the 2019 election:

Liisa Keranen
Cynthia Mortensen
Andrew Paulson
John Varona

TCAGO Student Competition Results

Mary Newton

Congratulations to Michael Caraher, who will advance to the regional competition in Milwaukee in June. Michael attends St. Olaf College and is a student of Cathy Rodland.

The event was held at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth. The judges were David Jenkins, Allan Mahnke, and Jungjoo Park.



(left-right)
Jungjoo Park, David Jenkins,
Michael Caraher,
Allan Mahnke

Pipedreams Scholarship Auditions

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Edina

Adults

An adult *Pipedreams* Scholarship is available. If you would like to have a semester of organ lessons with a TCAGO teacher to improve technique, learn more about the pipe organ, tweak your hymn playing and enlarge your repertoire, this scholarship is for you. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded each year. Very simple audition requirements: just play a piano or organ piece of your own choosing and write a short paragraph explaining why this scholarship would be important to you.

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Congratulations to Jessica Park

The Diapason has named Jessica Park as one of the "20 Under 30" young talents in the Class of 2019. Each member of the Class of 2019 will receive a one-year subscription to *The Diapason*, sponsored by the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America (APOBA). The winners' profiles will appear in the May 2019 issue of *The Diapason*.

A native of Saint Paul, Minnesota, Jessica won First Prizes at the 2013 AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists (North Central/Region VI), and the 2013 TCAGO/Schubert Club Competition. She performed recitals as a "Rising Star" at the 2014 AGO National Convention in Boston, and was the featured organist at the inaugural 2014 Twin Cities Early Music Festival held in Minneapolis.



Jessica has a BM degree in Organ Performance from Oberlin Conservatory, studying with James David Christie and Jonathan Moyer, and a DMA degree in Organ Performance from the University of Minnesota, studying with Dean Billmeyer.

Currently, Jessica is the chapel organist at the University of St. Thomas.

St. John Passion

Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.
Oratory Bach Ensemble with
Minnesota Dance Theatre
The Lab Theatre, Minneapolis

Minnesota Dance Theatre and Oratory Bach Ensemble join forces in a groundbreaking collaboration: J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion* with commissioned choreography. Oratory's baroque orchestra and professional chorus share the unique Lab Theatre stage with eight modern ballet dancers. The Artistic Directors are Matthew J. Olson, Oratory Bach Ensemble, and Lise Houlton, Minnesota Dance Theatre.

A pre-concert lecture will begin 30 minutes prior to each performance.

[Ticketed](#) performance.

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Durufié *Requiem* with Compline Chants

Sunday, April 7, 6:51 p.m.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Saint Paul

The Chancel Choir of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and The Minnesota Compline Choir will present *Requiem* by Maurice Durufié with Compline: Contemplative Night Prayer. Traditional compline chants and liturgy will complement and serve as transitions between groups of movements of the entire *Requiem*. David Mennicke, guest conductor; Corissa Bussian, soprano; Emily Kahnert, cello; and Paul Stever, organist.

Free-will offering received (\$10 suggested donation).

[Pilgrim Lutheran Church](#)

1935 St. Clair Avenue, Saint Paul

A New Bach Cantata: *Pater Noster*

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis

Martin Luther's hymn version of *The Lord's Prayer* is set to the music of J.S. Bach, compiled and arranged for SATB choir, flute, oboe, and strings by John S. Setterlund.

Performers include the Hope Choir, soloists, Meadowlark Quartet, Judith Ranheim, flute; Alexis Varghese, oboe; and Zach Busch, director.

[University Lutheran Church of Hope](#)

601 13th Avenue SE, Minneapolis

Dean Billmeyer Concert at Northrop

Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Northrop Auditorium, University of Minnesota

Dean Billmeyer presents his first solo concert on the Northrop Organ since Northrop's renovation and revitalization. The program will include music by J.S. Bach, Harold Darke, Olivier Messiaen, and Louis Vierne. Of special interest are two Bach works performed following the historic 1913 edition by Karl Straube, the Organist at the St. Thomas Church in Leipzig where Bach himself worked.



Ticketed event: 612-624-2345.

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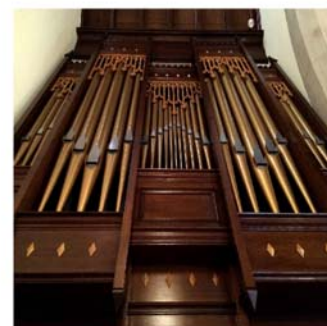
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Palestrina Choir of Dublin

Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

The Palestrina Choir from St. Mary's pro-Cathedral in Dublin had its origins in a boys' choir formed in the 1890s at St. Mary's Place Christian Brothers School.



General admission. Free-will offering.
[Cathedral of Saint Paul](#)
 239 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul

Kraig Windschitl Organ Dedication Concert

Sunday, April 28, 2:00 p.m.
The Church of Saint William, Fridley



The dedication concert on the new 3-manual Rodgers Infinity Organ will feature organist Kraig Windschitl in familiar organ works by J.S. Bach, Vaughan Williams, Handel, Proulx, and Widor.

Free and open to the public.
[Church of Saint William](#)
 6120 Fifth Street NE, Fridley

A Note from Michael Barone

If you are thinking of scheduling events in 2019-2020, and that calendar has not yet gone live online, call or email me with a question about possible conflicts. It's about now that I poke people to get me their lists of activities for the new season...but at the moment, other than four events at Northrop and Hans-Ola Ericcson at Saint Paul Seminary, I have nothing.

[Michael Barone](#)

Announcements from the National AGO Office

Endowment Fund Artist Award for 2019

The American Guild of Organists has selected internationally-acclaimed organist and teacher John Walker as the

honoree for the 2019 AGO Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist Award Recital and Gala Benefit Reception on Friday, April 26, in Pittsburgh. The public is invited to attend. Complete information is available [online](#).

NEA Grant

The American Guild of Organists has been awarded a \$20,000 Art Works grant by the National Endowment for the Arts to support educational programs and career development for organists and choral conductors in 2019. The Guild has received regular support from the NEA since 2005 totaling \$200,000.

POEs for 2019

The American Guild of Organists is proud to announce four Pipe Organ Encounters and one POE (Advanced) for participants aged 13-18, and a POE (Technical) for participants aged 16-23 in 2019. Application deadlines to attend vary from site to site. Complete information for each week-long program can be found [online](#).

The summer schedule follows:

POE (for ages 13-18)

July 15-20 – Cape Cod, Massachusetts

July 14-19 – Seattle, Washington

July 28-August 3 – St. Louis, Missouri

August 1-7 – Helsinki, Finland

POE Advanced (for ages 13-18)

June 23-28 – Houston, Texas

POE Technical (for ages 16-23)

July 21-27 – River Forest and Oak Park, Illinois

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Calendar of Events

April

Tuesday, April 2, 12:35 p.m. (TCAGO Event)

Lunchtime Recital
David Briggs, organist
Church of St. Louis, King of France
506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

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Gustav Mahler's *Symphony No. 6*
David Briggs, organist
Cathedral of Saint Paul
239 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul

Thursday, April 4, 8:00 p.m. (TCAGO Event)

Workshop and masterclass with David Briggs
Boe Chapel
St. Olaf College, Northfield

Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.

St. John Passion
Oratory Bach Ensemble & Minnesota Dance Theatre
The Lab Theatre
700 North First Street, Minneapolis

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Pilgrim Lutheran Chancel Choir
Minnesota Compline Choir, David Mennicke, cond.
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
1935 St. Clair Avenue, Saint Paul

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(TCAGO & Sioux Trails Chapter Event)

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Church of Saint William
6120 Fifth Street NE, Fridley

May

Friday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. (TCAGO Event)

Annual Members Recital
Maternity of Mary Catholic Church
1414 N. Dale Street, Saint Paul

Sunday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.

Spring Concert: *Light and Dark*
The National Lutheran Choir
Central Lutheran Church
333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Organ recital
Chelsea Chen, organist
Hamline United Methodist Church
1514 Englewood Avenue, Saint Paul

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m.

Pipedreams Scholarship Auditions
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
500 Blake Road South, Edina

Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m.

Festival Choral Evensong with Brass Quartet
St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
60 Kent Street N., Saint Paul

June

Sunday, June 2 (TCAGO Event)

Members Social
Visit to Skyrock Farm and Carousel Collection
Medina

Saturday, June 8, 6:15 p.m.

Samuel Bachman (University of Oklahoma), organ
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
145 Jersey Avenue South, Golden Valley

Sunday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

Kit Downes in concert
St. Olaf Catholic Church
215 South 8th Street, Minneapolis

July

Tuesday, July 23, 6:15 p.m.

Mateusz Rzewuski, organ
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
145 Jersey Avenue South, Golden Valley

July 28 - August 3

POE in Saint Louis

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Deadline date

Information for *Pipenotes* should be received no later than the fifteenth of the month preceding publication.

Materials may be sent to [Merritt Nequette](#), editor.

Letters to the Editor

Signed Letters to the Editor are always welcome.

Mail letters to [Merritt Nequette](#).

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TCAGO Event Promotion via Pipedreams

A comprehensive listing of organ events statewide is available online via the *Pipedreams Organ Calendar*. Information there is only as good as the information provided to it, so you are encouraged to send event listings for inclusion at the earliest possible time.

For both on-air and website listings of organ-related activities, *please send information* to *Pipedreams* host (and longtime TCAGO member) [Michael Barone](#), or by mail to: *Pipedreams* Calendar, 480 Cedar St., Saint Paul, MN 55101. In a pinch, you may call 651-290-1539.

You are also encouraged to regularly request organ selections on the *Friday Favorites* show with [Steven Staruch](#). Help promote the inclusion of more organ music in MPR's programming.

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