TCAGO Events for 2012 - 2013

September 23
Gregory Hand recital and opening event at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

October 27
Douglas Cleveland master-class at Augustana Lutheran Church, West St. Paul, 8:30 a.m.

October 28
Raymond Johnston at St. Mark’s Cathedral, Minneapolis Demonstration of the renovated organ; members are invited to play the instrument; catered reception; 4:00 p.m.

November 10
Stephen Hamilton - Church Music Repertoire Workshop St. Bartholomew’s Catholic Church, Wayzata. Coffee 9:15 a.m. Workshop 10:00 a.m. - noon

January
Event TBA

February 16
Pipe Organ Discovery Day, Mayflower Community Church and St. John’s Lutheran Church in Minneapolis

February 23
Winter Tune-up – workshops on things musical, clergy relations and tax tips; site and time TBD

March 16
Bach’s Birthday Bash. Michael Barone will arrange for a full day of organ recitals at multiple venues in the Twin Cities

April 6
Student Competition at Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 20
John Scott master-class at St. Mark’s Cathedral

May 10
Member recital at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Apple Valley

June 10
Boat Cruise - TBD

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Our TCAGO Chapter is generous, and fall is a natural time to show gratitude to individuals who help the on-going work of the Guild.

Jim Frazier and St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church deserve special thanks for hosting and collaborating with TCAGO for the opening event on September 23. Gregory Hand’s performance, the reception and dinner were a grand way to hear beautiful music, greet each other and renew friendships after the summer break. We recognized new members, installed the board and feasted on the bounties of autumn. We are truly blessed.

We thank the program, publicity and hospitality committee members who work together to create seamless events that are well promoted and attended. We are grateful for our communication volunteers who work in different formats to announce recitals and events. They include Pienotes editor Merritt Nequette, email announcer Kathryn Moen, Webmaster David Engen and Facebook and Twitter contacts Andrew Hackett and Philip Radtke. The board is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the many communication tools plus work with David Engen to update our website and keep the information current. This is an important position and requires knowledge of social media practices. Please contact a board member if you are interested in helping in this way.

We thank members who give above and beyond the membership dues to our organization. These monetary gifts (unrestricted contributions) are used to provide free membership to organ students and help keep our budget sound.

We are grateful for a hard-working board that desires to keep the budget balanced and provide quality programming. It is commendable to have a balanced budget during this difficult economic period of our country.

Finally, we thank John Salveson for agreeing to serve as registrar. He not only processes our membership dues and renewals but works to enter this information into the Wild Apricot database with David Engen. He donates countless hours to the Guild. John is working on our membership directory, also. Please show patience while we prepare the directory with a different publisher than previous years. You will receive it later this month.

There are many individuals not listed in this column who contribute to the good of the Guild. We are a completely volunteer organization so are grateful to these volunteers for their time and talent.

May the cool autumn days invigorate your organ playing. May the start of a new season increase your desire to participate and meet new members of the Guild. And, may you invite friends, students and colleagues to be curious, meet and greet and become inspired at our October events. See you there!
October Event at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral – October 28, 4:00 p.m.

Sharon Kleckner

The organ at St. Mark’s was recently extensively renovated, a project which saw the organ in its entirety transported to the firm of Foley-Baker in Connecticut for 16 months. Now the organ has returned to the Cathedral in all its glory. We will meet at St. Mark’s at 4:00 p.m. on October 28 to hear Ray Johnston and Mike Foley discuss the history and implementation of this monumental project. Ray will demonstrate the organ and allow time for open console for members who wish to put hands and feet on this marvelous instrument.

Following the presentation all are invited to a catered reception in the fireplace room at St. Mark’s. This is an opportunity to meet and greet the presenters and to spend social time with colleagues and friends. The event is free and open to the public.

The Cathedral [http://www.ourcathedral.org/] is located at 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis.

Biographical information about Ray Johnston as well as Mike Foley’s article are taken from the St. Mark’s Cathedral Music Series Program of May 19, 2012 which introduced the new organ in a festive program of music for organ, choir and brass.

Raymond Johnston was born in Kent, England, and is a graduate of Cambridge University, having been Organ Scholar at Peterhouse where he read for a degree in Music and studied organ with Dr. Peter Hurford.

After graduating in 1984 he spent the next five years as a freelance accompanist, recitalist, choir trainer and music teacher. Appointed Assistant Director of Music at Ellesmere College in 1990, he moved to Worcester as Assistant Organist at the Cathedral in September 1991.

He appeared regularly as accompanist and soloist with the Cathedral Choir on radio, television and commercial recordings and conducted at the 1993 Three Choirs’ Festival. During this time he was also a member of the music staff at The King’s School, Worcester, and musical director of the Cathedral Voluntary Choir.

He has performed extensively throughout Great Britain, Europe, South Africa, and the USA. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and, since December 2000, Director of Music at St. Mark’s Cathedral, Minneapolis.

From the builder

Mike Foley

What started as a simple request for releathering turned into a new instrument for St. Mark’s. Although some of the 1928 Welte voices remained, over the years, major changes and additions had occurred during radically different tonal trends. This had left the organ tonally unbalanced, as well as mechanically compromised. It was therefore determined that rather than trying to make repairs, it was time to recast the instrument.

The physical layout was totally changed, providing a simple, easily-serviced installation. Manual chests were replaced with custom-designed electro-pneumatic slider or electro-pneumatic unit, as the need required. Thus, where previous additions had been forced to fit, the new layout placed the total chassis and pipes where they needed to be, physically and tonally.

The project presented us with a serious tonal challenge: How would we seek a balance with the 1928 Welte and all the subsequent additions? Having taken a thorough inventory of the organ’s pipes, we determined which stops needed to be restored, modified, or replaced. Many installed by Moller in the 1960s had suffered from metal fatigue to the point that it was necessary to replace them. This meant building a new Principal Chorus for the Great.

When we examined the Antiphonal division, it became apparent that the beautiful voices of the Kimball stops would be much more useful if they were together with the chancel organ. Therefore, the Kimball Viole and Celeste, as well as the Cor d’Amour were relocated to the Solo.

Some original Welte stops were found stored in the cathedral’s tower. Close examination showed some could be made into valuable voices gain. The 4’ Clarion was reunited with the rest of the Swell’s reed chorus. The Great Second Diapason’s missing basses were replaced, that rank becoming the Great Diapason.
Lastly, Welte’s large scale Vox Humana was restored and returned to the Swell.

Aside from pipe-work, some of the original Welte equipment was in good, useable condition; static reservoirs, Pedal wind-chests plus swell shades and frames were all carefully restored at our Tolland facility. The original triple outlet, Spencer Turbine blower and its 15 horse-power motor were completely rebuilt. A new humidity system, installed at the static reservoirs, seasonally blows humidified air throughout the entire organ-chassis combating the damaging effects of Minnesota’s dry winter months.

The total project spanned sixteen months and has been a most exciting venture for our firm.

Celebrate Pipedreams’ 30th Anniversary (again...) and Minnesota Composers and Performers – October 7, 2:00 p.m.

J Michael Barone
On Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m., the “Sunday Series” at House of Hope Presbyterian Church salutes American Public Media’s Pipedreams and its host, Michael Barone, with a special program of music by Minnesota composers and performers.

Among the highlights will be a first-time concert presentation of the Minnesota Organ Book, a cycle of six works for organ-plus-instrument, commissioned for the American Guild of Organists National Convention held in the Twin Cities in June 2008.

Published by Augsburg/Fortress, this intriguing album features works by David Evan Thomas (organ with flute), Janika Vandervelde (organ with violin), Carol Barnett (organ with steel drum), Monte Mason (organ with saxophone), Cary John Franklin (organ with cello) and Linda Tutas Haugen (organ with trumpet).

Other Minnesota-made compositions by Paul Manz, Stephen Paulus, Libby Larsen, and Gerhard Brand are included, plus several surprise entries from Henry Martin, Vittorio Gianini and David Fuller.

Many of the composers will be present to introduce their works in conversation with Michael Barone. Organ soloists include Jonathan Gregoire (Arizona State University), Andrew Hackett (Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis), Aaron David Miller (House of Hope Church), Catherine Rodland (St. Olaf College, Northfield), Stephen Self (Bethel University, St. Paul), Christopher Stroh (Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis) and Kraig Windschitl (Mount Olivet Lutheran, Minneapolis) joined by other local artists Elizabeth Bell (violin), Martin Hodel (trumpet), Jay Johnson (percussion), James Prindiville (saxophone), Theresa Ruperd (flute) and Diane Tremaine (cello).

The program is open to everyone with free admission and a reception following.

American Public Media's Pipedreams was conceived, initially, as a special stand-alone 14-program package of concerts recorded during the 1980 AGO National Convention which had been held in the Twin Cities. These programs, produced by Michael Barone and offered in national distribution to public radio stations, temporarily displaced an ongoing Sunday evening broadcast of The Organ Program that Barone had initiated back in 1970 on the regional Minnesota Public Radio network.

After those first national Pipedreams broadcasts, which aired thirty years ago between January and early April 1982, The Organ Program resumed on MPR. But already it had become apparent that a market...and certainly a plethora of possible program content...existed to justify a continuation of a nationally-distributed organ program.
Using materials subsequently gathered at the next AGO National Convention in Washington, DC during the summer of 1982, and additional recitals recorded locally and/or provided by the European Broadcasting Union, *Pipedreams* reappeared in October 1983 as an on-going, weekly series, and has persisted through three decades. *The Organ Program* may have been retired at that point, but in its place *Pipedreams* remains as the only radio program of organ music in national syndication. With two hours of weekly programming provided to more than 130 stations coast-to-coast, *Pipedreams* also is accessible internationally at any time via the internet www.Pipedreams.org, with a huge archive of past programs in its online library.

Thirty years and counting. The pipe organ enjoys more than 2000 years of heritage, with an active repertoire of infinite intrigue drawn from the past 800 years. As for *Pipedreams*, what will the future hold?

For more information: Michael Barone (651-290-1539); mbarone@mpr.org

Also: http://www.hohchurch.org/concerts-and-recitals

**University of St. Thomas Series – October 14**

David Jenkins

The October 14 event at the University of St. Thomas with Almut Roessler is cancelled. She is not coming to the United States because of a serious personal reason.

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**Minnesota Center Chorale – Sunday, October 21, 3:00 p.m.**

Kraig Windschitl

The Minnesota Center Chorale (MCC), Jody Martinson, music director and conductor, is a regional community chorus which begins its 40th season in the fall of 2012. MCC draws members throughout central Minnesota into this 80-member choir to perform a mixture of classical and contemporary music. The Minnesota Center Chorale is a member of United Arts of Central Minnesota. All the members are volunteers.

The fall concert will include Benjamin Britten’s *Rejoice in the Lamb*, and a commissioned work by St. Cloud native, Flannery Cunningham. Special guests will include Kraig Windschitl, organist, and the Central Minnesota Youth Chorale. The concert will be at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 25 Eighth Ave S, St Cloud http://stmarystcloud.org at 3:00 p.m.
Martin Jean in Recital –
Sunday, October 21, 4:00 p.m.

Velda Bell
Martin Jean, Yale School of Music Professor, will present a master-class focusing on French Romantic organ music on Saturday, October 20, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2310 East Fourth Street, Duluth. Sponsored by the Arrowhead Chapter of the AGO, there is a charge of $10 adults and $5 for students. 67-rank Jaeckel organ built in 1988. 10:00 a.m.

Professor Jean will present a program on Sunday October 21 at 4:00 p.m., including a premiere of a new score by Minnesota composer, William Beckstrand, at the First Lutheran Church, 1100 East Superior St, Duluth. Organ is the 73-rank Jaeckel organ built in 2011. Charge of $10 adults and $5 for students and seniors.

Douglas Cleveland Concert –
Friday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.

Dee Ann Crosley
Organist Douglas Cleveland will play a concert at Augustana Lutheran Church in West St. Paul on Friday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Augustana Concert Series.

http://www.augustana.com

Dr. Cleveland won first prize in the 1994 AGO National Young Artists Competition in Dallas. Since then he has performed at several national conventions of the AGO, Organ Historical Society, National Pastoral Musicians and the American Institute of Organ Builders. Cleveland has also performed with several symphony orchestras including the Chicago Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, Milwaukee Symphony, and the National Symphony for an audience of 3,000 at Washington National Cathedral. He has served on the organ faculties of Northwestern University and St. Olaf College. He currently teaches at the University of Washington School of Music and is Director of Music at Plymouth Church in Seattle.

Dr. Cleveland’s program on October 26 is: Saint-Saëns - Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major; Vierne - Deux Pièces de Fantaisie; Guilmant - Sonata I; and Briggs - Four Concert Etudes.

Augustana’s organ is a 47-rank Glatter-Gotz/Rosales (2005). A free will offering will be taken, a nursery is provided, and a reception will follow the concert. Augustana Lutheran Church is located at 1400 South Robert Street, West St. Paul.

Douglas Cleveland Master-class –
Saturday, October 27, 8:30 a.m.

J Michael Barone
Douglas Cleveland will present a workshop/master-class for organists (and interested auditors from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church in West Saint Paul. Free admission. Sponsored by the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. www.tcago.org

If you wish to participate as a player, please ‘reserve’ a spot by emailing Michael Barone mbarone@mpr.org or phone 651-290-1539; please rsvp by October 23.
Pre-Halloween Organ Concert – Sunday, October 28, 6:00 p.m.

Bill Chouinard
The eighth annual Tricks and Treats with the Mighty Organ concert will be presented by resident organist Bill Chouinard on Sunday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on the 1927 IV/108 Casavant/Schantz organ.

The performance, replete with special lighting and effects, is designed with young listeners in mind, and children are invited to come in costume and join in the costume parade around the room. Refreshments and treats for kids of all ages will be served after the program, and an offering will be received.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 900 Stillwater Road in Mahtomedi, is located about one mile north of Hwy 36 on Hilton Trail, just east of the 694/35E (exit 52B) junction. More information is available at www.saintandrews.org or by calling 651-426-3261.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October

Sun. Oct. 7, Pipedreams’ 30th Anniversary, 2:00 p.m.
Minnesota Composers and Performers
House of Hope Presbyterian Church
797 Summit Avenue, St Paul

Lawrence Archbold, organist, 3:00 p.m.
Concert Hall
Carleton College, Northfield

Thurs. Oct. 11, Lunch-time Organ Series, 12:30 p.m.
organist TBA

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church
15600 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth

Fri. Oct. 12, Christopher Houlihan concert 7:30 p.m.
Benson Great Hall
Bethel University, St. Paul

CANCELLED

University of St. Thomas Chapel

Sat. Oct. 20, Martin Jean master-class, 10:00 a.m.
Pilgrim Congregational Church
2310 East Fourth Street, Duluth

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Jody Martinson, music director and conductor
Kraig Windschitl, organist
St. Mary’s Cathedral
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Sun. Oct. 28, Demonstration of renovated organ,
4:00 p.m. Catered reception.
Raymond Johnston, organist
St. Mark’s Cathedral
519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis

Sun. Oct. 28, Stephen Hamilton concert, 4:00 p.m.
Central Lutheran Church
333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis
November
Thurs. Nov. 8, Lunch-time Organ Series, 12:30 p.m.
David Limm, organist
St. Barnabas Lutheran Church
15600 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth
Sat. Nov. 10, Church Music Repertoire Workshop
9:15 a.m. coffee; 10:00 – noon workshop
Stephen Hamilton, moderator
St. Bartholomew’s Catholic Church
630 East Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata

December
Sun. Dec. 9, Kraig Windschitl, organist and UST Schola Cantorum, Aaron Brown, dir. 3:00 p.m.
University of St. Thomas Chapel
Cleveland and Laurel Aves., St. Paul
Thurs. Dec. 13, Lunch-time Organ Series, 12:30 p.m.
Mark Fideldy, organist
St. Barnabas Lutheran Church
15600 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth

January
TBA

February
Sat. Feb. 16, Pipe Organ Discovery Day
Mayflower Community Church
106 East Diamond Lake Rd, Minneapolis
St. John’s Lutheran Church
4842 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis
Sat. Feb. 23, Winter Tune-up
site and time TBD

March
Sat. Mar. 16, Bach’s Birthday Bash
Michael Barone, coordinator
various venues TBA
Sun. Mar. 17, Michel Bouvard concert, 3:00 p.m.
University of St. Thomas Chapel
Cleveland and Laurel Aves., St. Paul

April
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Westwood Lutheran Church
9001 Cedar Lake Rd, St Louis Park
Sat. Apr. 20, John Scott master-class
St. Mark’s Cathedral
519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis
Sun. April 28, UST organists and UST Liturgical Choir, Aaron Brown, director, 3:00 p.m.
University of St. Thomas Chapel
Cleveland and Laurel Aves., St. Paul

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