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The Monthly Newsletter of the Grand Rapids Chapter
American Guild of Organists

May 2016

**You are cordially invited to the Grand Rapids
Chapter of the American Guild of Organists'**

Year End Dessert Party

Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.

at the

"Organ House"

[1117 Third Street, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504](#)

home of David Luttinen

Click on address above for map

This modest but nationally-known home contains a 3-manual pipe organ with 2300 pipes contained in a three-story addition that is open to the main house.

You are invited to play an organ selection of your choice, up to 10 minutes long, of any style comfortable to you, secular or sacred, classical or popular.

Please R.S.V.P. to Suzanne Tiemstra, 949-2528,
ssziemstra@sbcglobal.net by May 9.

To arrange practice time on the organ, please call the home owner, David Luttinen: phone 206-963-3283
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Election of Officers and Executive Committee

At our April meeting at Park Congregational Church election of officers was held and our new Dean will be Peter Kurdziel. In addition, Joel Gary was elected to the Executive Committee with a three year term. Thanks to both for agreeing to serve the Chapter in this way. Thanks also to all those currently serving.

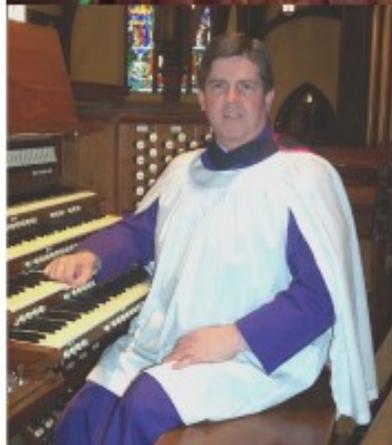
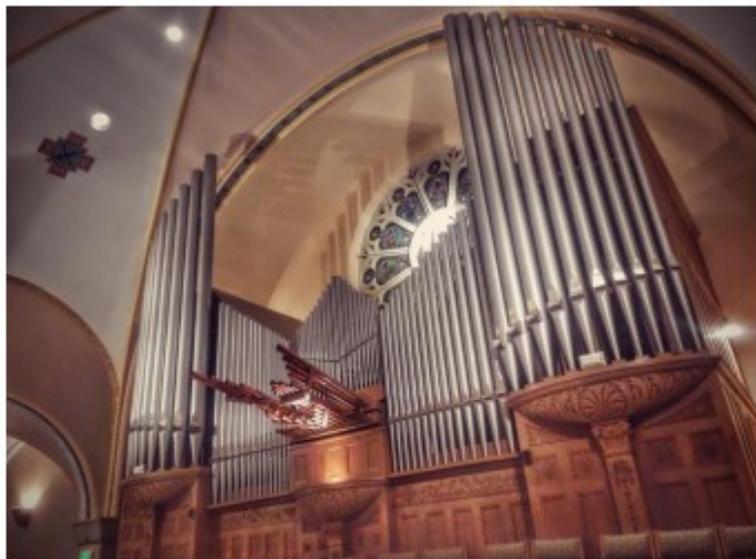
Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition

April 18, the chapter held its 3rd Annual Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition, sponsored by Richard Rotman in honor of his mother, Annamae Rotman. The competition was held at Park Congregational Church in Grand Rapids. All competitors must be from the area and under 24 years of age. Judges for the competition were Dr. Barbara Dulmage, Dr. Carrie Groenewold, and Dr. Karl Schrock. The first prize of \$1000 was awarded to Annelise Van Dyken, an elementary education major at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. The second place prize of \$500 was awarded to Owen Tellinghuisen, an eighth grader who played the Widor "Toccat" as part of his recital. Competitors Bethany Dame, a freshman in high school, and Nathan DeBruine, a pre-med student at Grand Valley State University, were also awarded \$250 prizes. All of the contestants played extremely well and demonstrated the encouraging fact that the art of the organ is very much alive in young people today.



First row: Competition co-chair Joan Ringerwole, second prize winner Owen Tellinghuisen, prize winner Bethany Dame, prize winner Nathan DeBruine, first prize winner Annelise Van Dyken, competition co-chair Bruce Klanderman, and Annamae Rotman, in whose honor the competition was founded. Second row: Judges Dr. Karl Schrock, Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Dr. Barbara Dulmage and Richard Rotman.

Music under the Dome presents



James Metzler, Organ

Featuring the works of Büsser, Bach, Dupré, Widor and Tournemire.

The concert is free and open to the public.

**Basilica of Saint Adalbert
701 Fourth Street NW**

Sunday,
May 1, 2016
3:00pm

Friday, May 20, 2016

7:30 p.m



Join the Grand Rapids Symphony in Holland for a concert celebrating the inaugural season of the new [Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts](#) at Hope College in Holland.

Associate conductor [John Varineau](#) leads the orchestra in music highlighting the Miller Center's new Casavant Brother's pipe organ, a three-manual, 54-rank organ designed to be a concert instrument equipped to play the repertoire for classical symphony orchestra with pipe organ.

Hope College organist [Huw Lewis](#), who has appeared previously with the Grand Rapids Symphony, will be soloist in the second movement of Camille Saint-Saens' [Organ Symphony No. 3](#) as well as for Invocation and Dance for organ and strings by contemporary composer Alfred Fedak.

Grand Rapids Symphony principal cellist [Alicia Eppinga](#) will be soloist in a portion of a Cello Concerto by Leonardo Leo, an early 18th century Italian baroque composer.

The program, which opens with Beethoven's [Leonore Overture No. 3](#), includes the third and fourth movement from Tchaikovsky's [Serenade for Strings](#). Dvorak's [Carnival Overture](#) opens the second half.

The 64,000 square-foot Miller Center for Musical Arts, which opened last fall, is the first venue devoted entirely to music performance in the 150-year history of the liberal arts college that opened in 1866.

Its 800-seat auditorium is the largest concert hall in West Michigan featuring a permanent pipe organ.



A 1954 graduate of Hope College, Jack H. Miller retired in 2002 after 48 years at the helm of the Howard Miller Company, which was founded by his father, Howard C. Miller, in 1926. The former chairman of the Grand Rapids Symphony's board of directors continues as an honorary member of the board.

Beethoven [Leonore Overture No. 3](#)

Leonardo Leo [Cello Concerto](#)

Alfred Fedak *Invocation and Dance, for Organ and Strings*

Dvořák [Carnival Overture](#)

Tchaikovsky [Movements III and IV from Serenade for Strings](#)

Saint-Saëns [Second movement from Organ Symphony](#)

[John Varineau](#) Conductor | [Huw Lewis](#) Organ | [Alicia Eppinga](#) Cello

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m**Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts****Hope College****Holland**

The Holland AGO is holding an event, open to Holland, Grand Rapids, and Muskegeon AGO members, on the new Casavant organ at Hope College's new Jack H Miller Center for Musical Arts. On Tuesday, May 24 at 7pm, we will have a chance to hear Prof. Huw Lewis explain the design concept of this unique instrument, and demonstrate sounds, and hopefully play a little repertoire too! There will be a drawing before hand, to determine which lucky three organists will be able to play the organ (Huw will pull stops for you! Bring your shoes and a piece you'd like to play, no more than 5 minutes, if you win). There will also be open console time, for those who are interested, at the end of the evening. If you'd like to be included in the drawing to be one of the lucky players, send your name to [Paul Dalman](#) Friday, May 20.

The three-manual, 54-rank instrument, built by Casavant for the new hall at Hope's new music building, was inaugurated earlier this year by Dr. Huw Lewis, and was a gift of David P. Roossien of Holland.

Sunday, May 15, 11:00 a.m. Service**Westminster Presbyterian Church****47 Jefferson Ave. S.E.*****Missa Kenya* by Paul Basler**

The *Missa Kenya* was written by Paul Basler, who teaches at the University of Florida, after he spent a year teaching music in Kenya. This music is a "synthesis" of Kenyan musical styles and American classical music. The choir will be accompanied by piano, horn, and African percussion. Dr. Basler will be present in the service that morning.

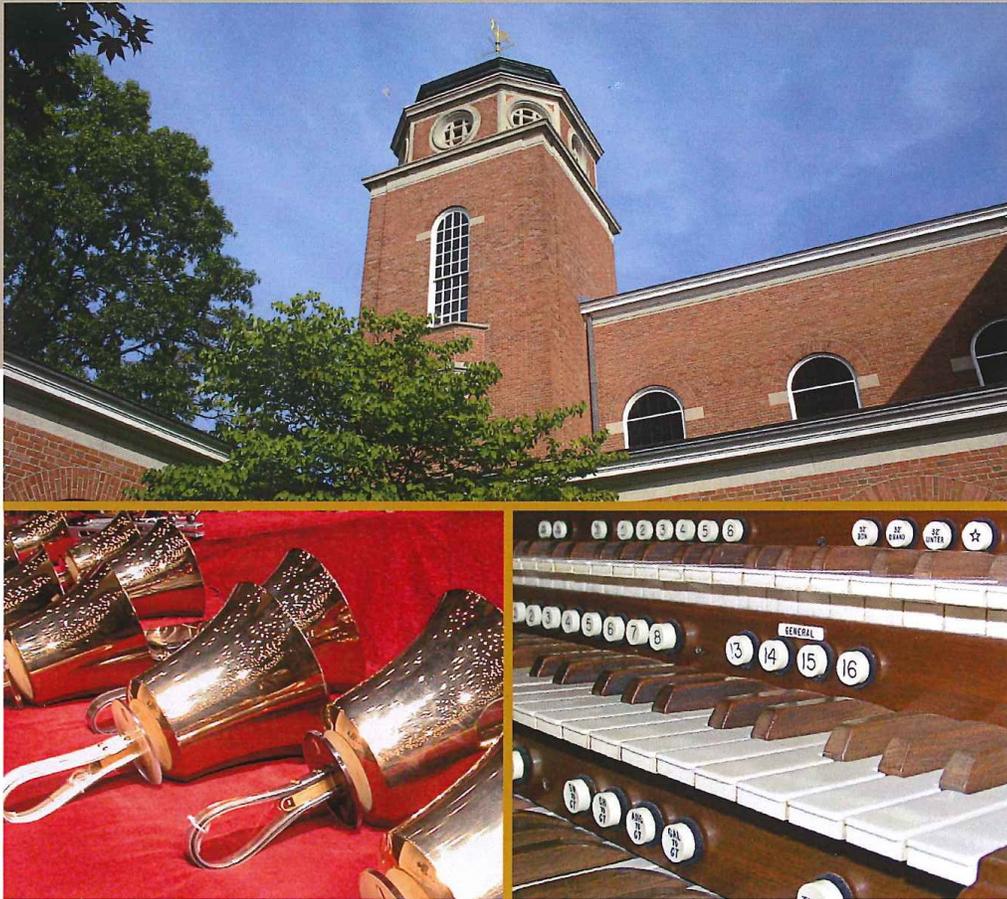
Programs at Park Congregational Church**10 East Park Place N. E.****Music at Mid-Day (Tuesdays at 12:15 PM, free)**

We invite you to join us for a simple yet delicious lunch and excellent music from musicians around the greater Grand Rapids area, and sometimes beyond! The concerts are free to the public and lunch is \$5. Come enjoy this gift to the community in the beauty of Park Church's sanctuary!

Concerts begin at 12:15pm. They last roughly 30 minutes. There is no cost for the concerts. Lunch is available both before and after the concert. Lunch is 11:15 am – 1:15 pm and costs \$5.00 Each week delicious soup, salad bar, fresh bread, beverage, and fresh cookies are served. We hope you will join us!

5/3 Larry Visser, Organ

5/10 Bruce Robey and Friends



CHORAL HYMN FESTIVAL

Central Reformed Church Chancel Choir

Celebration Ringers

Brian Bartusch, Director of Music & Organist

MAY 22, 2016 • 9:30 A.M.

The Barker Series, along with the Worship & Arts Committee of Central Reformed Church, is pleased to present the second annual Choral Hymn Festival. This hymn festival will be integrated into the May 22nd morning worship service and will feature familiar and favorite hymns sung by the Chancel Choir and joined by the congregation. The Celebration Ringers—Central's adult handbell choir—and other guest instrumentalists will participate in this festival of beloved church music.