

April 2015

The Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents...

THE CIPHER

April Program—Young Artist Competitions

Mark Your Calendars
for the
April Program on
Monday, April 20

You are cordially invited to attend the
AGO/Quimby and the Annamae Rotman
competitions for young artists which will be held at
Calvin Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI on
April 20, Monday from 2:00-5:30 p.m. and then 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The AGO/Quimby competition winner will advance to the Regional Competition which is held in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 11. The first prize is \$1,000 and the second prize is \$500. The Annamae Rotman winner will receive \$1,000 prize and the second prize is \$500. For the high school or younger competitors, a \$250 prize will be awarded if that entrant does not receive the first or second prize.

How many places have a "double header" like this available? We hope you will mark your calendar and come and listen to these 9 performances by young potential artists. You not only will get to listen to them, but you are invited to sing along on a hymn which each person will be playing. It is important that you arrive on time since the first performer will play promptly at 2:00 p.m. We ask that you are very quiet and do not enter the auditorium during a performance but wait until each person ends his last piece.

This exciting event will be greatly enhanced by your presence and we have no doubt that you will enjoy it immensely. Please come and support these young players for the world needs more organists!

Joan Ringerwole, Competition Co-Chair
Bruce Klanderman, Competition Co-Chair

CHANGE IN THE USUAL EVENING SCHEDULE

Punchbowl at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

If you have not been called for a dinner reservation
by Wednesday April 15, call Errol Shewman at 456-9232.



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SUMMER POE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for scholarship support from the Shirley Boomsma Scholarship Fund for POE (Pipe Organ Encounter) sessions this summer are due to Bruce Klanderman, 2015 Raybrook St. SE, #4056, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 by June 1. Include a letter of intent and a recommendation from a piano/organ teacher.

ORGAN FOR SALE

Positive organ by Gabriel Kney, ca. 1980.

Four stops (8', 4', 2', 1 1/3'). Height 76", width 48", depth 20.5 inches.

\$13,000 negotiable. Buyer to remove (GR location). Send serious inquiries to crowellg@gvsu.edu.

UPCOMING ORGAN AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTS

On Sunday, April 19 at 3pm, Rhonda Sider Edgington will be playing in Holland's Free@Three series, with French horn player Greg Bassett. The series takes place at First Reformed Church, 630 State Street in Holland. The duo will play original works for horn and organ by Naji Hakim, Rachel Laurin, and Kerry Turner. Bassett is a member of the West Michigan Symphony Orchestra and teaches philosophy at Hope College. Edgington is organist at Hope Church and dean of the Holland AGO. The concert takes place at 3pm and is free!

The West Michigan Flute Orchestra and Great Lakes Flutes invite you and your family to their concert on May 2nd at 3:30 featuring Rhonda Sider Edgington, organ. Rhonda Sider Edgington is a Fulbright award winning organist, specialist in 17th century organs and organist at Hope Church in Holland, MI. This concert presents works by Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, Rossini and Albinoni, along with a brand new work for flute orchestra and organ by German composer and organist, Barry Jordan.



This concert will take place on Saturday, May 2, 3:30 p.m. at the Central Reformed Church, 10 College Ave. NE Grand Rapids, MI.

Michigan AGOings on – April 2015

Sunday, April 19. Greater Lansing Chapter

Lynne Davis in Concert

Central United Methodist Church, Lansing

Contact: Dr. Barbara R. Hiranpradist, Dean. barbara.hiranpradist@gmail.com

Monday, April 20, 3:00 and 8:00pm. Grand Rapids Chapter

Organ performance competition for young organists

Calvin Christian Reformed Church

Contact: Helen Hoffmeister, Dean. helenh@wpcgr.org

Friday, April 10, 7:30pm. Southwest Michigan Chapter

Recital: Bach around the block – a B.A.C.H. feast

Audience moves from church to church, around Bronson Park, Kalamazoo

Contact: Dr. Mark Wells, Dean. mwells@stphilipchurch-bc.org

Friday, April 24, 7:00pm. Muskegon Lakeshore Chapter

Hymn Playing / Pedaling: Dr. Dana Robinson

First Congregational Church, Muskegon

Contact: Ms. Caron M. Farmer, AAGO. caronfarmer@comcast.net

Friday, April 24, 8:00pm. Saginaw Valley Chapter

Recital / Jonathan Rudy

First Presbyterian Church, Saginaw

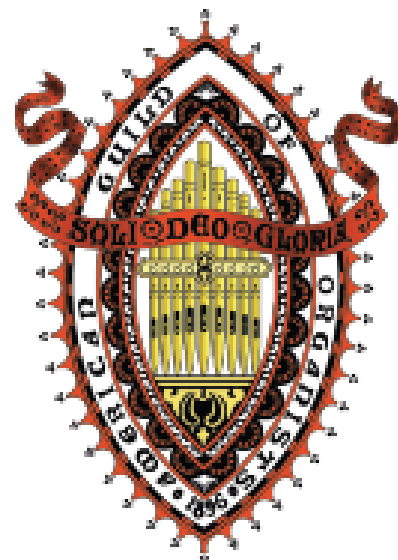
Contact: Nicholas Schmelter, Dean. schmelternick@hotmail.com

Sunday, April 26, 4:00pm. Cherry Capital Chapter

Bach and Sons / a multi-media presentation with Dr. Jeannine Jordan

First Congregational Church in Traverse City, Michigan

Contact: Mark G. Peters, SPC, Dean. cantorman@att.net



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ADVERTISING IN THE CIPHER

If you would like to advertise an event in the CIPHER, please send it to Michael Adams (pastoralmusician007@gmail.com). The CIPHER is published monthly around the beginning of the month. If you have photos you would like to include please send them as well as they would be most appreciated.

Thank you!

ORGANIST POSITION IN GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 2 Michigan Street NE in Grand Rapids is looking for a part-time organist and choir accompanist. The organ is a three manual, 56-rank Schlicker Organ. Responsibilities include playing for the traditional/classical service on Sundays at 8:30 a.m., playing for weddings and funeral services as requested, and accompanying the choir at rehearsal on Thursday nights and in worship. Also, this position requires overseeing organ maintenance, upkeep, preparing the liturgy and hymns and working with the staff to prepare the worship services. Along with these duties, being a part of the ministry team of Immanuel is important so that unity of purpose and glory to our Savior Jesus Christ is supported. This position is answerable to the Senior Pastor. Experience with the Lutheran Liturgy is a plus. To receive more information please call [616-454-3655](tel:616-454-3655) or email danella.joslin@immanuelgr.org.

UPCOMING GRAGO PROGRAMS

Monday, April 20, 2015—Rotman and Quimby Organ Competitions

The Rotman and Quimby Organ Competitions at Calvin Christian Reformed Church. Bruce Klanderman and Joan Ringerwole are the competitions coordinators.

Monday, May 18, 2015—A House Organ Crawl and Party

We will visit two home organ installations: At the Chalet of Fred and Lynn Keller, and the home of Jim and Jeanne Ransford we will have the opportunity to play their instruments and will also have an end of the year party for the chapter.