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March 2023

Dear friends and colleagues,

We have two events in March – the Rotman Competition for young organists and a workshop on preparing for performance with Nicole Keller, from the University of Michigan.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the competition on March 13 and the weekend prior, as the competitors are practicing. You may contact Peter Kurdziel, music@basilicagr.org with your availability. Make sure to attend the actual competition on Monday, March 13 at 7pm at the Basilica. After the young organists perform, we will have cookies and coffee while the judges are deliberating. We're so grateful to be a part of a chapter that encourages and supports young organists.

On Monday, March 27 at 7pm, we collaborate with Calvin University in a program that should have broad appeal, no matter your stage of life or experience. Nicole Keller will address different approaches to preparing to perform, whether it be for a competition, a concert or a worship service. She will be in town performing at St. Mark's Episcopal on Sunday, then stay in town to share her wisdom with us on Monday. You won't want to miss these events!

This is the time of year when we prepare for election of new officers for the coming year. We thank Barbara Dulmage for chairing our nominating committee again this year. You may contact her at song-ispirt@aol.com if you would like to serve on the board or would like to submit a name or a slate of officers. Our Grand Rapids Chapter has so much to offer, and needs good, hard-working people taking turns in leadership positions. Serving on the board is a great way to have a positive impact on our community and to connect with people who have similar interests. We hope to present a slate of officers in next month's newsletter, for consideration and election in May.

Your current board is working on programming for 2023-24. If you have suggestions for programs you would like to see offered next year, please reach out to one of us.

Julia and Carol



2022-2023 Programs

March 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition

Basilica of St. Adalbert

654 Davis Ave. NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

The Annamae Rotman Young Organist Competition was founded in 2013 by Dr. Richard Rotman in honor of his mother and is an annual competition. Everyone is invited to the actual competition at 7:00 p.m. at the Basilica. We will enjoy light refreshments as the judge are deliberating. For more information visit our website at grago.org/competitions



March 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Workshop with Nicole Keller

Calvin University

Calvin Chapel

1845 Knollcrest Circle

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

“Preparing for a Performance” (approaching performance in the broadest sense – concert, competition, worship service). How do we best prepare with the time available and the instrument we have?

Recently appointed to the faculty of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance at the University of Michigan. As a teacher, Ms. Keller strives to foster and model a commitment to excellence in performance, scholarship and self-growth as students deepen their love of music and their instrument. She is in demand as a concert artist, adjudicator, and clinician.



Preparing for Performance Workshop

with Nicole Keller, University of Michigan

How do we best prepare with limited time available and under imperfect conditions? All types of performers welcome to attend: jury, concert, competition and worship service

Cosponsored by the Grand Rapids chapter of the American Guild of Organists

March 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Calvin College University Chapel



Calvin
Music

April 30, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Nathan Laube in Concert

Basilica of St. Adalbert

654 Davis Avenue NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Nathan Laube is a leading performer and pedagogue who is beloved around the world. His extensive recital career includes major venues spanning four continents. In April 2019, Mr.

Laube launched the documentary-style radio program, "All the Stops," on the WFMT Radio Network Chicago, consisting of four two-hour programs which feature many of the world's most famous organs in Europe and the United States and explore their unique histories and repertoire. For more information, visit www.wfmt.com/programs/all-the-stops/. In October 2020, Mr. Laube joined the organ faculty at the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst in Stuttgart, Germany, succeeding his mentor, Ludger Lohmann, at his alma mater. There he takes

part in one of most dynamic and international centers for organ study, situated in the heart of Europe. Prior to his move to Europe, he served on the organ faculty of the Eastman School of Music from 2013 to 2020.



May 15, 2023, 7 p.m.

Carillon Recital with Helen Hofmeister, Carillonneur

Beckering Family Carillon Tower

Fulton Street Campus of GVSU

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

The carillon recital will include selections of regional music, including music from England, Canada, and Appalachia. There will also be arrangements from the church, which will mainly be music based on chant. Helen Hofmeister has performed carillon recitals in 17 states as well as Belgium and the Netherlands.



The Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
is pleased to announce the seventh annual



ANNAMAE ROTMAN
**Young Organist
Competition**



7:00PM
Monday, March 13TH

Basilica of Saint Adalbert
654 Davis Ave, NW · Grand Rapids, MI

John Rutter's
Requiem

Mayflower Church
2345 Robinson Road S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Sunday, March 19, 10:30 a.m.



Requiem
JOHN RUTTER'S
Sunday, March 19
10:30am

*Chancel Choir and
Guest Instrumentalists*
Scott Bosscher, conductor

*This music will fill your heart and
deepen your Lenten journey*

MAYFLOWER
Congregational Church
2345 Robinson Rd
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
MayflowerChurch.org

Park Congregational Church

10 East Park Place N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

MUSIC AT MID-DAY

A Free Concert Series in the City

Concerts (12:15pm - 12:45pm) are free to all.



Spring 2023

March 14 - Dr. Larry Visser, Organ

March 21 - Robert Edwards, piano

March 28 - Darlene Kuperus, Organ

April 4 - NO CONCERT

April 11 - Phyllis Ann Miner and Robert Edwards, piano duo

April 18 - Grand Rapids Christian High School Chamber Chorale

April 25 - Bruce Robey and Friends

May 2 - Mary Rademacher Reed, Vocals

An optional \$7.00 lunch (11:15am - 1:15pm) is available
before or after the performance.

Soups, sandwiches, beverages, and cookies are served.