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THE CIPHER

November 2024

Dear friends,

Thanks to everyone who came to attend our October program, and special thanks to Julia Brown and her team at Mayflower for bringing James Kibbie to town and hosting a wonderful music series. As we enter November, the holidays aren't far away, so if we have time between planning and playing programs for our own institutions, now is the time to plan which events we'd like to attend around the city (like the annual New Year's Eve concert at Central Reformed Church which is cosponsored by our chapter).

This month, I invite you to the Annamae Rotman Young Organists Competition. The Grand Rapids AGO Chapter does a great job supporting educational and performance opportunities for students and young professionals. I hope you can attend and show your support for our local young organists. The competition will be held on Monday November 4 at 7pm at Park Church.

Lastly, if you have not yet picked up your member directory, we will have them available at Park Church before and after the competition.

Sincerely,
Matthew Jakubisin, Chapter Dean

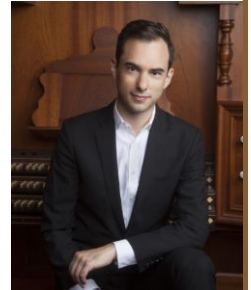


Schedule of Programs 2024-2025

Monday, November 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Annamae Rotman Young Organists Competition
First (Park) Congregational Church
10 East Park Place NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Sunday, December 31, 2024, 7:30 p.m.
New Year's Eve Concert
Central Reformed Church
10 College Avenue N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Christopher Houlihan, Organ



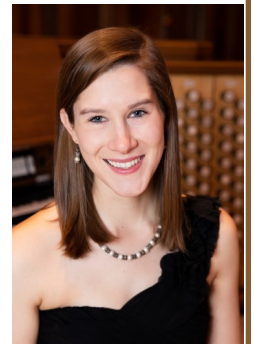
Sunday, January 19, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
Member Recital
Calvin Christian Reformed Church
700 Ethel St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

February Program to be announced

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
508 Franklin Street
Grand Haven, MI 49417
Young Artist Recital: Sarah Simko



Friday, May 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church
107 LaGrave Avenue, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Caroline Robinson Organ Recital





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

— *Ninth Annual* —
Annamae Rotman

Young Organist COMPETITION

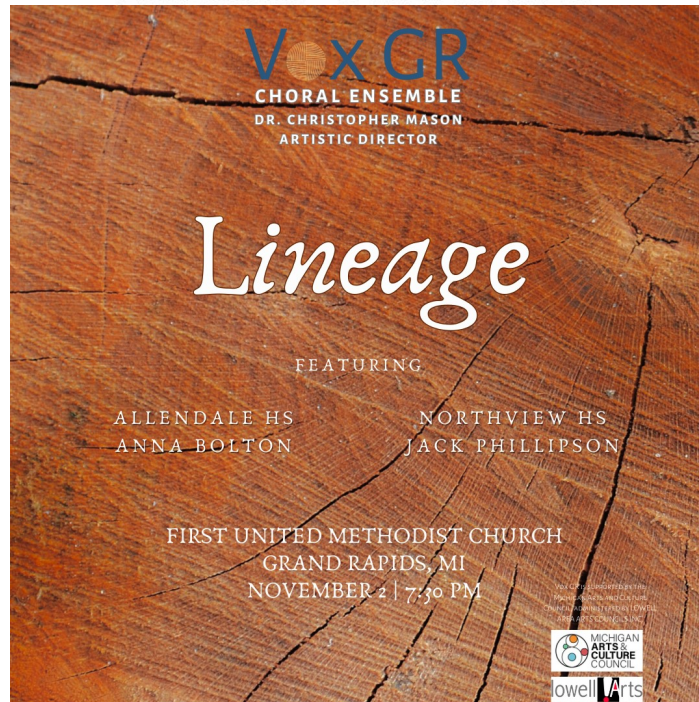
— *Monday* —
NOV 4TH · 7PM

First (Park) Congregational Church
10 East Park Place • Grand Rapids, MI



VOX GR

CHORAL ENSEMBLE



NOVEMBER 2nd | LINEAGE

A Journey Through Musical Heritage

Experience a rich tapestry of vocal traditions in our upcoming concert, *Lineage*. This program traces the fascinating evolution of choral music, from the ancient simplicity of Gregorian chant to the robust harmonies sung by early American colonists. Explore the powerful legacy of African American vocal music, from spirituals to the innovative harmonies of modernists Zanaida Robles, Ayanna Woods, and Derrick Skye.

As a special treat, we're thrilled to welcome guest choirs from Allendale and Northview High Schools, showcasing the next generation of vocalists. Their youthful energy will blend with our professional ensemble, creating a multi-generational celebration of choral artistry.

Join us for an evening that not only honors our musical roots but also looks to the future, demonstrating how these diverse vocal lineages continue to inspire and influence choral music today.

November 2nd 7:30pm
 First United Methodist Church
 227 Fulton Street East
 Grand Rapids

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Member News from THE AMERICAN ORGANIST



Southern Illinois member Doris Anderson, organist at Zion United Church of Christ, with recitalist Owen Tellinghuisen (photo: Chet Hemstreet)

Southern Illinois. Feb. 11, the chapter held its first hymn festival at Zion United Church of Christ in Marion, with more than 80 people in attendance. The festival was led by Owen Tellinghuisen, winner of the 2023 AGO/Quimby Great Lakes Regional Competition for Young Organists. He inspired those in attendance in multiple ways: improvising all of the hymn introductions, playing multiple harmonies with the verses, and making the organ sound like it had been resurrected to new life. Tellinghuisen also spoke about the value of scholarship programs and how he had benefited from them. He encouraged attendees to believe that organ playing will thrive, giving as an example the 30 organ performance majors at Indiana University, where he is a student. On Saturday, when Tellinghuisen began practicing at the church, he realized that the bench was too low for his six foot-plus frame. Friends with a wood-working shop were called and asked if they could cut two boards to put under each side of the bench, which they did. On Sunday after the program, the boards were passed around so that people could write their well-wishes for the performer. The hymn festival raised over \$500 for the chapter's scholarship program. Jane Otte

FIRST (PARK) CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 10 EAST PARK PLACE GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

MUSIC AT MID-DAY

November 5

Julia Brown, organ

November 12

Roger McNaughton, piano
Steve Anvizino, bass
Charlie Hoats, drums

November 19

Rive Rogues - Dixieland Band

November 26

Karen Albert and Schyler Claypool
Alto and Soprano

December 3

Caledonia Choralaires
Kara Stevens, conductor

A free community concert series on
Tuesdays in downtown Grand Rapids

All concerts begin at 12:15 pm
and are free of charge

Lunch is \$7.00 per person and is
Served from 11:15 to 1:15

<https://parkchurchgr.org/concerts/>



*The Fifth Annual Joy Huttar Memorial Recital
Featuring Concert Organist*

Renée Anne Louprette



Grace Episcopal Church
555 Michigan Ave · Holland, MI

Sunday, November 3 at 3:00 PM
Free Admission





PALESTRINA 500

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE QUINCENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY OF
CATHOLICISM'S PREEMINENT COMPOSER,
HEARING HIS MUSIC AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE HEARD:
IN THE HOLY MASS

OPENING MASS • DECEMBER 9TH, 2024

CELEBRATED BY BISHOP WALKOWIAK • MASS AT 5:30PM • NO HOLY HOUR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2025

HOLY HOUR: 5:30PM • HOLY MASS: 7:00PM
151 GARFIELD AVE SW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

JAN 6	SCHOLA ANTIQUA OF CHICAGO <i>Missa Alma redemptoris Mater</i> Epiphany	THE LONDON ORATORY SCHOLA CANTORUM <i>Missa Tu es Petrus</i> Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	JULY 16
FEB 14	THE GESUALDO SIX <i>Missa Sine nomine</i> St. Valentine's Day	HIS MAJESTY'S MEN <i>Missa Regina caeli à 5</i> Assumption	AUG 15
MARCH 25	HOPE COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR <i>Missa Brevis</i> Annunciation	GAUDETE GRAND RAPIDS <i>Missa de Beata Virgine à 4</i> The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SEPT 15
APRIL 25	THE TALLIS SCHOLARS <i>Missa Papae Marcelli</i> Easter Friday *Holy Hour at 5PM	THE TRINITY CHOIR <i>Missa O Rex gloriae</i> Our Lady of the Rosary	OCT 7
MAY 29	VOX GR <i>Missa Ascendo ad Patrem meum</i> Ascension Thursday	SCHOLA CANTORUM DETROITENSIS <i>Missa da Requiem (with duCaurroy's Requiem)</i> All Souls' Day (transferred)	NOV 3
JUNE 27	FLORIANI <i>Missa Aeterna Christi munera</i> Patronal Feast of the Sacred Heart	SACRED HEART PARISH & ACADEMY CHOIRS <i>Missa ad Fugam</i> Immaculate Conception	DEC 8

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CATHOLIC PARISH