

# AGO News: Newsletter of the Spokane Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

## December 2018

The AGO board wishes you a blessed Advent and Christmas season and hope that you find much peace and joy in sharing your musical gifts with others. I find my quiet time practicing in the church (cold though it usually is) an especially meaningful time away from the hustle and bustle of the outside world. Take care of yourselves, my dear friends, with enough rest and hot tea!

### PARTY

January 4-

Then after we have celebrated the Twelve Days of Christmas, we will celebrate Epiphany on Friday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck party and Christmas carol sing at Vince and Carla Roland's home, 4019 S. Suncrest Dr. in the Valley. Bring gold, frankincense, myrrh, a casserole, or side dish, your best caroling voice and lots of mirth. Invite others, who Vince calls "the organ curious", including students (our organ academy students?) PLEASE RSVP, so Vince will know how many chairs to get. Questions or too RSVP. 927-8365

### REVIEW

Taylor Geise's free October evening presentation of the silent movie THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME was a spectacular event. His improvisation and snippets of recognizable compositions provided the bulk of the soundtrack. When the film shows the bells of the cathedral, his bell choir accompanied. When the heroine has a long, contemplative walk down the cathedral aisle, a lovely soprano solo set the audio mood. The church provided a hearty reception. As this has become an annual event at Zion Lutheran Church, mark your calendar to attend next Halloween season. (Review by Nisha Coulter)

### NEXT CHAPTER EVENTS

February 24-

Stan McDaniel will present a program titled "Music for Worship" Sunday afternoon, February 24 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in the conference room.

March 17-

AGO Spring Concert will feature organ music presented by our members and the children's choir, Crescendo Community Chorus, directed by Sharon Smith, on Sunday afternoon, March 17 at Central Lutheran Church. Nisha is coordinating this concert. Please call her (509-327-2827) with your intention to play. Contemplate your presentation and running time (which you can add later). Since we wish to have several players, we encourage shorter works. A volunteer adult choir (SATB) will be needed to sing with the Crescendo Community Chorus. If you or your friends would like to sing in the adult choir, please also let her know. Mark your calendars and pledge to participate.

### MUSIC COLLECTIONS

Michael Bulley donated his extensive music library to the chapter. Some of his collection will be available for the taking at the Epiphany party. Currently, it resides at All Saints Lutheran Church,

314 S Spruce in Browne's Addition. It is available for your pleasure during church office hours. Please call ahead, however. (838-4409)

A former AGO chaplain, Bob Christian, is divesting himself of his quite extensive organ CD collection. These will be available to you at the Epiphany party...or sooner, if you call Nisha. (327-2827)

#### OTHER

Congratulations are in order to Mark Haberman and Byrl Cinnamon and the Community United Methodist Church in Cd'A on the installation and beautiful Dedication Recital November 11.

Job Posting from Opportunity Presbyterian Church, 202 N. Pines. (509) 924-9750 I think you have all received this information.

Organ Academy is being offered again this year by the chapter and Janet is again taking on the huge roll as chairman. If you know of any students who would be good candidates, let Janet know. (624-5627). We will again need teachers, churches for practice, lessons and group practice sessions. If this is a passion for you, you might consider giving toward this project to provide music and help with the cost of teachers. Last year there was a generous anonymous donor, who is not participating this year. One goal of the Academy is to have the students prepared to play for Music Fest in May.

The 2018 American Guild of Organists Spokane Chapter Membership Directory was recently emailed to the membership. If you did not receive it, please let us know. Many thanks to those who worked to get current information and compile it into this document. We have 52 members! (Reported by our treasurer, Marlys.)