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FINISHING TOUCHES

Two years ago, in June of 2024, we finally got started on a project that had been on our minds for 15 years or so: remodeling the front porch of our early 1900s frame house in Winchester, Kentucky. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will actually be completing it sometime soon. (We are not Spring chickens, so this kind of work takes us a while!) What a relief to be approaching the end of the “porch era”!



The “porch era” coincides almost exactly with our tenure as Co-Deans of the Lexington Chapter. We hope to be putting some finishing touches on our co-deanship while we are putting the last of the beadboard on the ceiling and touching up the paint on the porch - we’ll be passing along information to the new Dean, finding some new volunteers, and generally wrapping up loose ends. We are deeply grateful for all the support shown to us by our AGOLex members! You all are wonderful.



- Nancy and Michael

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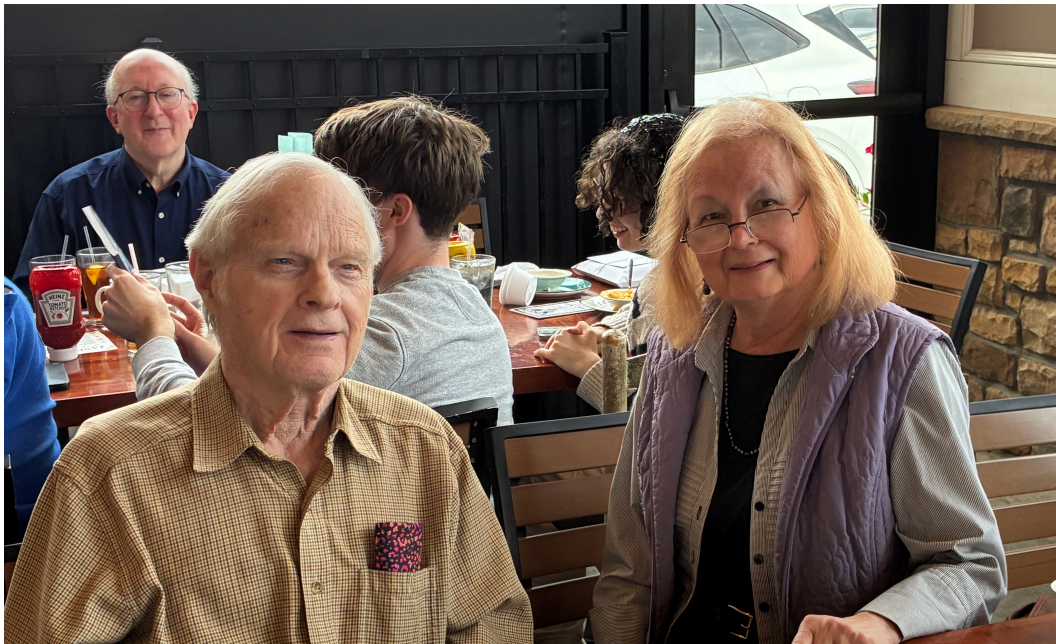
The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ

RECENT AGO EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 16 ASCENSION LUNCH AT RAMSEY'S DINER

Fifteen of us enjoyed Ramsey's yummy food and some great fellowship,
not to mention some wacky door prizes!





UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT AGO EVENTS

Saturday, June 27, 11:00 a.m. - Brunch and Installation of Officers
at the home of Michael and Nancy Dunn, 135 Georgia Street, Winchester,
Kentucky, 40391. **Please RSVP to Michael by calling or texting 859-
205-9549 by Sunday, June 21.**

OTHER UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Sunday, June 7, 5:00 p.m. - Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington
Lexington Chamber Chorale: "How Can I Keep from Singing: The Heart of Kentucky: A Musical Tribute" <http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org/>

AGOLex BUSINESS

ELECTION 2026-27/28 and APPROVAL OF UPDATED OPERATING PROCEDURES

Executive Secretary Hayden McNeal reports that the slate of officers and the updated Operating Procedures were unanimously approved. Thank you Hayden!

2026-28 Lexington Chapter AGO Officers

Dean: Mattilda Middleton
Co-Sub-Deans: Michael and Nancy Dunn
Executive Secretary: Hayden McNeal
Treasurer: Brian Hunt
Representative At-Large: Mark de Alba (2029)

Thank you to the AGOLex Nominating Committee:

Mark de Alba
James Humlong
Angela Hurley
Larry Sharp, chair
Lynn Vera

*You are cordially invited to Brunch and Installation of our new officers
on June 27, 2026, at the home of Nancy and Michael Dunn,
135 Georgia Street, Winchester, KY 40391
RSVP by June 21 to Michael at 859-205-9549*

MEMBER NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO CALVIN RIGGS, SPC

Calvin Riggs recently received confirmation from AGO Headquarters that he has passed his exam and has earned the Service Playing Certificate. WTG Calvin!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER MADELINE ROGERS

Originally from Eldorado, Illinois, Dr. Madeline Rogers earned a Master of Music degree from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music as a student of André Watts, and a Doctorate in Musical Arts from the University of Nebraska with Dr. Paul Barnes. While attending IU, Rogers also studied vocal performance with Patricia Havranek and performed collaboratively under the instruction of Dr. Charles Prestinari.

Rogers is a solo and collaborative performer in the U.S. and abroad. She has taught in both private studio and class piano settings since 2010. Rogers previously taught applied and collaborative piano as an Artist-Faculty member at the Omaha Conservatory of Music and is currently Assistant Professor of Keyboard Studies at Berea College. She is also the Co-Artistic Director of Lexington-based Chamber Music Ensemble AmadeusLex, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing classical music to the Bluegrass. amadeuslex.com



CONGRATULATIONS . . .



Brian Hunt and Cheryl McGahen have recently announced their engagement! Brian is currently serving as our chapter's Treasurer.

We are all so happy for both of you!

MISCELLANY



THE AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Register NOW! [click here!](#) Come meet the new Executive Director of the AGO, and attend the Great Lakes Regional Business Meeting at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, July 9 - Great Lakes Ambassador Larry Sharp says there will be door prizes galore!



FROM EVANSVILLE AGO EDUCATION CONVENER ROBERT NICHOLLS:

2026 RSCM Midwest



The RSCM Midwest Summer Choral Residency is a seven day immersive choral experience for any singer age 10+. Visit rscmmidwest.org or scan the QR code!

Dates: July 13-19, 2026

Location: Evansville, IN

THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY 2026 CONVENTION



The [American Theatre Organ Society \(ATOS\) 2026 National Convention](#) will be held in Rochester, New York, from July 6–10, 2026, hosted by the [Rochester Theater Organ Society](#). Centered at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, the event, “ROC The Pipes,” will feature concerts at various regional venues, including the West Herr Performing Arts Center and Riviera Theatre. Congratulations to long-time AGOLex member Bill Webber, who has been elected Vice-Chair of the ATOS Board of Directors!

ADD THOSE COVETED AGO LETTERS TO YOUR NAME!

[Click for More Info](#)

You can do it! Contact Jane Johnson (jhjohn01@gmail.com or 859-338-5364) for assistance. As an extra incentive, the AGOLex executive committee has voted to assist members with the cost of the exam fees!

LOOKING FOR AN ORGAN ON WHICH TO PRACTICE?

AGOLex has received a generous offer from the Church of the Ascension in Frankfort to make their organ available to members who would like to practice on their 3 manual, 33-rank Austin organ. Contact the church for more information:

Email: info@ascensionfrankfort.org

Website: www.ascensionfrankfort.org



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR AGO DUES?

If you haven't yet paid your dues, or can't remember if you've paid them, or want to find out when they are due, go here: [AGO sign in](#). Or if you prefer, call (212) 870-2310 during business hours, or email info@agohq.org.

If you prefer to support AGOLex by being a **Chapter Friend** rather than a member, please mail a \$40 check made out to the Lexington Chapter AGO to: Brian Hunt, 1008 Claiborne Way, Lexington, KY 40517. **The due date is July 1.** Chapter Friends receive our monthly newsletter but not *The American Organist* magazine.

ORGANISTS NEEDED



The Bluegrass Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (BGATOS) is looking for more organists willing to play the organ at the Kentucky Theatre on Friday nights and, this summer, for their Wednesday Classic Movie series. This is a great way to “loosen up” your playing and gain confidence in improvisation. If you are interested please contact Bill Webber at 859.298.8962 or williamawebberiv@gmail.com

JOB OPENINGS

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Winchester: Part time organist

[Full description](#)

[posted 4/1/2026]

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lexington: Part time organist

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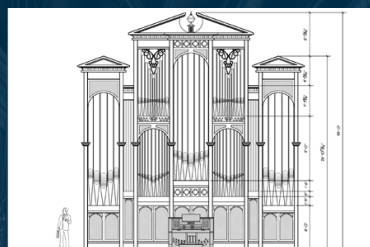
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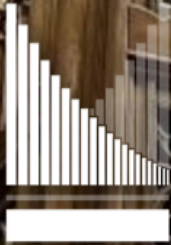
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February 1, March 1, May 17**



Friday, December 5

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*
with the Cathedral Choir

For tickets, visit cclex.org/messiah

Sunday, December 14

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
with the Cathedral Choir



Sunday, December 21

4:00pm Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*
The Cathedral Girls Choir
Rachel Renee Miller, *harp*

Sunday, February 15

4:00pm Organ Concert
Huw Lewis, *Hope College, Michigan*

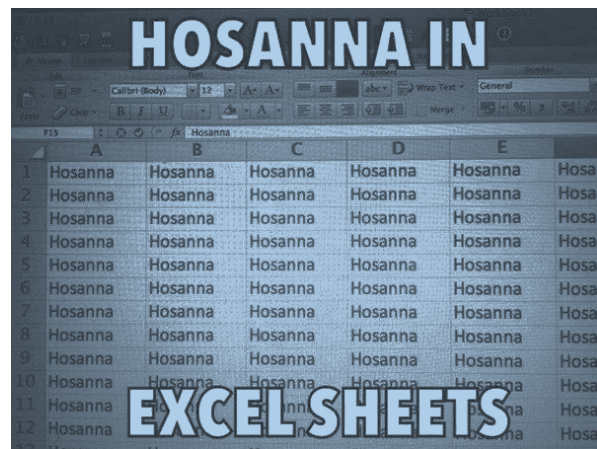
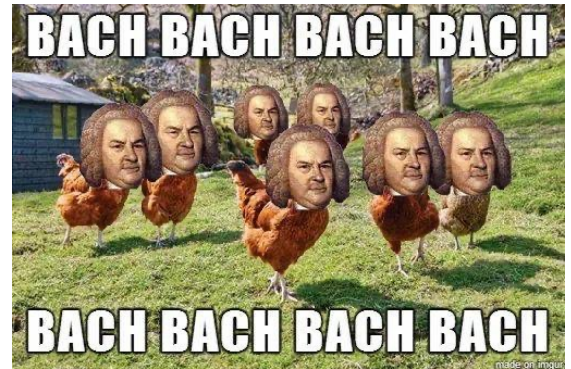
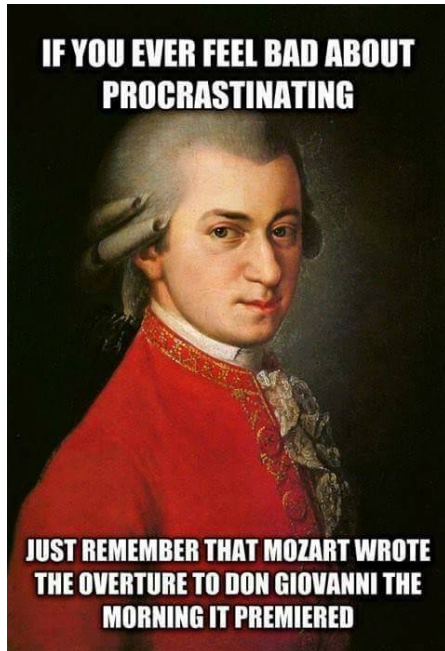


Palm Sunday, March 29

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*
with the Cathedral Choir

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information on the Cathedral Choir, Great Music Series,
and Friends of Cathedral Music.*

HUMORESQUE



I want a closed casket funeral. However, towards the end of the service, please have the organist play "Pop goes the weasel" over and over until everyone in attendance is staring at my coffin with silent, horrified anticipation.

