



Indy AGO

American Guild of Organists Indianapolis Chapter

"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." ("AGO AT-A-GLANCE - American Guild of Organists")

"The vision of the American Guild of Organists is to engage, support, and uplift every organist." ("Mission, Vision, and Value Proposition - American Guild of Organists")

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The AGO is dedicated to educating another generation of musicians and enthusiasts of organ and choral music. Programs serve every age group and level of proficiency. The Indianapolis Chapter has educational programs for both members and non-members. Our Chapter's Educational Outreach programs are designed to educate the young people in our community of the role the organ plays in our community today, both in a church setting and a non-church setting, and to teach some of the science behind the pipe organ. [Pipe Organ Encounters](#) are a great way to introduce youth to the organ.

The second area of the Chapter's education programs is the continuing education of its members. The Chapter encourages and supports members in achieving [AGO Certification](#).



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Hello!

I hope you had a restful Thanksgiving. I trust your Christmas and holiday preparations are well underway. Because of the busyness of this time of year, the Indy AGO does not have an official meeting in December. However, we have some exciting events lined up in January, including the Epiphany party at John Seest's house and the open console at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. In the meantime, I once again encourage you to check out the many other community events listed on our website.

I'm still in awe of Michael Unger's brilliant performance this past month. His concert introduced us to some enjoyable, lesser-known repertoire and truly showed off the colors of the instrument.

I wish you a wonderful Advent, Christmas, and holiday season. See you in January!





Programs Sponsored by the Chapter



American Guild of Organists Indianapolis Chapter

Program Year 2024 -2025

Sunday, January 6
Epiphany Party Details TBA

418 E 34th St, Indianapolis, IN

Monday, January 13
Open console, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 7pm
650 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN

Sunday, March 16
Jean-Baptiste Robin, St. Paul's Indy, 4pm
Dinner, 5:30pm
6050 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN

Monday, February 10
Executive committee meeting, 5:15pm
Dinner, 6pm
Indianapolis Pipe Organ Festival, Tabernacle
Presbyterian Church, Chapel, Rieger organ,
7pm

Monday, May 5
Executive committee meeting, 5:15pm
Dinner, 6pm
Jeffrey Smith, hymn festival and installation
of officers, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 7pm
3650 W 106th St, Carmel, IN

All events are listed on our website: <https://www.indyago.org/>



The Great Lakes Region is one of seven geographic regions comprising the AGO. In the GLR of the AGO, there are 40 chapters within five states — Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio.

inspiration for the soul
inspiration for the mind

January Jubilee
inspiration for the body

AGO





The January Jubilee will be held on January 18, 2025, at the historic Court Street UMC in downtown Rockford, IL. Ron Barshinger and Robert Leonhardt are the event co-hosts. Karl Bruhn is in charge of publicity. Cheryl Lemke is the Rockford Chapter dean.

The Jubilee is being scheduled in a triple-track format, offering sessions of interest for everyone — organists, vocalists, and handbell ringers. Being recognized as a regional event, it is not too early to begin planning to attend the Jubilee or encourage your chapter members to register. The cost for this one-day event is \$30 with advance registration (or \$40 at the door). The price includes lunch, snacks, and beverages.

It would be an outstanding show of support if ALL Great Lakes chapters, both large and small, would consider making a financial contribution to the 2025 Jubilee. No donation is too small (or too great), and you know it will all go to promote a worthy cause! I'll look forward to seeing many of you at the January Jubilee on January 18!

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the St. Louis AGO National Convention July 6-10, 2026



Trinity Episcopal Church, 3243 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46208



Friday, December 6 at 7:30 pm

Gian Carlo Menotti, Amahl and the Night Visitors

This opera was composed for television broadcast on Christmas Eve 1951. Come hear the story about a poor boy, his mother, and three "regal" visitors who are following a star. Suggested donation: \$20 adult/\$10 student. For tickets, contact the church office, 317.926.1346 or ktruman@trinitychurchindy.org

Sunday, December 22 at 4 pm

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Choir and Choristers of Trinity Episcopal Church sing music of Pärt, Ireland, Sirett, Willcocks, Warlock, Leighton, and Ives





TAB

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

Sacred Music Symposium is back! Tabernacle Presbyterian Church announces the “reboot” of its successful Sacred Music Symposium after a long hiatus! The event will be held on Thursday & Friday, February 6 & 7, 2025, at Tabernacle Presbyterian, 418 East 34th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Clinicians include Michael John Trotta (Composition & Conducting), Brenda Austin (Handbells), Joel Raney (Piano in Worship), Ruth Dwyer (Community & Children’s Choirs), Sweetwater Music (Using Technology in Your Church) as well as various publishers’ reading sessions. The cost is \$150 for this two-day event. Scholarships are available. For more information and to register for this exciting event, go to tabpres.org/sacredmusic.





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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 at 1:30 PM

Kikai Orchestra

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 at 3:30 PM

Rhythmic Romance: A Couples-Led Concert

Featuring guitar, voice, piano, organ and trumpet

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 at 3:30 PM

Circle City Sound: Men's Barbershop Choir

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 at 3:30 PM

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St. Paul's Indy

2024-2025
St. Paul's Music
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Ronen Chamber Ensemble
 Gabriel Fauré:
 his legacy
 Sunday, September 29, 4p

Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra
 A Bach Harvest:
 Cantatas and Courtly Dances
 Sunday, November 17, 4p

The Gesualdo Six
 Owain Park, director
 Sunday, February 16, 4p

Jean-Baptiste Robin, organist
 co-sponsored by
 Indianapolis AGO
 Sunday, March 16, 4p

Thursday, December 5 at 7pm, Choir School Fall Recital

Sunday, February 16 at 4pm, The Gesualdo Six* directed by Owain Park Tickets are \$30 and will be available in October 2024

Sunday, March 16 at 4pm, Jean-Baptiste Robin, organist co-sponsored with Indianapolis AGO

Thursday, May 8 at 7pm, Choir School Spring Recital

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
6050 North Meridian
Street/Indianapolis, IN 46208
317.253.1277





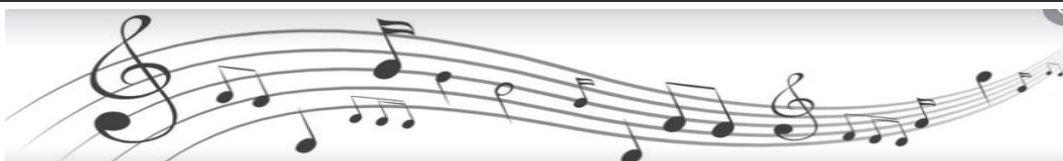
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Tonight

St. Luke's Christmas Concert 2024

FRI 12/6 730PM * SAT 12/7 4PM | 730PM

Tickets are \$10 each
(Kids 0-12 years require a ticket, but are free of charge)

<https://www.stlukesumc.com/christmas>



Music at Christ

Advent Recital Series 2024



Dr. Hillary Doerries
Organ
December 4



Dr. Patrick Kronner
Organ
December 11



Matthew Wachtman
Organ
December 18

Christ Lutheran Church is pleased to once again offer three Advent recitals. The recitals begin at 12:10 p.m. and last approximately 30 minutes. Please plan to attend and make this a part of you Advent journey. The recitals are offered at no charge and the public is invited. A light luncheon follows with a suggested donation of \$7.



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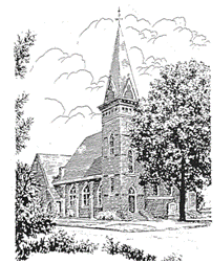
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www.fpcmartinsville.org

First Presbyterian Church Martinsville invites, welcomes, and affirms all people, offering love and spiritual nourishment as we reach out to share God's love through mission and service.

The Music Director/Organist of our church is responsible for providing leadership for the Chancel Choir, serving as the organist and pianist during worship services and chancel choir rehearsals, as well as coordinating the overall music program of the church. The Music Director works under the supervision of the Pastor and in partnership with the Worship and Music

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville



Committee. This is a part-time (approx. 20 hrs. per week) professional position. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The Music Director shall:

- Provide organ music and choir direction for Sunday services
- Rehearse once weekly with the Chancel Choir when they are part of the service and direct a warm-up rehearsal on Sunday morning during the usual fall, winter, and spring seasons, excluding June, July, and August
- Plan the music program in cooperation with the Pastor and the Worship and Music Committee, with attention to the lectionary and liturgical calendar
- Meet with Pastor and Worship and Music Committee on an agreed schedule
- Provide wedding and funeral music for in-church service when available, according to Session guidelines and for a fee that is Session-approved
- Take responsibility for finding substitutes when absent
- Take responsibility for the preservation, organization, and updating music library with a working knowledge of copyright laws
- Assist with planning the summer music program and be responsible for planning music and finding substitute vocalists/musicians when the choral choir is not performing
- Provide guidance to the church regarding the condition and maintenance or repair needs of the organ and pianos
- Discuss promptly with the Pastor or the Worship and Music Chairperson any problems which may arise
- Give notice of termination of employment at least 30 days in advance of termination

Qualifications:

- An undergraduate degree in music, preferably organ, from an accredited university
- Performance competence in organ and piano
- Experience and competence in selecting sacred and choral music and rehearsing and leading choral groups
- Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills

To Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume with references c/o Music Search Committee:

office@fpcmartinsville.org



**First Friends Quaker Meeting - 3030 Kessler Blvd East, Indianapolis
3030 Kessler Boulevard East Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Ph:
317.255.2485 We are looking for an organist for our Sunday morning
Meetings for Worship (10:15 AM). Mostly traditional music - hymns, possibly some choir
accompaniment. The organ is a Casavant.**





Hi! I am an organist's mother. I have a c.1945 Hammond C-7 with original tone cabinet that I need to move out of my living room/dining room. The cost would be \$300. It was gifted to my son when he was in high school by Dr. Charles Webb, Dean Emeritus of the Jacobs School of Music. It is in beautiful condition and plays perfectly. It's in playing condition and all drawbars and accessories work.

Please contact Jennifer Segner at 317-679-2093



ddrappley@yahoo.com

David moved to Indy recently from the San Diego area.

NOTE: For announcements in the Fanfare, please send date, time, COMPETE location (*including address with city, state and ZIP CODE*), costs, and applicable information, e.g., artist, program, content, address, parking, contact person, and website: to Paul, Nick and/or me, (Graphics are always welcome).

More information is better than less. Complete information is required.

PLEASE include a contact person, phone number, and email. A physical address is essential.

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