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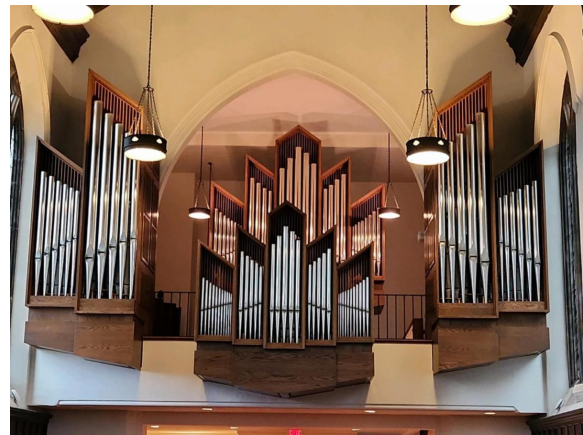
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The Newsletter of the Boston Chapter American Guild of Organists

The Program Committee Congratulates BAGO on a Fabulous Year!



The YOI Program started the year off with a *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza* in Concord in September, led by past Deans Robert Barney and Vickie Wagner



BAGO Members play the Casavant at the Opening Service and Installation at Milton Academy in September



Sound Practitioner Janet Kessenich places tuning forks on past Dean Jeremy Bruns and Chaplain Rev. Brett Johnson at the Evening Retreat at Parish of the Epiphany in October



Barara Owen is honored at Boston University with the release of her latest book, *Pioneers in American Organ Music* in November



First Night performers Sub-Dean Cathy Meyer, Brink Bush, and Gigi Mitchell-Velasco pose with host organist Bryan Ashley, at The Mother Church following the First Night concert



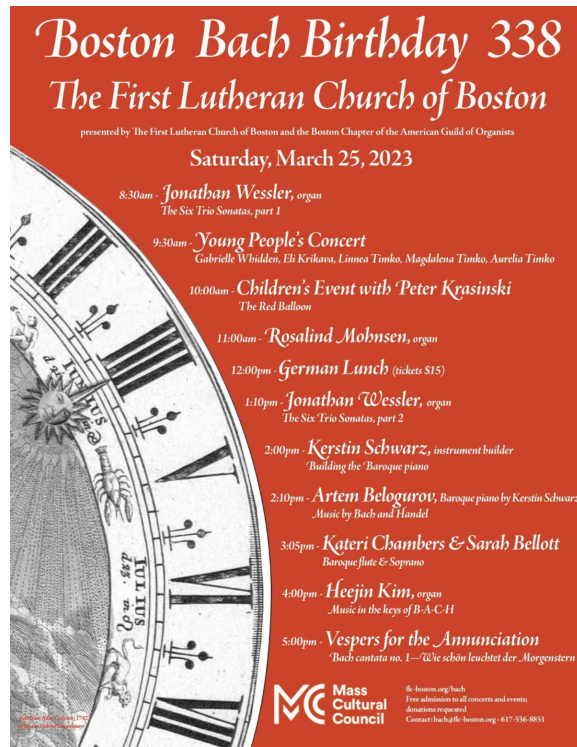
Dr. David Hurd, along with past Deans Robert Barney and Louise Munding, lead a musically-rich Compline Service at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston

BAGO Members enjoy a night of delicious refreshments, lively conversation, and brainstorming session for the 2023-24 program year at our annual Epiphany party, at the home of former Dean Louise Munding



Dr. David Hurd leads a masterclass with six Emerging Artists on the Fiskand Skinner organs at Harvard's Memorial Church in February

Dr. David Hurd enjoys lunch with Emerging Artists and Young Organist Initiative students at Henrietta's Table in Cambridge. The following morning, all were invited to a special service of Lessons & Carols at Old South Church, UCC, in Copley Square with Director of Music and Dean Mitchell Crawford



Boston Bach Birthday 338 at First Lutheran Church, Boston, features many distinguished musicians plus a traditional German lunch with Kantor and EC board member Jonathan Wessler

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George Sargeant leads BAGO members in a hymn on the Hook & Hastings organ at St. Joe's Parish in Boston during our Walking Organ Crawl, with presentations by Jonathan Ambrosino on each instrument



Past Dean Louise Munding demonstrates the colors of the Andover organ at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston, at the second stop of the Walking Organ Crawl



Members gather at Christ Church Cambridge for the Annual Meeting and Recital.

We hope to see more of you in 2023-24!

Best wishes for a relaxing yet music-filled summer!

Your Program Committee:

Cathy Meyer, Jonathan Ambrosino, Sean Glennon,
Jeffrey Hill, and Louise Munding



BAGO Substitute List:

We maintain a list of its members willing to serve as substitutes. This is a great resource in case you find yourself needing a hand! Please note that all information is self-identified by those who submit their name for inclusion in this roster.

[View the List](#)



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL GRACE PERIOD:

The AGO has discontinued its previous three-month grace period for renewals. With the adoption of credit card and electronic payments, the grace period is no longer necessary. **If your membership lapses on June 30, be sure to renew early so you don't miss any member benefits, such as the latest issue of the magazine.**

First Lutheran Church of Boston

Organ Recital Series

2022–2023



Sunday, June 18 | 3:00pm

Ben Bloor

London Oratory and Westminster School

Admission \$20 / \$10

Works by:

J.S. Bach
Sweelinck
Purcell
Scheidemann
Muffat
Stanley
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Ben Bloor, organist of the London Oratory Church and Westminster School and second-prize winner of the 2018 Boston Bach International Organ Competition, will return to Boston for a recital at First Lutheran Church of Boston on Sunday, June 18 at 3pm. His program will include works of Bach, Sweelinck, Scheidemann, Muffat, Purcell, Stanley, and Müthel. Admission is \$20/\$10 at the door.

Ben Bloor is the Organist of the London Oratory Church where he accompanies the professional adult choir for weekly Mass and Vespers and oversees the famous Downes/Walker organ. He combines this with a busy freelance recital career and the post of School Organist at Westminster School, where he teaches organ and plays for services in Westminster Abbey. Previously, he held organ scholarships at Derby Cathedral, St George's Chapel Windsor Castle, New College Oxford and Westminster Cathedral, and was the Assistant Sub-Organist at Rochester Cathedral. Ben was the winner of the 2012 Northern Ireland International Organ Competition, and a semi-finalist in the inaugural Wadden Sea International Organ Competition held in Denmark in January 2017. He was awarded second prize in the Boston Bach International Organ Competition 2018 and also the Canadian International Organ Competition in 2021. Ben holds a First-Class Honours degree in Music from the University of Oxford and the Limpus prize for highest marks in the 2013 FRCO examinations. He is a recipient of the Worshipful Company of Musicians' Silver Medal for his contribution to organ-playing and is a Junior Fellow of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.



2023 Summer Series

Wednesdays 7:30 pm

May 24 – August 30

Young Artists Concert – 4 Local Organ Students (5/24)

Randy Steere (5/31)

Andrew Scanlon (6/7)

North American Debut Paul Fey (6/14)

Margaret Kvamme (6/21)

Michael Hey (6/28)

Zoe Lei (7/5)

Emily Amos (7/12)

Kevin Neel (7/19)

Elena Baquerizo (7/26)

Stephen Price (8/2)

Nigel Potts (8/9)

Anne Horsch (8/16)

Garrett Martin (8/23)

Crista Miller (8/30)

Tickets: \$15 (adult) \$10 (student with ID) \$5 (child under 12)

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