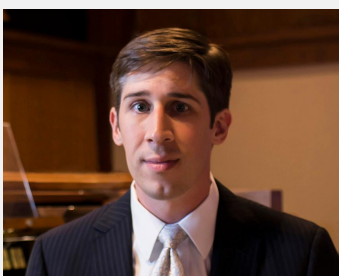


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news and notes for members of Boston Chapter AGO

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The Newsletter of the Boston Chapter American Guild of Organists



A Message from the Dean

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you each doing well on the “Fall” side of Labor Day. As we begin another program year, there is much to look forward to in the days ahead: collaborations with the Worcester and Merrimack Valley Chapters, opportunities to hobnob with organ aficionados Jonathan Ambrosino and

Jonathan Ortloff, and numerous occasions at which to socialize with friends and colleagues. Even though the start of the season is a time of busyness and activity, I encourage you to consider increasing your participation in our chapter of the AGO. Doing so might merely entail showing up to support our programming, but there are many others way to be involved:

Volunteer to serve one of our committees.

BAGO is blessed with a deep bench of committed individuals stewarding the organization and managing its many areas of emphasis. Might you be willing to serve? Our committees encompass all aspects of Chapter life — which means whoever you are and whatever your experience, there is a place for you.

Send us your feedback.

The Executive Committee resumes its meetings in September, and early on establishes priorities and a scope of work for the year ahead. We’d love to know what’s on your mind and how better we might serve your needs and interests. What events, programs, and resources would you like to see more of? In what ways can we do better? If you have thoughts about how BAGO could more effectively and positively impact your life or work, please be in touch.

Stand for election.

2024 is an election year for BAGO: not only will we elect officers, but members-at-large to the Executive Committee as well. Do you have an interest in Chapter leadership? The more diversity of experience and perspective, the more representative of our membership as a whole. Add yours to the mix and help us create an even more robust Chapter.

Help us build community.

Whether by befriending area colleagues, encouraging or mentoring a young person, or simply participating in the life of the Chapter, you help us build our community. Be quick with kind words, avoid cliques (and claques!). Your generous support, not just of our chapter, but of one another, helps further the fundamental mission of the organization.

Here’s looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!



BAGO Emerging Artists Program

The Emerging Artists group is an initiative under the umbrella of the YOI of the Boston AGO serving young organists between the ages of 18-30. Throughout the year, the Boston AGO's Emerging Artists group provides programming in the Greater Boston area to support, encourage, and uplift organists at the start of their careers. Follow this page for information about this year's programs! Join the Boston AGO - Emerging Artists Facebook page and stay updated.

CHECK OUT the 2023 Emerging Artists Fall Programming:

Monday, October 2, 2023, 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Holistic Wellness Night for Organists - Harvard Memorial Church

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm - AGO Exam Overview with Andrew Scanlon via Zoom (Link sent out via email prior to event)

Monday, October 23, 2023 (evening - time: TBD) - Jonathan Ortloff Organ Factory Tour - Note: This event is **ONLY** open to Emerging Artists.

November 11, 2023, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Harvard Memorial Church and Busch Hall Organ Crawl with Emerging Artists and Harvard Organ Society

Join the Facebook Group



BAGO MEMBERSHIP NEWS: The Fall 2023 BAGO Chapter Membership is now on our website. It is in the Members' Area and is password protected, using the Members' Area password. If you have forgotten the password, please use the contact form found [here](#) to have the password resent to you. The Directory is a privilege of Chapter Membership, and your status will be verified before the password is disclosed.

Please view your entry in the Directory. The Directory data is pulled from ONCARD, the AGO HQ membership database. If your data is incorrect, please login to your account on ONCARD, and update your data. For questions on ONCARD use, please contact [Jeffrey Mills](#).

Please remember, ***the Chapter Membership Directory is for the benefit of members who would like to contact other members.*** Due to privacy laws, the Directory is NOT for developing mailing lists for concert programs, recitals, etc. The Boston Chapter AGO does not publish an email list nor do we provide that list to anyone.

If you wish to publish your event, please go to **our calendar** to list your event for no charge or contact **Jonathan Wessler** to discuss a targeted email for your event.



AGO NATIONAL NEWS: Adrian Cho, CAGO, an organist, conductor, and singer from Boston, Mass., led candidates completing the Colleague (CAGO) exam, winning the CAGO Prize of \$500.

The Colleague prize goes to the person with the highest passing score of the combined May and previous November tests. Full details about the prize winners and photos of successful certification candidates will appear in the October issue of The American Organist magazine.



Join us for our Opening Recital and Reception at King's Chapel!
September 24th at 5 PM - 58 Tremont Street, Boston

We hope to see you at our first program of the 2023-24 year! In collaboration with King's Chapel and their year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of Daniel Pinkham's birth, this recital will feature BAGO's Emerging Artists Jerrick Cavagnaro, Mary-Katherine Fletcher, Jennifer Hsaio, and David von Behren on the C.B. Fisk organ. Pinkham served as organist at King's from 1958 to 2000, and taught at the New England Conservatory from 1959 until his death in 2006. While at NEC, he created and chaired the program on early music performance. In 1990, the AGO named him Composer of the Year. This evening will be a fabulous opportunity to hear great music, support the Emerging Artists initiative, connect with other organists, and learn more about the year ahead. A reception with appetizers will follow the recital.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events!



October 2, 8-9 PM Holistic Wellness Night for Organists

Feeling tired, frustrated, overworked or like you could just use a few minutes of rest and pampering? Taking a few minutes to recalibrate yourself is just as important as eating leafy greens and exercising, and it's a lot more fun! Join sound healing practitioners Cathy Meyer and Janet Kessenich in an experiential workshop that will lower your blood pressure and put you in a better mindset. This evening will be held in the Memorial Room at Harvard Memorial Chapel and is co-sponsored by Harvard Organ Society.



November 3-5 Reger 150th Celebration with Worcester Chapter

Nov. 3: Recital 7:30 PM
Nov 4: Three workshops all day 9 until 3:30, Members recital 7:30PM Op. 59
Nov. 5: Recital 4 PM with Closing Reception



October 16, 7 PM TAO Book Club

What did you think about Adam Hockman's two-part series in *The American Organist* about "finding your community and connecting with it?" Did you hear about The Society for Women Organists' Adjustable Bench Campaign? Did you see that our chapter was featured in the February 2023 edition of TAO? What other new, interesting, and exciting things are happening in the Guild's official journal? Join us for a casual discussion of your favorite articles with former dean Louise Munding! Will meet over Zoom.



December 31, 2 PM First Night Concert

Hear three organists in a 60-minute recital on the magnificent Aeolian-Skinner organ at The First Church of Christ, Scientist, as a part of Boston's First Night festivities. This annual tradition is not to be missed!



Congratulations to our 2022-23 Young Organist Initiative students!

YOI students performed a fantastic program of Bach, Rheinberger, Walther, and Langlais at King's Chapel last June as the culmination of their year as YOI scholarship recipients.

The YOI committee is proud to announce that we have three students who have been awarded scholarships for the 2023-24 school year. They will receive \$1000 toward lessons with an BAGO teacher, and the opportunity to participate in two masterclasses, and will perform at King's Chapel next June.

If you would like to make a financial contribution toward this amazing program, please reach out to BAGO treasurer [Daryl Bichel](#).

**NOON HOUR RECITALS
AT KING'S CHAPEL**

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 12:15 PM

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| Matthew McDonough | Prelude in C Major BWV 553 | J.S. Bach |
| Jack McDonough | Prelude in D Minor BWV 554 | |
| Ryan Brown | Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556 | Josef Rheinberger |
| Mags (Margaret) Valdini | Trio No.1 in G Minor | J.G. Walther |
| Bennett Frost | Schmücke dich | Jean Langlais |
| Isaiah Bateman | Prière (Prayer) | |

Young Organists Initiative Showcase Recital

Matt McDonough is 17 years old and he is entering his senior at Thayer Academy (Braintree, MA). Matt enjoys playing football, basketball, baseball and chess. Matt has studied the pipe Organ for the past (9) months under Andrew Sherani, Organist and Master Chorister at the Parish of All Saints, Dorchester, MA.

Jack McDonough is 14 years old and he is entering his freshman year at Thayer Academy (Braintree, MA). Jack enjoys playing soccer, basketball, lacrosse and chess. Jack has studied the pipe Organ for the past (9) months under Andrew Sherani, Organist and Master Chorister at the Parish of All Saints, Dorchester, MA.

Ryan Brown is thirteen years old and has been playing the organ for two years, studying with Robert Barney. He lives in Lexington and attends The Fenn School.

Mags (Margaret) Valdini, has studied piano since age 4, and is newly a student of the organ, beginning their studies in 2022 under Jeremy Bruns. Mags also enjoys singing in church choir at Parish of the Epiphany and is completing 7th grade at the Acera school.

Bennett Frost is a student of Robert Barney.

Isaiah Bateman is in 12th grade at the Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science at WPI and enjoys math and swimming. He is a student of Wesley Hall.

As always, the entire freewill offering collected today will be given to the musician(s).
On their behalf, thank you for your generosity. This is the only payment which they receive for these recitals.

King's Chapel Tremont & School Street Boston



2023 FALL SEASON AT MMMH

**TICKETS: ADULTS: \$15, STUDENTS: \$10
CHILDREN: \$5
(UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)**

**DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE
THE PERFORMANCE**



**SEPTEMBER 17 – AN “OUT OF
THE BOX” THEATRE ORGAN
CONCERT @ 3PM
NATHAN AVAKIAN**

**SEPTEMBER 23 – CHILDREN’S EVENT (FREE)
STORYTIME AT MMMH @ 10AM
LEONARDO CIAMPA, ORGAN**

In Conjunction with Nevins Memorial Library, Methuen, MA
Books of Mo Willems with Organ Accompaniments



**SEPTEMBER 29 – FALL SCHOLARSHIP
FUND CONCERT @ 7:30PM
JAMES KENNERLEY
Municipal Organist of Portland, ME**



**OCTOBER 7 – OPEN CONSOLE
10AM – 2PM**

Contact programs@mmmh.org
In Cooperation with American Guild of
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**OCTOBER 15 – NEW ENGLAND
RINGERS CONCERT @ 3PM**
Includes Classical Transcriptions,
Familiar Favorites, and Original
Compositions



**OCTOBER 22 – A SPOOKY REVUE
ON BROADWAY (RT. 28) @ 3PM**
A Halloween Inspired Afternoon with
Songs the Whole Family Will Enjoy
COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!



**NOVEMBER 3 – AN EVENING WITH
BEN COSGROVE @ 7pm**

“Beautiful and fascinating” original solo piano
works by a landscape-inspired composer and
pianist



**NOVEMBER 12 – FOLK MUSIC AT METHUEN
KIRSTEN MANVILLE / SUSAN LEVINE/
GRACE MORRISON @ 3pm**

Acoustic Americana and folk music by a talented
trio of singer/songwriters



**NOVEMBER 17 – KEN CLARK
ORGAN TRIO @ 7:30pm**

Jazz & R&B in a modern style that is unlike
any organ trio
Sponsored by The Dubay Group



**NOVEMBER 19 – SHRINERS SWING BAND
@ 3pm**

Big Band Era music by talented musicians
raising funds for Shriners Hospitals
Sponsored by Kalil Dental Group



**DECEMBER 1 - OPEN HOUSE 7 – 9pm
CHOIRS OF SOUTH CHURCH, ANDOVER**

Seasonal Music, Festive Decorations
Raffles, Light Refreshments
FREE ADMISSION



**DECEMBER 2 & 3 – A MERRY MUSIC
HALL CHRISTMAS
RAY CORNILS, ORGAN
GREG GETTEL & ROBINSON PYLE,
TRUMPETS**

Saturday @ 7pm / Sunday @ 3pm

RESERVED SEATING ONLY: \$25 Adult / \$5 Children
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The 32nd Annual Nantucket Organ Crawl
Transcriptions for the Organ
Presented by the Nantucket Community Music Center
Featuring Nantucket's six mechanical-action pipe organs
(built between 1835 and 2001)

*Stroll to the five churches in historic Nantucket for 20-minute concerts
Hear many musical styles from classic Baroque to the latest in video game themes*

Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
Free Admission – Contributions gratefully accepted to offset expenses

If we can register 20 people for the trip, the group rate will be \$65 per person. The deadline for registration is September 20, so don't delay. The Steamship Authority Ferry leaves Hyannis at 8:15 am. The return trip from Nantucket is at 3:30 pm, arriving back in Hyannis at 4:30 pm.

To register,

- 1) Send an email to Sub-dean Richard Bunbury (rbunbury@me.com) to let him know names you would like to add to the list.
- 2) Write a check to cover the cost of your fare/s, payable to Cape and Islands AGO, and mail it to Treasurer, Gary Mazzola at PO Box 1186, Eastham, MA 02642.

Car parking in Hyannis is typically \$20 for the day. **Please plan to arrive at 7:15 to allow time for traffic, parking, walking to the ferry and meeting up with the group. We can only board with everyone together.** If you are late, you will need to purchase your own ticket at the additional regular rate of \$81.

Participating Churches and Organs (In "crawl" order)

St. Mary's – Our Lady of the Isle
3 Federal Street; Bigelow & Co. (2001); 17 ranks, 853 pipes
First Congregational Church
North Vestry, 62 Centre Street; Roche Organ (1989); 14 ranks, 686 pipes
First Congregational Church, Summer Sanctuary
62 Centre Street; J.W. Steere & Son (1904); 19 ranks, 1219 pipes
United Methodist Church
2 Centre Street; Appleton Organ (1831); 14 ranks, 633 pipes
Unitarian-Universalist Meeting House
11 Orange Street; Goodrich Organ (1831); 16 ranks, 893 pipes
St. Paul's Church in Nantucket (Episcopal)

Learn More About Our Upcoming Programs!

View The Chapter Calendar



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