

Utah Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Summer Update • June 2019

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Dear Friends,

In this summer update we're announcing a fun June event, reminding you of an organ recital at the Tabernacle on Temple Square in July, and officially informing everyone of the availability of the five-volume set of "Hymn Settings for Organ" by Douglas Bush.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to an array of exciting chapter events beginning on September 7 with a recital by Felipe Dominguez in the Provo Central Stake Center. In October, we will celebrate the Utah Valley chapter's 40th anniversary! If you would like to suggest a future activity, please let Miranda know at <u>mirandawilcox96@gmail.com</u>.

Upcoming Chapter Event: June Informal

- Saturday, June 15
- 10 a.m. to noon
- 883 North 1200 East, Provo

The chapter will hold an "informal" on Saturday, 15 June, 10am to noon, at the home studio of Ruth Eldredge Thomas, 883 North 1200 East, Provo. Sarah Reed and Ruth are co-hosting. Come and play a hymn, prelude, or literature piece for a small appreciative and sympathetic audience. Also welcome are those preparing for exams or submitting music to the new Church hymnal project.

Upcoming Organ Recital



Temple Square Performances: MALCOLM SIM ORGAN RECITAL July 5 @ 7:30 pm, Salt Lake Tabernacle

Malcolm Sim (organist at Glasgow Cathedral in Scotland)

View more information on <u>Temple Square Performances</u>

HYMN SETTINGS FOR ORGAN by Dr. Douglas E. Bush

The five-volume set of Hymn Settings for Organ by Dr. Douglas E. Bush is available at Day Murray Music in Murray, Utah. All of the volumes retail for \$19.95 each, and can be purchased



separately. The volumes are due to appear on the Day Murray Music website soon, but can be perused and purchased in the store or ordered and shipped by mail.

Under the guidance of Bush before his death in October 2013 and using his manuscripts as her only source, Bush's former student Judith J. Wright painstakingly formatted the manuscript into Finale over a period of six years from April 2010 to July 2017. In 2017 Wright wrote of the experience in the introductory notes of each volume: "It has been my greatest pleasure...to observe the care with which he approached the settings of the hymns he chose. The compositions...offer the player or listener a deep look into these hymns...by a remarkably gifted and thoughtful organist, scholar, teach, and composer."

Each volume is arranged alphabetically by title:

Volume 1: A-C Volume 2: D-I Volume 3: J-O Volume 4: P-W Volume 5: Christmas **<u>Click Here</u>** to view the complete table of contents for all five volumes.

Interestingly, none of the hymn titles that Bush set begin with "The," except "The First Noel" in volume five, and the only hymn that was set beginning with the article "A" was "A Mighty Fortress," which is published in volume one.

In July 2013 Bush wrote in the preface to the volumes: "...I hope this music will bring joy and enjoyment, contribute to devotional attitudes, and inspire feelings of worship. Perhaps along the way, it will also be useful in learning and acquiring skill[s] in playing the organ, an instrument that has blessed my life for many years."

Submitted by Mike Carson

Super Saturday Keynote Address Available Online



Lella Pomeroy's poignant, thought-provoking, and sometimes very humorous keynote address from Super Saturday is available online, along with the class handouts from the various instructors, at <u>uvago.org</u>

Read Keynote

Reminder: Please Initiate or Renew Your Membership

The chapter appreciates your continued support of its mission to "engage, support, and uplift every organist." If you already have a membership, you may receive an email reminder when it is time to renew your membership. If you've not become a member yet or do not receive the reminder, now is your chance!

Your contributions enhance the chapter's ability to sponsor monthly organ events each year, including Super Saturday. Please reflect on how your associations in the guild have supported and uplifted you, and consider what you can do to help. Thank you!

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