

# Utah Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists

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## The Dean's Message

December 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

During this holiday season, I am grateful for all that the members of our chapter do to contribute to the organ world. We have accomplished a great deal together this year, and the collage below celebrates this. May you all have a Merry Christmas filled with music and a Happy New Year.

Season's Greetings,  
Sheri



## Upcoming Events

### Chapter Meetings

- Jan 10 Provo Stake Center Wicks organ refurbishment tour with Jim Kasen, 1315 E 900S, 8:30 - 10:00 am
- Jan 17 Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, Provo Central Stake Center, 10:00 am
- Feb Workshop for Choir Directors and Organists, Orem YSA Stake Center
- Mar 14 RCYO Competition, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Salt Lake City
- Mar 20 Chapter Bach Recital, Provo Central Stake Center, 7:00 pm
- Apr 25 Super Saturday, Harris Fine Arts Center, BYU
- May Choir Fest

### Organ Recitals

- Dec 5 Anna Judkins and Kymberly Stone, Multi-Stake Center Building 400N 900 E, Provo, 7:30 pm
- Jan 11 Renée Anne Louprette (Rutgers University, NJ), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Feb 8 Vincent Dubois (Strasbourg Conservatory, France), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm

### Choir Concerts

- Dec 5 *Messiah*, Alpine Tabernacle
- Dec 8 Utah Baroque Ensemble, Orem City Public Library, 58 N State St., Orem, 6:00 pm
- Dec 8 Utah Chamber Artists, "Welcome All Wonders," Libby Gardner Hall, University of Utah, 7:30 pm
- Dec 14 Carols by Candlelight, Provo Community United Church of Christ, 175 N. University Ave.
- Dec 14 Spanish Fork Stake Christmas Hymn Sing, Spanish Fork Stake Center, 1006 East 200 South, 7:00 pm
- Dec 19-20 Salt Lake Choral Artists, "O Magnum Mysterium," St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Salt Lake City, 7:30 pm

## Liturgical Seasons: Advent

Beginning the liturgical year for Roman Catholics and many Protestants, Advent (from the Latin verb *advenire* "to come to") is the period encompassing the four Sundays before the celebration of Christmas. Advent has a twofold character; it is a time of preparation for Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and it is a time of anticipation for Christ's second coming. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Hymns sung during Advent articulate these themes. For example:

- Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
- Comfort, Comfort O My People
- Creator of the Stars of Night
- Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry
- Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer
- Savior of the Nations Come

Martin Luther composed eight stanzas of "Savior of the Nations" as *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* in 1524. This hymn leads the liturgical year in Lutheran hymnals. It was based on Ambrose of Milan's *Veni redemptor gentium*. Bach wrote two cantatas and a chorale prelude based on this hymn in the early 1700s.



## New Chapter Member

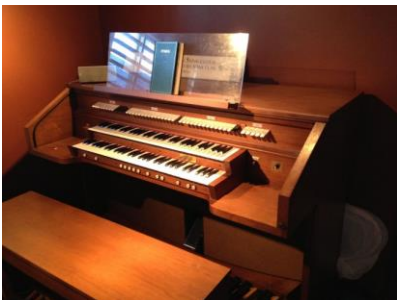


**Brian Mathias**, South Jordan, Brian Mathias is currently Adjunct Professor of Music at Brigham Young University, where he teaches applied organ and carillon, as well as courses in organ literature, keyboard harmony, and hymn playing. Before coming to BYU this fall, he taught at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, and was Associate Organist at Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Brian received his early organ instruction from Salt Lake

Chapter member Larry Blackburn. He then earned bachelor's and master's degrees in organ performance at BYU before completing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Kansas, where he studied with James Higdon.

Brian's recent solo performances include recitals at Washington National Cathedral (Washington, D.C.), Texas A&M International University (Laredo, Texas), and the Community of Christ Temple (Independence, Missouri). He has performed as a guest organist at the Salt Lake Tabernacle since 2007. He has also played in a number of international organ competitions, including the recent Canadian International Organ Competition (Montreal, Quebec) and the Grand Prix de Chartres International Organ Competition (Paris, France).

Brian currently resides in South Jordan with his wife, Alicia, and daughters Claire (3) and Evie (1).



### Organ for Sell

Craig Adams is selling his family's Rodgers 640 organ. These models currently sell for between \$1,500 and \$2,500. This organ is in very good condition. However, the buyer will have to arrange to move the organ from the Adam's basement in Lehi, so he is asking \$1,500. If interested, please email:

[rcraigadams@gmail.com](mailto:rcraigadams@gmail.com) or call 801.372.4474.

## High School Organ Competition

The Winston-Salem (NC) Chapter of the AGO is happy to announce the 4th annual HS Organ Festival & Competition that they co-sponsor with the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The competition is open to any high school senior or younger who has not previously won the competition's First Prize. In addition to cash prizes and potential scholarships, all prize winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Hymn Prize) will receive a copy of one of the eight volumes of Bach works published by Wayne Leupold Editions, compliments of the publisher. **A CD Recording and application is due (received) by December 19, 2014.** For full information about the competition, festival events, and instruments, please visit: <http://www.timothyolsenorganist.com/hs-competition.html>.

## Resources for Organists

"The LDS Organist"  
(created by Jennifer Morgan)  
[www.organlessons.blogspot.com](http://www.organlessons.blogspot.com)

"Pedal Points"  
(created by Florence Hawkinson)  
[www.ldsorganist.wordpress.com](http://www.ldsorganist.wordpress.com)

David Chamberlin's hymn  
voluntaries  
[www.chamberlinmusic.com](http://www.chamberlinmusic.com)

Free music for the LDS organist  
[www.ldsorganist.org](http://www.ldsorganist.org)

Music for the LDS organist:  
[www.wardorganist.com](http://www.wardorganist.com)

Resources for the LDS organist  
[www.ldsorganists.info](http://www.ldsorganists.info)

BYU organ information  
[www.organ.byu.edu](http://www.organ.byu.edu)

Local organ builder of fine  
mechanical action organs  
[www.bigeloworgans.com](http://www.bigeloworgans.com)

AGO Salt Lake City Chapter  
[www.slco.org](http://www.slco.org)

AGO Utah Valley Chapter  
[www.uvago.org](http://www.uvago.org)

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[www.agoregionixblog.blogspot.com](http://www.agoregionixblog.blogspot.com)

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*Anna Judkins &  
Kymberly Stone  
in organ recital*

Friday December 5th

7:30 pm

Multi-Stake Building

300 N 900 E Provo UT

*Refreshments to Follow*

