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Dean's Message

April 2016

Dear Friends,

I'd like to extend a big thank you to everybody who performed in and helped organize the Bach Recital. Thank you, also, to those who have volunteered to help with the POE (Pipe Organ Encounter) and with Super Saturday. Super Saturday is fast approaching and we could still use a few more volunteers to help out on the day of the event. Please contact Paul Duncombe or myself to volunteer.

For your convenience, you can contribute to the POE fund online, when renewing your annual AGO membership. I encourage everyone to contribute what they can. Also, we have included a Super Saturday flyer in the newsletter. Please help advertise by handing out and posting flyers.

I would like to congratulate two of our members on being accepted to doctoral programs. Glen Hicks has been accepted to Arizona State University and Shawn Mikkelson has been accepted to Brandeis University for the Historical Musicology PhD program. We appreciate both of their contributions to our chapter and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Have you registered for the National AGO Convention which will take place in Houston, Texas, June 19-23? Tyler Boehmer, who won our Utah Valley/Salt Lake City Quimby RCYO 2015 competition, and went on to win the regional competition in San Diego, will be performing in a Rising Stars concert at the National Convention.

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You can register for the convention at <http://agohouston2016.com/conference/registration/>.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything that I can do to assist any of you, please let me know. Thank you for all of your support and for sharing your love of organ with us!

Sincerely,

Sheri

Upcoming Events

Chapter Activities

- April 23 Super Saturday, Harris Fine Arts Center, BYU,
8 AM - 3 PM
- June 3 Closing Social: Franck & Franks (location TBA)
- July 24-30 Pipe Organ Encounter, sponsored by UVAGO and SLAGO, Organists ages 13-18 take lessons, attend master classes, and attend concerts.

Organ Recitals and Other Events

- April 8 Richard Elliott, Inaugural organ recital, 7:30 PM, First United Methodist Church, 200 E 203 S, SLC
- April 27 Sheri Peterson Master's degree recital, 7:30 PM, St. Ambrose, 2315 S Redondo Ave, SLC, student of Don Cook

POE Highlights

The POE committee has so far received 7 registrations to the POE event to be held in Salt Lake City this July. Ten to twelve is the desired number of applicants and registration is still open until July 1st. Please visit the website: www.uvago.org for more information or contact the POE director Anna Judkins at anna@fredricknet.net

The chapter is still in need of your \$20 donation to help fund this event. If you are able to help with a contribution, please make your check payable to Utah Valley American Guild of Organists with Utah POE written in the subject line. And THANK YOU! to those who have already sent in their donation. Your contribution is much appreciated!

The POE committee is also in need of volunteers to help with transportation and to be chaperones for the students attending the workshop. If you are interested in helping please contact Anna Judkins.

Inaugural Recital

The Music Ministry at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of SLC is pleased to announce the inaugural organ recital of The Wesleyan Heritage Pipe Organ featuring **Tabernacle Organist Dr. Richard Elliott, on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 7:30pm**. This recital celebrates the many community donors and foundations for their support and contributions of this historic project. All are welcome.

The Wesleyan Heritage Pipe Organ at FUMC dates back to 1906, making it one of the oldest organs in Utah. The original organ had 33 ranks of pipes and was constructed by George Kilgen and Sons Organ Company (1873-1939) of St. Louis, Missouri. With age and deteriorating components, FUMC launched a fund-raising campaign to restore/renovate the organ back as close as possible to its original roots, keeping with its integrity, period and design. The organ project re-establishes the unique 1900's tonal style, the organ case, a rebuilt Austin console from 1930 and augmented the organs character with other vintage components most notably from another of the oldest organs in the region, the Salt Lake Masonic Temple. Bigelow & Co. Organ Builders of American Fork, Utah restored/renovated the organ. Also, known as Bigelow Opus 38, the organ has 3 manuals, 36 voices and 43 ranks. The front façade pipes have been stenciled by Mr. Tony Devroude of *Artisan Organs*. As part of the project, we have redesigned and opened up the front space in our Sanctuary. Thus the look and feel and sound of the church and organ takes us back to 1906.

We hope that you will join us for these events to experience this most exquisite Salt Lake City treasure.

Scott R. Mills

Principal Organist

Substitute organists are always needed, and often hard to find. If you would like to be on a list of substitute organists, please let DeeAnn Stone know by sending her an email: dstone@uvago.org

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Music for the LDS organist

The Utah Valley AGO Youth Scholarship Committee wishes to announce the successful completion of the scholarship auditions in February. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to receive awards: Gideon Hale, student of Sheri Peterson, Gabriel Hale, student of Sheri Peterson, Julie Carlson, student of Mike Carson, and Sarah Maxfield, student of Brian Mathias. Each student came well prepared and performed beautifully! We are grateful for their hard work and preparation and wish them well in their future organ study. And thanks to the parents, teachers, judges and committee members who all helped to make this event possible. Scholarship awards included free one-year AGO membership for 2016-2017, tuition free organ lessons, tuition free registration to the POE (Pipe Organ Encounter) in Salt Lake City this July and to the BYU Organ Workshop this August. We congratulate the winning students on their accomplishment and look forward to more scholarship auditions in the future.



L-R: Brian Mathias and his student Sarah Maxfield; Julie Carlson and her teacher Mike Carson. Photo by Kari Nay

On Friday, March 8, the Utah Valley Chapter held its annual Happy Birthday Bach Recital. The following chapter members and students played Bach pieces large and small: Heidi Rodeback, Paul Duncombe, Emily Moody, Caleb Lyons, Jordan Martineau, Jay Goodliffe, David Chamberlin, and Kymberly Stone. The recital was a delight to hear, and the birthday cake afterward was delicious. Many thanks to those who performed and who helped plan the event, especially hostess Carol Dean. Photograph on the following page by Evan Manning.



Performers at this year's Bach Birthday Recital (L-R): Paul Duncombe, Heidi Rodeback, David Chamberlin, Emily Moody, Jordan Martineau, Kymberly Stone, Jay Goodliffe. Not pictured: Caleb Lvons.