

Utah Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists

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Dean's Message

May 2017

Dear Friends,

Hello! It was such a pleasure to see you all at our annual Super Saturday last week. It was a blast! A big thank you to Sheri Peterson and Paul Duncombe for their efforts in planning out a successful event. Also, thanks to our presenters and performers for their preparations and efforts. I look forward to next year's Super Saturday!

Recently, I was discussing within a music committee why we decided to play the organ. Some answered the "typical answer" that we oft hear, that "they were asked because an organist was needed." This was not my answer, necessarily. At a younger age, I heard the majesty and the power of the organ as used in worship, and fell in love. It is a relationship I am glad I have strengthened throughout my lifetime, and one I look forward to continue strengthening in the future.

What drew you to the organ? Why did you decide to learn to play the King of the Instruments? I hope that you take some time this month to ponder on this, and let it help you flourish and grow!

I look forward to seeing you all at our closing social soon!

Quinten

Upcoming Chapter Events

May 19 Closing Social. Potluck dinner and a presentation by Joan Stevens about her organ experiences abroad.

Organ Recitals and Other Events

June 11-15 AGO Western Region Conference, SLC.

It's that time of the year!

We will soon be planning our calendar for next year. Are there things you'd like to see our chapter do in the coming year? Classes or speakers you'd like to see us have? Are you interested in performance opportunities? Other ideas? Our board will be meeting in mid-June to make plans. Please send feedback and event suggestions to Sheri Peterson: sheri.peterson@gmail.com

The AGO West Convention in Salt Lake City is coming up soon. If you plan to attend and would like to carpool, please contact Sheri Peterson:
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Please let us know if you plan to drive and wouldn't mind taking an extra passenger or two, or if you need a ride.

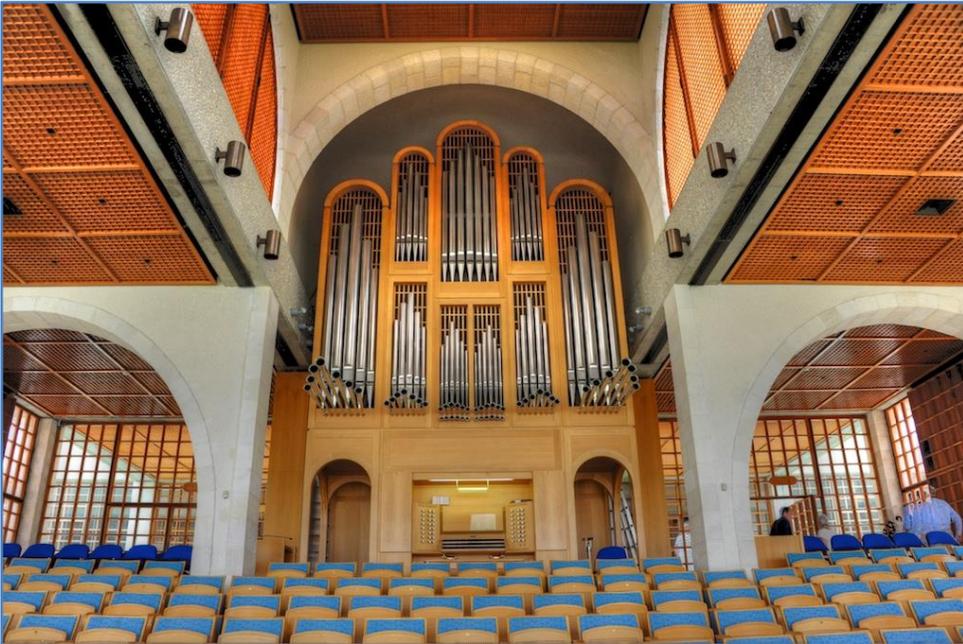


Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who helped organize, set-up, teach, advertise and otherwise help with Super Saturday! The event was successful because of chapter support. It's not too early to commit to teaching and helping with next year's Super Saturday. If you'd like to be involved, contact Sheri Peterson:
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Save the date!

Sarah Maxfield, student of Dr. Brian Mathias, will compete with three other finalists at the Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists on Saturday, June 10, 2017, as part of the 2017 West Region AGO Convention in Salt Lake City. The competition will be held in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. Please come support Sarah and the other finalists.



Please join us for a potluck dinner closing social. The chapter will provide meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Joan Stevens will do a multi-media presentation on her organ studies in Europe and experiences at the Jerusalem Center.

*Friday, May 19, 6:00 PM at Paul and Linda Duncombe's home,
1125 East 740 South, Pleasant Grove.*

[Map to Paul & Linda Duncombe's House](#)

- Driving instructions: 1) Take Pleasant Grove Blvd off-ramp (exit # 275) At the stop make a **turn towards the mountains**. Go about a 1/4 mile to first street which is 700 North-Lindon (There is a Central Bank building on the corner)
- 2) Turn **right on 700 North-Lindon** and proceed a few miles to State Street.
- 3) **Cross State Street** - 700 North becomes 1,000 South- go to the top of the street which ends on Locust.
- 4) Turn **left on Locust**. Go a short distance to 900 South.
- 5) Turn **right on 900 South** and continue up the hill a mile or so to the stop sign which ends at 1150 East.
- 6) Turn **left on 1150 East** and go a short distance to the next street which is 830 South.
- 7) Turn **left on 830 South**. Street curves-- go to 740 South.
- 8) Turn **right on 740 South**, a cul-de-sac.
- 9) House is second house on the left side of the street.

Mike Carson's keynote address and handouts from classes at Super Saturday 2017 are now available online by clicking [here](#).

Resources for Organists

[AGO National Headquarters](#)

[AGO Utah Valley Chapter](#)

[Utah Valley AGO Facebook Page](#)

[AGO Salt Lake City Chapter](#)

[AGO YouTube Channel](#)

[Pipedreams with Michael Barone](#)

[Bigelow & Co.](#)

Local builder of fine mechanical
action organs

[Hymn Voluntaries](#)

by David Chamberlin

[Hymnal Trivia Quiz](#)

by Lella Pomeroy and James
Welch

[LDS Organist](#)

Free music for the LDS organist

[Organ Study](#)

BYU School of Music

[Pedal Points](#)

Musings on organ playing by

Florence Hawkinson

[Pedals & Pipework](#)

Tours of local pipe organs by Nick
Banks

[Resources for LDS Organists](#)

by DeeAnn Stone

[WardOrganist.com](#)

Music for the LDS organist

[womenorgancomposers.com](#)

Information on women
composers by Sheri Peterson

Young Organists Excel in RCYO Chapter Competition

The Salt Lake chapter of the American Guild of Organists hosted a chapter-level competition in the Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists (RCYO) on March 9, 2017. Sarah Maxfield, 16, won the competition, and Dallin Baldwin, 23, an organ performance major at BYU, was awarded runner-up.

The competition was held at First United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City on the recently restored Bigelow & Company organ. Judges for the competition were John Longhurst, Haruhito Miyagi, and Kenneth Udy. Sarah Maxfield will compete as a finalist at the regional competition on Saturday, June 10, 2017, as part of the 2017 West Region AGO Convention in Salt Lake City at the Assembly Hall on Temple Square, 1:00-5:30 PM.

In the competition Sarah performed "Prelude and Fugue in A minor" by J. S. Bach (BWV 543), "Salamanca" by Guy Bovet, and "LOBE DEN HERREN" as a hymn accompaniment. As a young musician, Sarah has accrued a combined 17 years of organ, piano, viola, accordion, and voice instruction; attended 10 college organ camps; was awarded Royal School of Church Music organ scholar; and attended the 2016 Haarlem International Organ Festival in Holland. As a volunteer, she has accompanied choirs, served as a church organist, provided Christmas piano music at Macy's, and played more than 200 hours outside the cancer and med-surg units of Primary Children's Hospital. Sarah is the daughter of Nathan and Janet Maxfield of Midvale, Utah.

Dallin Baldwin performed "Tocatta and Fugue in F Major" by J. S. Bach (BWV 540), "Andante Sostenuto from Symphonie Gothique" by Widor, and "MIT FREUDEN ZART" as a hymn accompaniment. He is currently the organist at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in Provo. He has performed at a variety of locations, including BYU Devotionals; freshman and sophomore recitals at BYU; the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Saint John's Cathedral in Boise, Idaho. Dallin has always loved playing the organ and participating in choirs. He hopes to pursue graduate studies in choral conducting.

American Guild of Organists West Region Convention

The Salt Lake Chapter is thrilled to welcome the West Region back to Salt Lake City June 11-15. You'll enjoy 23 concerts and recitals, great workshops and master classes, a banquet dinner, evening receptions, and much more. Our diverse artist roster includes Kimberly Marshall, Kenneth Udy, Jaebon Hwang, Pamela Decker, and Stephen Tharp. Richard Elliott and the Orchestra at Temple Square will present Alexandre Guilmant's Symphony No. 2, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir will perform in their renowned home venue. Take in a museum exhibit celebrating the Tabernacle Organ's 150th anniversary.

Optional excursions to a carillon recital by Don Cook, and open console visits to three different M.L. Bigelow pipe organs are available.

There's plenty of great pre-convention events, too. If you come a day early (Saturday June 10), attend Tabernacle Organist Clay Christiansen's solo concert on the Tabernacle organ. Sunday morning, attend the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's "Music and the Spoken Word" broadcast. A variety of worship options are available within walking distance.

Website: agowest2017.org



Harry Cross and Don Cook present

*"Something Old, Something New,
Something Borrowed, Something Blue"*

— and none of it has anything to do with a wedding!

You won't want to miss it.

Saturday, May 20, 2:00 PM

Ensign Stake Center, 135 N. A street, SLC