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November Events: Masterclasses and Concerts

Nathan Laube — University of St. Thomas Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.

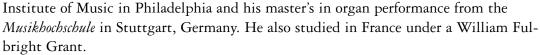
Stephen Tharp – Augustana Lutheran Church Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 22, 9:30 a.m.

rganist Nathan Laube, acclaimed for his performances throughout the United States and Europe, will perform a recital at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 9, in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas on the St. Paul campus of the University of

St. Thomas. On Saturday, November 8, Laube will present a masterclass from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the same venue, in partnership with the TCAGO.

The free recital, the first in this season's Organ Artist Series, is sponsored by the St. Thomas Department of Music. Known for his creative programming of repertoire spanning five centuries, his recital will feature works by Bruhns, Cabanilles, Buxtehude, Bach, Rameau, Guilain, Alain and Dupré.

In addition to his performing and recording schedule, Laube is on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music in New York. A native of Chicago, he earned his bachelor's in music at the Curtis



Often described as a star among young classical musicians, he has performed in solo recitals and with orchestras throughout the United States and Germany, France, Slovenia, Finland and the United Kingdom. He also won top prizes in U.S. and European competitions, has been a featured performer at national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists, and many of his live performances have been featured on American Public Media's *Pipedreams* program.

At St. Thomas, he will be using the university's chapel organ [Gabriel Kney 1987, III/56]. The Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas is located near the intersection of Cleveland and Laurel avenues in St. Paul. For more information call 651-962-5850, or visit online at www.stthomas.edu/music/events.

The Augustana Fine Arts Series will present virtuoso organist **Stephen Tharp** in an organ recital on Augustana's Glatter-Götz/Rosales organ on Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m. The

recital is free and open to the public, and a freewill offering will be taken.

Stephen Tharp remains an important champion of new organ music, and continues to commission and premiere numerous compositions for the instrument. A composer himself, Tharp was commissioned by Cologne Cathedral, Germany to compose his *Easter Fanfares* for the inauguration of the organ's new *en chamade* Tuba stops. He also composed *Disney's Trumpets* for the Glatter-Götz/Rosales organ at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles.

In April 2008, Stephen Tharp was named the Official Organist for the New York visit of Pope Benedict XVI, playing for three major events attended by more than 60,000 people that were broadcast live worldwide.



Dean's Column

Paul Westermeyer

Susan Briehl and I recently led a worship and music conference at Grace Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. My wife Sally was with me. After the conference she and I were headed to the Grand Canyon on a trip the Master of Sacred



Music graduates at Luther Seminary had given us. When I mentioned this to Susan she was elated for us and said something about the wonder and scale of the Grand Canyon. Her response is not unusual. Artists have painted it, photographers have photographed it, sculptors have sculpted it, writers have written about it, explorers have explored it, scientists and historians have studied it – marveling.

Before and after I got to the Grand Canyon, however, I was thinking about an organist from whom it elicited a massive piece of music – Olivier Messiaen and his *From the Canyons to the Stars*, twelve movements that take over an hour and a half to play. Though commissioned to celebrate the Declaration of Independence and inspired by a visit to the Bryce Canyon in Utah, Messiaen nonetheless used bird songs not only from the United States, but from Africa, China, Hawaii, India, and Japan. And the work is not only about birdsong or wildlife and

plants. It's about one nation, all nations, the earth below, the stars above, the gift of sound, colors in sound, the mystery of God, healing the broken-hearted, resurrection, awe — all coupled with challenging intellectual and practical problems that require ingenuity and fruitful labor by human beings. It is about everything — the universe, the cosmos.

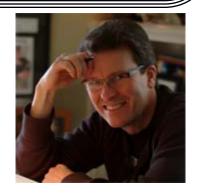
I do not expect that everybody who reads these words will "like" this piece. It is as challenging to the hearers as it is to the performers. The point here is not what any of us may think about Messiaen's music, nor to suggest that we should all play in his "style." It is this: like his Quartet for the End of Time in a prison camp, the piece is hard to dismiss. It is a testimony to skillful twentieth-century composing and musicianship. Not surprisingly, an organist is its source. The organ, its players, and those who have composed out of its resources - even when no organ is employed - have spawned remarkably substantive gifts for the human race. They still – you still – do. It is easy to forget this, along with the wonder of God's church and world that set it in motion, in a culture where superficiality is prized, people's longing for meaning (evidenced in many visitors to the Grand Canyon, speaking many languages) is often blocked, and those who supply it are even abused. We are well-advised not to forget and to press on with the substance of our birthright in season and out of season.

In Memoriam Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

In honor and remembrance of Stephen Paulus, his contributions to organ literature, and with thanksgiving for his work as a composer and champion of young composers, the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is donating \$1000.00 to the Paulus Fund, created by the American Composers Forum at the wishes of his family to honor his memory and to support the careers of his fellow composers. Stephen's funeral will be Saturday, November 8, at 3:00 p.m. at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. For a tribute by Michael Barone, click here.

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Mr. Tharp's playing has also been heard on both English and Irish national television, on Radio Prague, orgelnieuws.nl in the Netherlands, and in the U.S. on American Public Media's Pipedreams. In both 2005 and 2011, Pipedreams broadcast entire programs dedicated exclusively to his career, making him one of the few organists in the world so honored.

Stephen Tharp earned his BA degree, *magna cum laude*, from Illinois College, Jacksonville, and his MM from Northwestern University, Chicago, where he studied with Rudolf Zuiderveld and Wolfgang Rübsam, respectively. He has also worked privately with Jean Guillou in Paris.

Tharp will also present a masterclass on the Glatter-Götz organ Saturday, November 22, 9:30 a.m. - noon, with a social time preceding the masterclass at 9:00 a.m. The masterclass is graciously funded by the Twin Cities American Guild of Organists.

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Jane Nienaber, Registrar

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Then email me at bobnjane@usfamily.net so we can publish the updates in a future *Pipenotes* article. Thanks for your help!



Introducing our New Members in the Chapter

Stephen Hamilton

Growing up in an old area of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Bill Wilson studied piano with T. Norwood Collins, a fine local pianist. After years of looking into the choir loft and wondering how the organist at his church got all those pipes to work, he made the switch from piano to organ during high school and studied with Edwin Ohl at Settlement Music School.

Bill completed his undergraduate degree at Hope College, with Roger Davis, and a DMA with David Craighead at Eastman School of Music. Sandwiched in between these years, Bill did a stint in the U.S. Army where he was the Post Organist at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

He was the Director of Music at St. Olaf Church, Austin, Minnesota, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, North Minneapolis. Since then, he has played about "two organ gigs a year" while serving as a Lutheran pastor in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. He is recently retired, lives with his wife in Minneapolis, and is enjoying figuring out where he will fit in with community volunteering, the musical world, and as a new grandfather.



Concert Series at Como Lutheran Church

http://comoparklutheran.org

Tom Ferry

Como Lutheran Church in St. Paul will present a series of organ concerts and a Messiah Sing Along this season. The programs are free and open to the public, and feature the Casavant organ at the church.

Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.

Messiah Sing Along. Soloists and chamber orchestra. Scores available for purchase.

Sunday January 25, 4:00 p.m. Tom Ferry, resident organist

Sunday February 1, 4:00 p.m. David Fienen, visiting organist

Sunday February 8, 4:00 p.m. Jayson Engquist, visiting organist

Sunday March 1, 4:00 p.m.

Marilyn Schempp, visiting organist

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New Listings on the Organ List

Richard Greene

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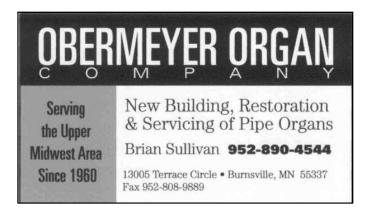
St. Paul - Hamline UMC, Hook & Hastings (1929)

St. Paul – St. Clement Episcopal Church, Aeolian-Skinner (Opus 1426, 1961)

West St. Paul – Augustana Lutheran Church, Glatter- Götz, Rosales (Opus 35, 2005)

Winona – College of St. Teresa, George Kilgen & Sons (1927)

Winona – Winona State University, Somsen Auditorium, Aeolian (Opus 1544, 1925)



TCAGO Archive News, "TCAGO through the Decades"

Jerry Bonstrom, Archivist

1970s, Part VII

1977-78 Season Continued

Since there was no December '77 or January '78 meeting, we continue our '70s retrospective with the February, 1978 meeting. We visited private homes – private homes with pipe organs.

- Dr. and Mrs. Winston Lindberg's home in Wayzata housed an 8-rank Van Daalen tracker organ.
- We heard a 10-rank Wolff organ at Gary Thomas's residence on Summit Avenue in St. Paul.
- Jeff Klein demonstrated a 3-rank Hilgreen Lane/Volgelpohl organ in his Minneapolis home.
- Our last stop was in Burnsville to hear a 4½-rank Wicks at the home of Wayne Burcham and Layten Heckman.

Our March 5th meeting featured two new organs in Richfield. DeAnn Crossley and Robert Luther performed on the Reuter organ at Richfield Methodist and the Schantz organ at Richfield Lutheran.

"Chapter to Co-Sponsor Appearance of Gustav Leonhardt on April 18"

On a Tuesday night we met at Gethsemane Episcopal Church in downtown Minneapolis to hear the renowned Dutch harpsichordist play a solo recital.

Our last meetings of the season took place on May 5 and 6 at Concordia College, St. Paul. It was publicized as an Eric Routley Symposium. At 7:30 p.m. on May 5 and 9:00 a.m. on May 6, Mr. Routley spoke about hymnody.

1978-79 Season

Our opening meeting with TCCA (Twin Cities Choirmaster's Association) took place on September 17, 4:30 p.m., at Gethsemane Episcopal Church in downtown Minneapolis. It was an Evensong service with E. Lyle Hagert – organist/choirmaster – directing and playing. The Reverend Clifford Swanson of St. Olaf College delivered an address on "Worship and the Arts." A reception followed in the Parish Hall.

The October 23rd meeting of the TCAGO was held at Woodlake Lutheran in Richfield. It was a recital for organ and instruments using the new Holtkamp organ. Dale Hunter, Margaret Anderson (our dean), Curt Oliver and Layton Heckman were the organists who performed with a flutist, a trumpet player and a Dutch hand bell choir.

Layten Heckman, editor of *Pipenotes*, reports that issues will be printed at St. Andrew's Lutheran in Mahtomedi. Copies will be Xeroxed which will not allow photography but is a considerably lowered cost.

We met at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. Three organists from the White Bear Lake area performed on the new 20-rank instrument built by the Temple Organ Company in St. Joseph, Missouri. Ted Gillen (St. Mary's Catholic in White Bear Lake), Marlyce Lee (Lake Drive Methodist in Mahtomedi), and Gary Lynn (St. Mark's Lutheran in No. St. Paul) were the performers.

On Sunday February 25, 1979, TCAGO met at Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church. [There were no meetings in December and January.] Layton James, harpsichordist and pianist with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra performed and spoke on the topic, "The Harpsichord in the Church." He talked about repertory, technique and basic maintenance of the harpsichord.

Our March 25th meeting took place at St. John the Baptist Church in New Brighton. Ann Maud from *Concentus Musicus* gave an address on "Dance in the Church." The Contactwork Dance Ensemble demonstrated the use of dance to the Palestrina *Missa Beate Virgine* which was sung by a small choral ensemble under the direction of Carsten Slostad.

The final meeting of the season was held on April 29 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Paul Manz spoke on various aspects of how to organize a hymn festival. *Pipenotes* notes that election of officers will be held for the next season.

To be continued...

I came across an interesting fact about a founder (1896) of the American Guild of Organists. In Samuel A. Baldwin's obituary (he died at age 87) in the October, 1949 issue of *The Diapason*, it was noted that Professor Baldwin was born in Lake City, Minnesota and that the family moved to St. Paul in 1874 where he became the House of Hope Presbyterian Church organist at the age of 15. He left in 1880 to study at the Dresden Conservatory.





Saint Cecilia Choral Festival

Monday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Catholic Church

http://www.sacredheartrobbinsdale.org

Anne Susag

All are invited to celebrate the feast of St. Cecilia, patron saint of music and musicians, with the Twin Cities Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. Visit with friends and colleagues at a reception following the program.

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Festival Evensong for Christ the King

Sunday, November 23, 4:00 p.m. St. George's Episcopal Church

http://www.stgeorgesonline.org
Randall Davidson

The choir of St. George's Episcopal Church will sing a Festival Evensong for Christ The King, Sunday, November 23, at 4:00 p.m. The service will feature the North American premiere of a new set of evening canticles, The Nelson Cathedral Service, written by British composer Gordon B.G. Lawson, for the choir of Nelson Cathedral, New Zealand.

Also featured will be the *Gloria* from Mozart's *Coronation Mass*.

Soloists include Dorothy Benham, soprano; Elizabeth Woolner, mezzo; Mark Bauer, tenor; Don Moyer, bass. Organist and Choirmaster is Randall Egan.

Preceding Evensong at 3:30 p.m., young violin prodigy, Benjamin Brashear, will play a brief minirecital which will include music of Bach, Handel, Albinoni and Franck.

A free-will offering will be received and a reception will follow Evensong.

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Summary of West Metro Organ Crawl on October 18

Jeremy Haug

Partnered with the beautiful weather and exquisite fall colors, several TCAGO members and friends toured around the West Metro of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

We graciously thank Carsten Slostad and our hospitality team for creating a delightful spread of refreshments, which launched our morning at Guardian Angels Catholic in Chaska.

We extended our blessings to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church who hosted the noon lunch with soups from Maynards Restaurant; mini-sandwiches from "the kitchen crew," bite-size treats from Truffle Hill and gourmet brownies from staff organist Jeremy Haug. It is always delightful to eat, socialize and partake in engaging conversation among fellow organists and friends.

The day-long event featured unique and varied instruments.

Thank you to the concert performers:

Mary Joy Rieder – Guardian Angels Catholic
[Schaeffer 1903; Orvold 1980, II/16];

Kraig Windschitl – Mount Olivet Lutheran
[Möller 1956; Rodgers, III/38];

John Ferguson – Mount Calvary Lutheran [Schantz
1994, II/26]; *20-Year Organ Celebration

Luke Tegtmeier – Trinity Episcopal

[Hendrickson 2008, II/29]

In closing the members of the TCAGO express utmost gratitude to our hosts:

Michaela Frie, Guardian Angels Catholic Church;

Kraig Windschitl, Mount Olivet Lutheran;

Jeremy Haug and 20-Year Organ Anniversary Committee, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church;

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Foundation (sponsorship for lunch);

Andrew Birling, Trinity Episcopal Church.





Calendar of Events

November

Sunday, November 2, 3:00 p.m.

Organ and String Ensemble Concert

Laura Edman, organist

Roseville String Ensemble, James Hainlen, cond.

Roseville Lutheran Church

1215 Roselawn Avenue W., Roseville

TCAGO Event

Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.

Nathan Laube masterclass

Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas

University of St. Thomas

Cleveland & Laurel Aves., St. Paul

Sunday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.

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Monday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.

Saint Cecilia Choral Festival

National Association of Pastoral Musicians

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

4087 West Broadway Ave., Robbinsdale

Thursday, November 13, 12:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Organ Recital

Joan DeVee Dixon, organist

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church

15600 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth

TCAGO Event

Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.

Stephen Tharp organ concert

Augustana Lutheran Church

1400 Robert St. South, West St. Paul

Saturday, November 22, 9:30 a.m.

Stephen Tharp masterclass

Augustana Lutheran Church

1400 Robert St., South, West St. Paul

Sunday, November 23, 4:00 p.m.

Festival Evensong for Christ the King

Choir, organ, and soloists

St. George's Episcopal Church

5224 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park

December

Thursday, December 11, 12:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Organ Recital

Paul Otte, organist

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church

15600 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth

Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.

Messiah Sing Along

Como Park Lutheran Church

1376 Hoyt Avenue West, St. Paul

January

Thursday, January 8, 12:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Organ Recital

Sarah Garner, organist

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church

15600 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth

Sunday, January 25, 4:00

Organ concert

Tom Ferry, resident organist

Como Park Lutheran Church

1376 Hoyt Avenue West, St. Paul

February

TCAGO Event

Winter Workshop, Professional Development Day

Sunday, February 1, 4:00 p.m.

Organ concert

David Fienen, visiting organist

Como Park Lutheran Church

1376 Hoyt Avenue West, St. Paul

Sunday, February 8, 4:00 p.m.

Organ concert

Jayson Engquist, visiting organist

Como Park Lutheran Church

1376 Hoyt Avenue West, St. Paul

Thursday, February 12, 12:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Organ Recital

John Eggert, organist

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church

15600 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth

TCAGFO Event

Saturday, February 28, time tha

Pipe Organ Discovery Day

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

1935 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

1900 Wellesley Ave., St. Paul

March

Sunday, March 1, 4:00 p.m.

Organ concert

Marilyn Schempp, visiting organist

Como Park Lutheran Church

1376 Hoyt Avenue West, St. Paul

Thursday, March 12, 12:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Organ Recital

John Salveson, organist

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church

15600 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth

TCAGO Event

Saturday, March 21, all day

Bach's Birthday Bash

Locations tha

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Michael Barone, host

April

Thursday, April 9, 12:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Organ Recital

Mark Fideldy, organist

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church

15600 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth

May

Friday, May 1

Deadline for Composition Competition 2015

TCAGO Event

Friday, May 1, time tha

Concert by TCAGO members

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Thursday, May 14, 12:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Organ Recital

Allan Mahnke, organist

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Mail letters to Merritt Nequette.

Pipedreams

For a listing of organ events statewide, access the *Pipedreams Organ Calendar*. For both on-air and website listing of organ-related activities, send information to Michael Barone, 480 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101.

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