

# Pipenotes



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## 2023–2024 Opening Event & Dinner

Sunday, September 17

Benson Great Hall, Bethel University

3900 Bethel Drive, Arden Hills

**2:00 p.m., *Pipedreams* 40th Anniversary Celebration: Concert and Reception**

(free and open to the public with ticket)

**4:45 p.m., TCAGO Member Dinner to follow** (registration required)

The TCAGO and YourClassical *Pipedreams* present a 40th Anniversary celebration of continuous national broadcasts of *Pipedreams* with a free festive concert of music for organ and orchestra, featuring the 67-rank Blackinton pipe organ in Benson Great Hall on the campus of Bethel University. Repertoire includes Samuel Barber's *Toccata Festiva*, William Bolcom's *Humoresk*, Franz Liszt's *Hunnenschlacht* and Joseph Jongen's *Symphonie Concertante*, Op. 81. Soloists are Aaron David Miller, Brenda Sevcik, Stephen Self, and Michael Barone; William Eddins conducts. General admission is free but ticket reservations are required. Ample parking is available. The concert and post-concert reception are free and open to all.

The annual TCAGO Member Dinner, for members and their guests only, along with YourClassical *Pipedreams* guests, will follow at Green Mill Restaurant, 1000 Gramsie Road in Shoreview. Additionally, there will be an installation of officers.

Registration and payment for dinner is **required by September 6** online at [TCAGO.org](https://www.tcago.org) or contact [Jeremy.Haug@mountcalvary.org](mailto:Jeremy.Haug@mountcalvary.org), 612-578-8058. Choose your meal from among these plated options (each includes gratuity):

- Chicken Piccata with Green Bean Almondine, Baby Red Mashed Potatoes, and House Salad (\$38)
- Kabeelo Lodge Walleye with Green Bean Almondine, Baby Red Mashed Potatoes, and House Salad (\$47)
- Roasted Portobello stuffed with asparagus, red peppers, basil pesto, roasted red pepper hummus, balsamic glaze, and House Salad (vegetarian, \$34)
- Wine (optional): Cabernet, Merlot, Chardonnay, or Rosé (\$7 per glass)

Please join us!

## Dean's Column

DAVID JENKINS

What do "Whoopee" John Wilfahrt, Judy Garland, Bob Dylan, the Andrews Sisters, Prince, and Paul Manz have in common? All have been inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame (MMHF), located in downtown New Ulm. Our visit to the museum, housed in a historic former library building, was one of the

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### Saturday, October 14

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Concert, Presentation, and Masterclass with Nathan Laube

### February (date TBD)

Pipe Organ Discovery Day

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The King's Singers (in partnership with the Bethlehem Music Series)

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highlights of a recent road trip to New Ulm. The town is a great destination for an overnight visit to explore the breweries, do some shopping, climb the Hermann the German monument, visit the famous Glockenspiel bell tower, and enjoy some authentic German cuisine.

At one time New Ulm billed itself the “Polka Capital of the Nation.” The museum appears to have been established especially to celebrate the very lively musical history and culture of this German-settled area.

Wildly successful musicians like New Ulm native John Wilfahrt are featured, along with musicians, bands, and festivals



embodying the heritage of “Old-Time” music in the state. However, the museum also offers a wider view of the Minnesota music scene, through a charming small-town lens. When you walk in the door, you are greeted by a life-sized statue of Prince on the left and friendly docent on the right, who gives you a hand-held audio device that allows you to select informative commentary and sound files for each inductee.

However, unlike the orderly and carefully curated Schubert Club Museum, the MMHF is crammed full of memorabilia and photos of past and present Minnesota and Minnesota-connected musicians and ensembles in all categories, juxtaposed in the most fascinatingly random manner. A fancy dress once belonging to Lorie Line is displayed near early John Denver concert posters, not three feet away from a bass guitar made from a toilet seat. A whole shelf dedicated to recent inductee Rev. Michael Joncas rests just below a shelf dedicated to the Del Counts, a long-running regional rock and roll band. Photos of Dean Billmeyer and Michael Barone appear on the same wall of shelves as a display of Judy Garland memorabilia.

Yes, a number of organists, classical musicians, conductors, composers, ensembles, educators, and others

related to classical music are enshrined in the museum. F. Melius Christiansen was inducted in 1989, the opening year of the Hall of Fame. Organist and organ-related inductees include Philip Brunelle, Michael Barone, Paul Manz, and Dean Billmeyer. Dominick Argento and Libby Larson represent noteworthy Minnesota composers. Classical ensemble inductees include the Minnesota Orchestra, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Minnesota Opera, the Dale Warland Singers, the Minnesota Chorale, and the St. Olaf Choir.

Michael Barone was selected for induction to the MMHF in 2002, on the 20th anniversary of the beginning of *Pipedreams*. His [brief bio](#) on the MMHF website mentions *Pipedreams* only at the end of the last paragraph. Now *Pipedreams* has reached its 40th year, and still counting! You don’t have to make a pilgrimage to New Ulm to celebrate our “Hall of Famer.” I hope you will all attend the anniversary celebration concert hosted by MPR and YourClassical *Pipedreams* on September 17 at Bethel University. Michael certainly deserves our admiration and gratitude for all of his outstanding achievements, and for his unswerving support for the organ and organists, for the AGO, and for our chapter.

## A Word from Our Chaplain

REV. JOHN SETTERLUND

*A message given on July 6 at Morning Prayer during the Regional Convention:*

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me,” Jesus says to the disciples (Matthew 10:40).

In calling together his friends as “disciples” and preparing them to go out as missionaries or “apostles,” Jesus makes it clear that the days ahead may not be easy. They are, in fact, encouraged to “take up their cross,” whatever that might be, and follow his example—even if that leads to disappointment, conflict, fear, or grief.

### Submission Due Date for *Pipenotes*

The due date for the October issue is **September 15**. Please send choral and organ events for the Members’ Calendar, articles, reports of musical events, and any photos to [Jeremy.Haug@mountcalvary.org](mailto:Jeremy.Haug@mountcalvary.org). Share your news with our community!

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## 2023–2024 TCAGO Programming Calendar

Watch our website and communications for additional details.

**Sunday, September 17**, TCAGO Opening Event: *Pipedreams* 40th Anniversary celebration (see p. 1)

**Monday, October 9**, Application due date for *Pipedreams* Student Scholarship Auditions

**Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.**, *Pipedreams* Student Scholarship Auditions

The TCAGO *Pipedreams* Organ Scholarships were established by the chapter to honor the significant contributions Michael Barone has made to the organ world. The scholarships will be directed toward young students and adult members of TCAGO wishing to either begin or continue organ studies. The applicants are not required to have any previous organ experience.

**Sunday, November 19**, Nathan Laube concert and Presentation

**Concert, 4:00 p.m.**, internationally acclaimed American recitalist and pedagogue Nathan Laube, Associate Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, presents a concert on the 55-rank Phelps-Casavant organ (1965) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis; free/donation. Sponsored by the [Bethlehem Music Series](#).

**Dinner, 7:00 p.m.**, Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Avenue South, Minneapolis; meal cost and details TBD

**Presentation/Masterclass on Pedagogy, 8:00 p.m.**, Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Avenue South, Minneapolis; registration required.

**February 2024**, Pipe Organ Discovery Day

This annual activity is an invitation to young keyboard players to introduce them to the pipe organ, with demonstrations and hands-on access to instruments; watch for further details including advance registration.

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But Jesus also promises that, if anyone receives them as his messengers, they have received him and have his blessings. Plus, they receive God Almighty, from whom Jesus is coming. This is good news! That's hope, redemption, eternal life for anyone who pays attention to these messengers.

However, it doesn't go down easy for everyone. Even John the Baptist isn't so sure that Jesus is the best solution for the world's problems (and for his own—he is now in prison). And people would undoubtedly continue to squabble like children, about singing and dancing to happy tunes or weeping to sad ones. And more complex and serious issues lay on the horizon—political dissension, religious opposition, and an apocalyptic future.

Maybe this is why Jesus' "mission" at first avoids the Gentiles and the Samaritan towns, but seeks out only the "lost sheep of Israel."

There are plenty of problems 'right here in River City.' By the end of the gospel, however, the apostles are commissioned to make disciples of "all nations." The wonders of God's reign reach far beyond the borders of any one nation or culture.

The mission of Christ, and Christians, is to bring a new life to the whole world, where there is way too much violence, hostility, and fear. Our part, as musicians, I am confident, shares a message of kindness, forgiveness, justice, and peace-making.

As we have come together this week to celebrate our music ministry and hone our skills, I suppose most of us don't fear physical abuse back home on account of our work, or social humiliation because of our love for beauty and its responsibilities that we carry. But not everyone shares our enthusiasm or appreciates the same values. The pay isn't great, even if there are many other rewards.

Whatever faced him, Jesus remained confident in God's wisdom and power, and has bestowed every blessing on those who tell us (and play and sing) of God's glory. To us he says again: "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."



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**Sunday, February 18, The King’s Singers**

The world-famous a cappella vocal ensemble founded in 1968, named after King’s College in Cambridge, England, present a concert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Sponsored by the [Bethlehem Music Series](#).

**Monday, February 19, Professional Development Day**

Workshop with The King’s Singers at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Partnership with the Bethlehem Music Series; details TBD.

**Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Before Bach’s Birthday Bash**

The annual Before Bach’s Birthday Bash, celebrating the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach (b. March 21, 1685) and sponsored by TCAGO. The first hour will be broadcast live on YourClassicalMPR.

More upcoming events (dates TBD):

- Pipe Organ Heritage Committee Fall 2023 Event Biennial TCAGO chapter competition, offering first and second prizes. Open to high school and undergraduate students.
- AGO/Quimby RCYO Winner’s Recital with Trevor Good and Aaron Looney
- Composition Competition
- Pipe Organ Heritage Committee Spring 2024 Event Closing Event

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## Organ Spectacular: Raúl Prieto Ramírez in Concert

**Saturday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.**  
**The Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas**  
**University of St. Thomas**  
 Cleveland Avenue at Ashland, Saint Paul

Known for his electrifying and engaging performances, international concert organist Raúl Prieto Ramírez opens the 2023–24



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## 2023–24 Season of Sacred Music at St. John the Evangelist

**St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church**  
 60 Kent Street North, Saint Paul

- Sunday, October 1, 4:00 p.m.**, From Iberia to the Americas: Worlds of Spanish Song (Janani Sridhar soprano; Alex Woods, pianist)
- Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.**, Solemn High Choral Eucharist for All Souls’ Day
- Sunday, November 12, 5:00 p.m.**, Choral Evensong at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, Minneapolis
- Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.**, Advent Choral Vespers at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Saint Paul
- Sunday, December 17, 4:00 p.m.**, A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
- Sunday, April 28, 5:00 p.m.**, Choral Evensong at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, Minneapolis

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**Thursday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.**, Ascension Choral Vespers at  
St. John the Evangelist, Saint Paul  
**Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.**, Festival Choral Eucharist

Visit the [church's website](#) for more details.

## Events Calendar

*Please confirm details of events with the venue before attending.*

### SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 8, 8:00 p.m.  
*Sonic Spectacular*: Greg Zelek, organist, and Mark Metzler, trombonist and electronic music specialist  
**Saint John's Abbey and University Church**  
2900 Abbey Plaza, Collegeville

Saturday, September 9, 11:59 p.m.  
Zorn @70: At the Basilica (part of Zorn @70: A Walker Art Center John Zorn Marathon)  
**The Basilica of Saint Mary**  
1600 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

Sunday, September 10, 3:00 p.m.  
*Brass and Organ Spectacular*: Charles Sundquist, organist, and the Twin Ports Brass Ensemble  
**Sacred Heart Music Center**  
201 West Fourth Street, Duluth  
Admission fee

Tuesday, September 12, 12:35 p.m.  
Tuesday Organ Recitals: Nils Halker, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

**Sunday, September 17, 2:00 p.m. (TCAGO Event)**  
40th Anniversary of *Pipedreams*: Music for organ and orchestra  
**Benson Great Hall, Bethel University**  
3900 Bethel Drive, Arden Hills

Sunday, September 17, 3:30 p.m.  
Concert: Jacob Benda, organist  
**Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman**  
530 Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Tuesday, September 19, 12:35 p.m.  
Tuesday Organ Recitals: Christopher Ganza, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

Wednesday, September 20, 12:30 p.m. (following noon Mass)  
Noontime Series: Samuel Holmberg, organist  
**St. Olaf Catholic Church**  
215 South Eighth Street, Minneapolis

Sunday, September 24, 2:30 p.m.  
Concert: Nils Halker, organist  
**Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral**  
519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis

Sunday, September 24, 4:00 p.m.  
Celebratory Concert Series: David Fiene, organist  
**First Lutheran Church**  
1114 West Traverse Road, St. Peter

Sunday, September 24, 5:00 p.m.  
Hymn Festival: Bill Chouinard, organist, with numerous regional choirs and CSBSJU choral ensembles,  
**Saint John's Abbey and University Church**  
2900 Abbey Plaza, Collegeville

Tuesday, September 26, 12:35 p.m.  
Tuesday Organ Recitals: Aaron Looney, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

### OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 3, 12:35 p.m.  
Tuesday Organ Recitals: Samuel Backman, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

Saturday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Chapel Arts Series: Raúl Prieto Ramírez, organist  
The Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas  
**University of St. Thomas**  
Cleveland Avenue at Ashland, Saint Paul

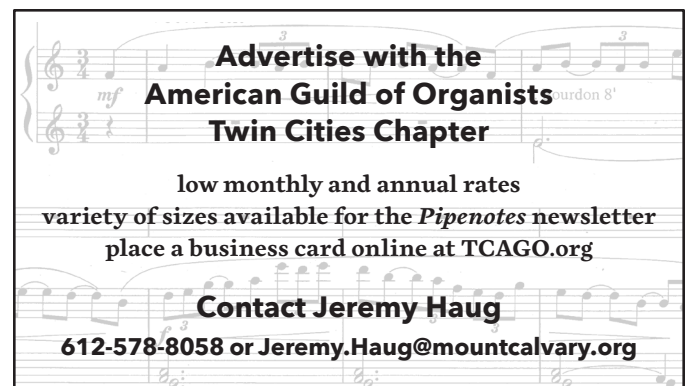
Tuesday, October 10, 12:35 p.m.  
Tuesday Organ Recitals: Joseph Trucano, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

Friday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Concert: Gregory Peterson, organist, performing the premiere of Libby Larsen's *Tapestry of Fire*  
**Normandale Lutheran Church**  
6100 Normandale Road, Edina

Sunday, October 15, 3:00 p.m.  
Concert: Scott Turkington, organist  
**Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
5250 Justin Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Sunday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.  
Celebratory Concert Series: Chad Winterfeldt, organist  
**First Lutheran Church**  
1114 West Traverse Road, St. Peter

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Tuesday, October 17, 12:35 p.m.

Tuesday Organ Recitals: Jacob Benda, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
 506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

Wednesday, October 18, 12:30 p.m. (following noon Mass)

Noontime Series: Joel Anderson, organist  
**St. Olaf Catholic Church**  
 215 South Eighth Street, Minneapolis

Sunday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.

Concert: Alexander Meszler, organist  
**Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman**  
 530 Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Tuesday, October 24, 12:35 p.m.

Tuesday Organ Recitals: Samuel Holmberg, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
 506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Concert: Alcée Chriss III, organist  
**Northrop**, University of Minnesota  
 84 Church Street SE, Minneapolis

Saturday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.

*The Valley of the Shadow of Death*: Sam Backman, organist,  
 in collaboration with members of clergy and staff  
**Holy Cross Catholic Church**  
 1621 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis

Sunday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.

Celebratory Concert Series: Grace Kunkel, organist  
**First Lutheran Church**  
 1114 West Traverse Road, St. Peter

Sunday, October 29, 6:00 p.m.

*Tricks and Treats with the Mighty Organ*: Bill Chouinard,  
 organist (5:00–6:00 p.m., pizza sold by the slice)  
**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**  
 900 Stillwater Road, Mahtomedi

Sunday, October 29, 7:00 p.m.

Silent Film: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1929),  
 Dennis James, organ accompanist  
**Phipps Center for the Arts**  
 109 Locust Street, Hudson, Wisconsin  
 Admission

Tuesday, October 31, 12:35 p.m.

Tuesday Organ Recitals: Emily Roth, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
 506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

**NOVEMBER**

Sunday, November 5, 3:00 p.m.

Concert: Isabelle Demers, organist  
**Saint John's Abbey and University Church**  
 2900 Abbey Plaza, Collegeville

Sunday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.

Celebratory Concert: Emily Bruflat, organist  
**First Lutheran Church**  
 1114 West Traverse Road, St. Peter

Tuesday, November 7, 12:35 p.m.

Tuesday Organ Recitals: Sarah Carlson, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
 506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

Thursday, November 9, 7:30 p.m.

50th Anniversary Concert, celebrating the installation of  
 the organ: Stephen Hamilton, organist  
 Olivet Congregational Church  
 1859 Iglehart Avenue, Saint Paul

Sunday, November 12, 3:30 p.m.

Concert of Scandinavian music: James D. Hicks, organist  
**Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman**  
 530 Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Tuesday, November 14, 12:35 p.m.


Tuesday Organ Recitals: Alessandro Bianchi, organist  
**Church of Saint Louis, King of France**  
 506 Cedar Street, Saint Paul

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.

Silent Film Presentation with Dreamland Faces,  
 including organ accompaniment and in collaboration  
 with the Archives on Screen Twin Cities Film Project  
**Northrop**, University of Minnesota  
 84 Church Street SE, Minneapolis  
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Wednesday, November 15, 12:30 (following noon Mass)

Noontime Series: Carolyn Diamond, organist  
**St. Olaf Catholic Church**  
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## Pipenotes

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### Deadline date

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### Letters to the Editor

Signed Letters to the Editor are always welcome. Send an email to [Kirsten Uhlenberg](#), editor.

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A comprehensive listing of organ events statewide is available online via the *Pipedreams Organ Calendar*. Information there is only as good as the information provided to it, so you are encouraged to send event listings for inclusion at the earliest possible time.

For both on-air and website listings of organ-related activities, *please send information to Pipedreams* host (and longtime TCAGO member) [Michael Barone](#), or by mail to: *Pipedreams* Calendar, 480 Cedar St., Saint Paul, MN 55101. In a pinch, you may call 651-290-1539.

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### Additional note from Michael:

Emails are best to [mbarone@mpr.org](mailto:mbarone@mpr.org), and mail is better sent to me at my home address: 456 Cherokee Ave., Saint Paul MN 55107. The office phone still works, and I get emails of messages left there.

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