



Prairie Pippings

The Monthly Newsletter of SDAGO

The Mission of SDAGO is...

to bring the excitement and inspiration of the organ and its music to children and adults through events of education, entertainment and discovery.

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The South Dakota American Guild of Organists Academy

SDAGO Academy Report

I am happy to report that the 2019-2020 SDAGO Academy class has three students. Cecilia Christian, from Sioux Falls, will study with Zachary Brockhoff; Joya Schreurs, from Sheldon IA, will study with MaryLou Wielenga; and Nathaniel Strong, from Mitchell, will study with me. This year's scholarships are funded by generous gifts to the Academy in memory of Lorna Braught, who was for many years the organist at First United Methodist Church in Mitchell.

I would like to thank all of those who made this past Academy year a success. Marilyn Schempp and Zachary Brockhoff were the Academy teachers. Matthew Tylutki, Zachary Brockhoff, and Sharon Buwalda listened to the April 29 Academy auditions at Our Savior's. Paul Griffith and East Side Lutheran offered a lovely venue for the Academy recital...and we had decent weather for it! John Nordlie acted as host. Thank these people when you see them.

The 2020 Academy recital is tentatively scheduled for the last weekend of April, 2020. Please watch for your SDAGO Yearbook and monthly newsletters. A wonderful year of events is being planned, and you can't do better than to end the season by hearing the future of our profession play.

Liz Soladay
SDAGO Academy Director

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

By now you've gotten the email from the national organization reminding you to renew your membership. Take a few moments to consider this as something more than an annual task that you really should get around to... sometime. SDAGO is doing good things in our area for and because of you, our members! Besides being involved in bringing organ music performances to our communities, we are very involved in working on the next generation of organists through the SDAGO Academy and the OrgelKids Project as well as events like *Pedals, Pipes & Pizza* and Pipe Organ Encounters. Our programming also offers opportunities for you to keep your skills fresh, to learn new music, to share ideas, to meet others who share your musical interests, and to play for one another. Our programs this coming season will also offer opportunities to rediscover and celebrate some of the lesser known instruments in our area. There may be other opportunities to get involved in some community-based organ advocacy—stay tuned!!

You've got lots of reasons to be excited about renewing your membership in The American Guild of Organists! Please do so now and "pick your passion" - resolving to find a new way to involve yourself personally in the opportunities SDAGO offers. Also, please consider inviting someone you know to join you as a member—either as a member of the national organization or as a Chapter Friend.

To renew your membership, or for more information on membership, go to SDAGO's website <http://www.sdago.org> and scroll down to the section on membership. If you need assistance, contact SDAGO Secretary/Treasurer John Nordlie at john@jfnordlie.com or (605) 334-0088.



from the Dean

Greetings!

Now that the sun is out, it is starting to feel more like summer! I hope you will have time to relax and enjoy some freer time for those long-awaited projects and time with family and friends. I will be heading to Milwaukee for our regional convention soon so more about that when I return. We would love to hear about any musical adventures that you experience over the summer, too. Drop Jack Mohlenhoff a few lines so he can include that in our newsletter. And don't forget to renew your membership soon! Program planning is well on the way for the fall, but if you have something in the works, please let Jack know so it can be included in our newsletters.

Happy Summer!!
Marilyn Schempp, SDAGO Dean



Coming Musical Events

June 14, 2019, 7-9 PM at Full Circle Book Coop—123 W 10th Street, Sioux Falls

Sioux Falls Chamber Music Collective This group of area musicians presents and informal evening of music. This is a perfect place to hang out with friends over your favorite beverage while enjoying an unplugged night of very cool music. If you have never been to a SFCMC concert, this will not disappoint! We cannot wait to meet with you all! A minimum suggested \$5 donation is recommended for the show. For more information on SFCMC, check out their Facebook page www.facebook.com/sfcmcollective/

June 29, 2019, 7:30 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral—521 N Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls

Transept Presents *Venetian Glory*. Experience the majesty and splendor of Venice, in a time where it stood as a musical and cultural epicenter of the world. Voices and period instruments combine, including works for multiple choirs written for St. Mark's Basilica and its famous choir lofts. For more information/tickets, visit www.transept.org/concerts

July 10, 2019, 12:00 PM at The Washington Pavilion -Sioux Falls

White Spruce Chamber Players. Join us for a free concert over lunch in the Washington Pavilion lobby. Bring your lunch or grab something from Leonardo's Cafe & Catering. This concert will include Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 and will feature Brett Cooper, piano; Jane Quail, flute; Beth Neitzert and Marjorie Spangler Garry, violin; Elizabeth Soladay, viola; Laura Cooper, cello; and John Casey, double bass. A freewill donation will be collected to support the continuation of the group.

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