

# Church Music Notes

JULY/AUGUST 2015



## Gathering Information to Share, by ACM Past President Patrick Gorman

During this past year, the Board of Directors has been discussing ways that members can benefit more fully from membership in ACM. One idea centers on sharing music, resources and repertoire ideas among the members. We are developing lists to complement our Organ Sub List to post in the "Members Area" of our website. These include lists of instrumentalists who are willing to play for weddings, funerals and **Sunday** services as well as similar lists for choral directors, section leaders and vocal soloists, etc.

We would like to start the sharing right now! Do you have electronic copies of your choral / organ library that you would be willing to post on our website? We hope that if some churches do this it will help us all with repertoire ideas. You don't need to share your actual music (unless you wish to do so). As an example, I have added the choral library list—warts and all—from the church where I work (St. Raphael Cathedral Parish) on our ACM website. I'm willing to share pieces that won't be in use this year with member churches of ACM to the extent that I can.

If you are interested in sending an electronic list of music for our members' pages, please email it to me at [atpgorman@straphael.org](mailto:atpgorman@straphael.org) and I will forward to our webmaster.

## ACM Officers for 2015—2016 elected at Annual Meeting

Here is the new Board of Directors for the coming program year — Thank you to all those who are willing to serve our group.

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## Upcoming Concert (please see page six for information on a local organ recital!)

**Angelus** (a women's vocal ensemble from the Mt. Vernon Senior High School Fine Arts Academy, Mt. Vernon, IN, pictured at right) will present a concert of sacred vocal works on **Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00pm** at the **Bishop O'Connor Center, 702 South High Point Road, Madison.**

The ensemble's repertoire ranges from medieval chant and polyphony to the American Sacred Harp tradition as well as contemporary Irish and American works. The performance is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be received and the ensemble's CDs will be available for purchase. For additional information please call (608) 821-3000 or contact the ensemble at [taylordjk@twc.com](mailto:taylordjk@twc.com) or [www.mvhsfinearts.com](http://www.mvhsfinearts.com).



## Sinsinawa Mound's 2015 Summer Organ Concert Series Continues

Sinsinawa Mound offers a variety of events and retreats. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the event start date. For more information, contact Guest Services at (608) 748-4411 or visit our website at [www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter](http://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter). Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in southwest Wisconsin on Cty Rd Z, off Highway 11, about five miles NE of Dubuque.

**Wednesday, July 8, 7:00pm, Charles Barland** of Dubuque, Iowa, associate professor of music and head of the fine and performing arts department at the University of Dubuque, will perform. He serves as organist for college events and several churches in the Dubuque area. Barland earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Carroll College (now Carroll University), Waukesha, WI; a Master of Arts degree at the University of Iowa; and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Kansas. He has studied organ with Phyllis Stringham, Delbert Disselhorst, James Higdon, Delores Bruch and Michael Bauer.

**Wednesday, July 15, 7:00pm, Jeffrey Verkuilen** will play his inaugural concert for the series. He serves as organist at First United Methodist Church in Green Bay, WI, as well as the Green Bay diocesan liturgies. He teaches organ as an adjunct instructor of music for St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, and serves as the organist for the college's Dudley Birder Chorale. Verkuilen is the principal organist and an associate keyboardist for the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra and is an active member of the American Guild of Organists. He is a graduate of St. Norbert College with majors in accounting and music, with organ and choral emphases.

**Wednesday, July 22, 7:00pm, Jeffrey Arnold** of Gatesville, TX, brings his talents back to Sinsinawa, where he last played in 1999. He has performed in the great concert halls, churches, and cathedrals of the world and teaches private vocal and piano classes, offering master classes in technique and repertory. Arnold possesses energy, finesse, and presence, combined with a clear sense of purpose in conveying the metaphysical wonders of music to the world's listeners and learners. He studied piano at University of North Texas, Denton, and organ at Baylor University, Waco, TX.

**Wednesday, Aug. 5, 7:00pm: Gail Archer** is college organist at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, and director of the music program at Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, where she conducts the Barnard-Columbia Chorus. Archer serves as director of the artist and young organ artist recitals at historic Central Synagogue, New York. She is an international concert organist, recording artist, choral conductor, and lecturer who draws attention to composer anniversaries or musical themes with her annual recital series in New York.

**Wednesday, August 12, 7:00pm: Marijim Thoene** is director of music and organist at First United Methodist Church in Garden City, MI. She has played concerts throughout the United States, Germany, Costa Rica, Venezuela, England, France, and Spain. Thoene received a bachelor's degree in liturgical music from Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, MD; a master's degree in organ performance from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and a master's degree and doctorate in church music/organ performance from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. She has also studied in England, Italy, and Spain.

**Wednesday, August 19, 7:00pm: Organist Ahreum Han Congdon's** imaginative, powerful, and extraordinary performances have thrilled audiences throughout the United States, Asia, and Europe. Han Congdon is presently the Principal Organist and Artist-in-Residence at First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa. She is also the College Organist at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Han Congdon was on organ faculty at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Ahreum graduated with a bachelor's degree from Westminster Choir College and received her master's from Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

**Wednesday, Aug. 26, 7:00pm: Matt Haider** will play his first organ concert of the series. He is the director of worship and music at Edison Park Lutheran Church, Chicago, as well as curator of the church's three-manual Schlicker pipe organ. Haider received a Bachelor of Arts in music from St. John's University, Collegeville, MN, studying organ, piano, and voice. He holds a Master of Music from the University of Minnesota where he worked with the school's opera program, singers, and instrumentalists. Haider plays for numerous functions throughout the city of Chicago. He can be found anywhere from the bench of the Casavant at Symphony Center to an orchestra pit for a community theater musical.

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**Deadline for newsletter submissions is August 15 for the September 2015 issue.**

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## Scholarship Committee

Excitement is building for the organ recital October 2, 2015, at St. James Catholic Church in Madison at 7:30 p.m. The committee thanks Deb Krauss Smith for her efforts in organizing this year's recital. The recital will consist of original compositions from area organists. While most of the compositions are written for organ, there will be some compositions that include instruments and voices. These compositions will be published in a book that will be made available at the recital. Please mark your calendars. Post the attached poster at your churches, forward it to your church office to include in upcoming bulletins and newsletters, or send it to your friends via email. If you are interested in providing refreshments, please contact one of the committee members.

In addition to the original composition publication, the committee will have available organ, choral, piano, and other sacred music from its library at the recital. If you have music to donate, please contact a committee member. At last year's recital, organ students and teachers found several musical treasures to take home with them.

Since 2013, the Scholarship Committee has awarded scholarships to the individuals listed below. We encourage students of any age to apply. The application can be found on the ACM website – [madisonacm.org](http://madisonacm.org).

Elijah Cynric (Madison) – organ lessons with Ken Stancer at St. Andrews Episcopal Church

Adrian Binkley (Waunakee) – Pipe Organ Encounter in Rochester

Lucas Skrogman (Iron Ridge) – organ studies at Martin Luther College

Rachel Bechtel (Green Lake) – organ lessons with Sarah Kraaz at Ripon College

The Scholarship Committee

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### Position Available:

Organist Position: McFarland Lutheran Church, on Madison's southeast side, is seeking an organist/pianist to provide music for 2 Sunday worship services. This person would also accompany choir rehearsals one evening a week, and accompany choir performances on Sunday morning. The position is approximately 10 hours/week. Please contact Pastor Tim Dean at 608-838-3184 or [tdean@mcfarlandlutheran.org](mailto:tdean@mcfarlandlutheran.org) for more information.

For new listings and those from previous newsletters, visit our website :  
[www.MadisonAcm.org](http://www.MadisonAcm.org)

Submissions for job postings should be made to  
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# ORGAN RECITAL

Original Compositions

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Fundraiser for the Ruth Pilger Andrews Scholarship Fund

**Friday, October 2, 2015, 7:30 p.m.**

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Pipe Organ

St. James Catholic Church

1204 St. James Court, Madison, Wisconsin

## An Invitation from Gary Lewis: Organ Recital by Wyatt Smith on Sunday, August 9 at 3:00pm

Greetings, enthusiasts of the Pipe Organ!

Many of you have heard about the pipe organ that I bought about 10 years ago and which resides at the Lutheran Church of the Living Christ (LCMS) on Gammon Road on the west side (pictured at right). It has served that church in worship beautifully for the past 10 years with a clear crisp voice and beautiful voicing, and will now sing in recital on [August 9<sup>th</sup>](#) at 3:00 PM, played by Wyatt Smith, a recent graduate of the Yale School of Music Masters Program.



Wyatt Smith has been featured in recital at Overture Hall and has played throughout the United States and Europe. On a recent trip through Madison, I showed him this instrument and had him give it a go, and he became so excited that he exclaimed that he would like to record a CD on that organ in that wonderful acoustic. So on Thursday and Friday of that week he will be recording for the CD and then on [Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>](#), he will present a recital for all of us. The organ is mechanical action organ of 24 ranks built by Ferris Steiner in 1979. I hope you will plan to be with us on that [Sunday](#) to welcome him back to Madison and to share this exciting event. A wine and cheese reception will follow and a modest donation is suggested.

Blessings, all! – Gary Lewis

Here is more information about Wyatt:



Wyatt Smith, a native of Rapid City, South Dakota, is a graduate of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and the Yale School of Music, where he studied organ performance with Martin Jean. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists, Historical Keyboard Society of North America, Music Teachers National Association and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. He holds the Colleague and Service Playing Certificates from the American Guild of Organists.

Wyatt began piano studies at the age of seven, which were then followed by organ studies at the age of ten. His teachers have included Mary Free, Bethel Zabell, Justin Matters, Marylou Torrey, and Douglas Cleveland. He received his Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance from the University of South Dakota, graduating magna cum laude. At USD, he was an organ student of Larry Schou. He also studied improvisation with Tom Trenney and fortepiano with Susanne Skyrn. As a performer, Wyatt has concertized extensively throughout the United States. Notable venues include the US Air Force Academy Protestant Cadet Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colorado; First Plymouth Church UCC in Lincoln, Nebraska; St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu, Hawaii; Jewett Auditorium – College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho; St. Mark Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle, Washington; Spreckels Organ Pavilion – Balboa Park, San Diego, California; National City Christian Church in Washington D. C.; King's Chapel and Trinity Church – Copley Square in Boston, Massachusetts; Woolsey Hall – Yale University in New Haven, CT; the Community of Christ Auditorium and Temple in Independence, MO; the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, California; and Overture Concert Hall in Madison, Wisconsin. He also performed as a Rising Star at the 2012 AGO National Convention in Nashville, TN, among many other venues.