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ABOVE: Second Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL has announced a new organ project. More information about this project may be found in this edition of *The Stopt Diapason* on p. 4.

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From the President:

Dear Chicago-Midwest OHS Members:

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing summer with some time to rejuvenate before the Fall schedule resumes.

Your board has been busy planning the upcoming program year for 2024-2025. We will begin with an Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. *More details on this event will be forthcoming.*

On Sunday, October 13 at 4:00 p.m., the OHS Biggs Scholars (formerly the Biggs Fellowship) will present a recital at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston. *More details on this event will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Stopt Diapason.*

In May 2025, we conclude the year with a Member's Recital at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Evanston. *More details on this event will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Stopt Diapason.*

Gratefully yours,
Derek E. Nickels
Chicago-Midwest Chapter OHS

CHICAGO-MIDWEST CHAPTER HONORARY MEMBERS

David McCain
Stephen J. Schnurr, Jr.
Julie Stephens*

**deceased*

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CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2024-2025

Sunday, September 29, 4:00 p.m., Annual Meeting via Zoom.

Sunday, October 13, 4:00 p.m., OHS Biggs Scholars (formerly the Biggs Fellowship) Recital at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston.

May 2025, Member's Recital at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Evanston.

More details about all of these events will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Stopt Diapason.

CALENDAR OF AREA EVENTS FOR 2024-2025

Please notify Derek Nickels of events to be listed at denickels@holycomforter.org.

Sunday, September 15, 3:00 p.m., Loyola University Chicago presents Hyunja Hwang, Madonna della Strada Chapel, 6453 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, IL

Monday, September 23, 2:00 p.m., A Gift of Music Series presents Steven Wentz, Elliott Chapel, 3131 Simpson Street, Evanston, IL

Sunday, October 6, 7:00 p.m., Holy Name Cathedral Concert Series presents Nathan Laube, Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. Wabash, Chicago, IL

Sunday, October 13, 4:00 p.m., 2024 Biggs Scholars in Recital, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, IL

Friday, October 18, 7:00 p.m., Glenview Community Church presents Amanda Mole, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street, Glenview, IL. Masterclass on Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 20, 3:00 p.m., Loyola University Chicago presents Christopher Urban, Madonna della Strada Chapel, 6453 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, IL

Friday, November 22, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist presents Handel's *Messiah, Part One*, First United Methodist Church, 516 Church Street, Evanston, IL

Sunday, December 8, 5:00 p.m., Church of the Holy Comforter presents its Annual Lessons and Carols for Advent, Church of the Holy Comforter, 222 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, IL

Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m., Loyola University Chicago presents Daniel Minnick, Madonna della Strada Chapel, 6453 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, IL

Sunday, March 16, 3:00 p.m., Loyola University Chicago presents Adam Gruber, Madonna della Strada Chapel, 6453 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, IL

Sunday, March 16, 5:00 p.m., Church of the Holy Comforter presents its Annual Lenten Evensong, Church of the Holy Comforter, 222 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, IL

Sunday, May 18, 3:00 p.m., Loyola University Chicago presents Andrea Barolomeo, Madonna della Strada Chapel, 6453 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, IL

Sunday, June 15, 3:00 p.m., Loyola University Chicago presents Bradley Hunter Welch, Madonna della Strada Chapel, 6453 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, IL

CHICAGO-MIDWEST OHS DONORS LIST 2024-2025

(As of August 26, 2024)

Guarantor (\$100+): Rev. Thomas Lijewski, Derek E. Nickels and Joseph Poland, Joseph G. Roberts, Joyce Robinson, Robert E. Woodworth

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CHICAGO-MIDWEST CHAPTER MEMBER'S RECITAL AT ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORTHBROOK

A REVIEW BY DEREK NICKELS

The Chicago-Midwest Chapter of the Organ Historical Society gathered at Saint Giles Episcopal Church in Northbrook for a Member's Recital on Sunday, May 19, 2024 by chapter board member, and St. Giles Director of Music James Russell Brown on the 1993 Hellmuth Wolff et Associés Op. 37. As the day happened to fall on the Feast of the Pentecost, the well-chosen program was specific for Pentecost in the wonderful acoustics of St. Giles that the enthusiastic audience enjoyed.

Beginning with Nicolas de Grigny's *Veni Creator*, the Wolff spoke with a beautiful French accent breathing life into the five movements based on the Gregorian chant for Pentecost, *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Two settings of *Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BuxWV 199 and 120* by Dieterich Buxtehude preceded J. S. Bach's joyous setting of *Komm Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 667* from the "Great Eighteen Collection." The last two movements of Olivier Messiaen's *Messe de la Pentecôte* from 1950 were remarkably convincing on the Wolff. The hypnotic birdsong that used in the Communion movement were magical before the Sortie representing the wind of the Holy Spirit. The recital concluded with a return of the *Veni Creator* melody in Maurice Duruflé's beloved *Choral varié sur le thème "Veni Creator."*

ORGAN NEWS

Austin Organs, Inc. has announced the signing of a contract with Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago, 1936 S. Michigan Avenue. In this unique project, Austin will be removing the 1928 Austin Organs Opus 1515 from St. Luke's Missionary Baptist Church in the South Shore neighborhood of Chicago, and then restoring and reconfiguring it for Second Presbyterian Church. Installation is expected to begin in early 2026. More information about this project will appear in a future edition of *The Stopt Diapason*.

Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, 4300 North Hermitage in Chicago closed on August 28, 2024. The church is the home of a 1960 Casavant Opus 2564, a rebuild of 1916 South Haven Casavant. The chapter had visited the church on October 26, 2002 on an organ crawl of several neighboring churches. More information can be found in *The Stopt Diapason*, Whole Issue 77, pp. 12-14. No details about the future of the organ have been revealed.

St. Adalbert's Catholic Church in the Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood has been granted landmark status according to the Chicago-Tribune on June 6, 2024. The Commission on Chicago Landmarks voted unanimously to recommend the landmark designation, setting it on the path to be shielded from demolition and superficial changes. The church designed by Henry Schlacks and modeled after the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Wall in Rome, Italy had been closed by the Chicago Archdiocese in 2019. The Chicago-Midwest Chapter visited the impressive church on June 14, 2015 for a brief Member's Recital by Derek Nickels to hear the four-manual W. W. Kimball from c. 1914. More information about this venerable instrument can be found in *The Stopt Diapason*, Whole Issue 114, pp. 7-9.

The 2025 National Convention of the Organ Historical Society will be held in nearby Milwaukee on August 3-7, 2025. The convention will feature organs built by an array of organ builders from the 19th and early 20th centuries that include Carl Barkhoff, A.B. Felgemaker, Derrick & Felgemaker, Hann-Wangerin, Hann-Wangerin-Weickhardt Co., Hinners Organ Company, Hook & Hastings, W.W. Kimball Co., Robert Noehren, Henry Pilcher's Sons, Schlicker Organ Company, Wm. Schuelke Organ Co., J.W. Steere & Sons, Steiner-Reck Organ Co., Wadsworth & Bro., Verlinden Organ Co., Wangerin Organ Co., and Wangerin-Weickhardt Co. More information about this event will be included in future editions of *The Stopt Diapason*.

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Schnurr, Stephen—136/5

Wenger, Barry—140/4

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September 25, 2016: Annual Meeting and visit to St. Ignatius, Chicago, Illinois—131/8i (review)

March 11, 2017: Fifth Annual Organ Experience, Chicago, Illinois—132/4-9 (preview)

September 24, 2017: Organ Demonstration and Open Console, Wilmette, Illinois—133/3-4 (preview)

November 4, 2017: Autumn Organ Crawl, Saint Charles, Geneva, and Lisle, Illinois—134/4-10 (preview)

March 17, 2018: Sixth Annual Organ Experience, Chicago, Illinois—135/1, 4-9 (preview)

June 10, 2018: Members Recital in Memory of Michael Friesen, Evanston, Illinois—136/5 (preview), 137/8 (review)

November 3, 2018: Annual Autumn Organ Crawl, Kenilworth and Skokie, Illinois—137/4-7 (preview)

March 23, 2019: Seventh Annual Organ Experience, Chicago, Illinois—139/4-6 (preview)

May 5, 2019: Barry Wenger in recital, First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest, Illinois—140/1, 4-6 (preview)

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Austin Organ Company, 1922 (opus 1075): North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois—135/5si

Austin Organ Company, 1925 (opus 1336): Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Evanston, Illinois—131/1i, 7si

Austin Organs Incorporated, 1917 (opus 767): Second Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois—132/9-10si

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Skinner, Ernest M., 1923 (opus 443): United Church of Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois, 1923—6s

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Skinner, Ernest M., 1929 (opus 810): First Unitarian Church, Chicago, Illinois—139/6s

Fisk, C. B. Inc., 2004 (opus 123): St. Chrysostom Episcopal Church, Chicago, Illinois—132/8si

Flentrop Orgelbouw, 1968: Holy Name Cathedral, (Chapel), Chicago, Illinois—132/8s

Flentrop Orgelbouw, 1989: Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, Illinois—132/6-7si

Fouser Pipe Organs, 1966: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Skokie, Illinois—137/4i, 7s

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 Wicks Organ Company, 1962 (opus 4182): Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Evanston, Illinois—131/6si
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