



EPIPHANY PARTY

MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2026

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You are invited to the annual AGO Epiphany party **this Monday, January 5** at the home of John Seest. Appetizers are at 5:30 pm and dinner is at 6:30 pm followed by a carol sing (including the Twelve Days of Christmas!).

Please bring a dish to share (see below). Ham and drinks will be provided.

Home of Chapter Member, John Seest - 5212 N. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN

A-F: salad

G-O: side dish

P-Z: dessert

Reservations are not required, but an RSVP to Nick Fennig (fennig1@gmail.com) would be most helpful to plan for seating.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

-Your Indy AGO Officers

A NOTE FROM THE DEAN



I've never been very good at keeping New Year's resolutions, especially the dramatic ones. Practice three hours a day. Learn an entire Bach trio sonata cycle. Become an expert improviser by Easter. By mid-January, reality usually intervenes. Over time, I've learned that the resolutions that actually stick are smaller, quieter, and a little more forgiving, especially for organists.

This year, my first music-related resolution is to practice more thoughtfully. Some days that might mean only twenty minutes at the console, but with a clear plan: a stubborn pedal passage, an awkward page turn, or a hymn introduction that never quite settles. I'm trying to let go of the idea that longer is always better.

I'm also resolving to learn something just for myself. Not because it's on the service list or a concert program, but because it sparks curiosity. Maybe it's a composer I've avoided, a French registration rabbit hole, or a bit of improvisation that sounds better in my head than under my fingers. The point is to stay interested.

These aren't resolutions that will make headlines. But they feel realistic, human, and sustainable. That seems like a good way to begin another year at the bench.

- John Allegar, Dean

INDIANAPOLIS AGO CHAPTER OFFICERS

2025-2026 ELECTED OFFICERS

Dean: John Allegar
Sub-dean: Michael Messina
Secretary: Alan Jordan
Treasurer: Luke Kessler
Registrar: Nicholas Fennig

Members-at-large 2023-2026:
 Susan Raccoli, Dawn Waddell
Members-at-large 2024-2027:
 Matt Gerhard, Jodi Martin
Members-at-large 2025-2028:
 Jordan Lewis, Richard Perry

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Archivist: Addie Yoder
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Exam Coordinator: Richard Perry
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Investment Committee Chair: Luke Kessler
Newsletter Editor: Robert Richter
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REQUIESCAT IN PACE - June Edison

Longtime Indianapolis AGO Chapter member June Edison, who for 26 years was the organist of Zionsville United Methodist Church and a beloved part of their music ministry, passed away Christmas Eve morning. She served as secretary of the chapter for many years, among other leadership positions. To read the full obituary - [click here](#).



May June's soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



The Jacobs School of Music Organ Department invites you to attend our upcoming Organ Weekends, offered free of charge and featuring performances, lectures and masterclasses by distinguished members of our faculty, including Professor Dr. Ludger Lohmann, internationally acclaimed performing artist, teacher, and author, and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Organ for the 2025–2027 academic years.

Organ Faculty



Jesse Eschbach



Janette Fishell



David Schrader



Jeffrey Smith

LOCAL EVENTS

EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, January 11 | 4:00pm | St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Free of charge | stpaulsindy.org | 6050 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

CENTRAL INDIANA CHAPTER AMERICAN THEATER ORGAN SOCIETY : Don Pringer

Sunday, January 11 | 2:30pm | Warren Performing Arts Center (Barton, 3/18)

cicatos.org | 9500 E 16th St Door 27, Indianapolis, IN 46229

SPHERE BORN - *Before the closing of the day: a winter reflection*

Saturday, January 31 21 | 5:00pm | Trinity Episcopal Church

Free of charge | sphereborn.org | 3243 North Meridian, Indianapolis, IN 46208

INCOMPREHENSIBLE LIGHT: BACH AND THE PROPHET SIMEON

Sunday, February 1 | 4:00pm | Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra in collaboration with St. Pauls Music

Tickets: \$35 | www.indybaroque.org | 6050 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208



OPEN POSITIONS

MUSIC MINISTRY LEADER

Northwood Christian Church | indyncc.org

44550 Central Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46205

(317) 283-1352

Northwood Christian Church has a long and strong history of quality music in worship and community. We are seeking a musical leader who can help us renew our music ministry in a new era. The Music Ministry Leader will be a member of the Northwood Christian Church staff. This person is to work with the pastor, staff and congregational leadership to enrich congregational worship and to help reach out to the community. [For more information - click here](#)

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST

Oxford Presbyterian Church | oxfordpresbychurch.org

101 North Main Street, Oxford OH 45056

(513) 523-6364

The Church Organist will assist in selection of music, provide accompaniment for choir rehearsal and prepare and perform music for worship, accompanying the chancel choir and other soloists or ensembles as needed. The Organist may also play organ or piano music for weddings and funerals. Typical time commitment is 12 – 14 hours per week. [Full Job Description - click here](#)

ORGANIST

Bradley United Methodist Church | bradleyumc.org

210 W. Main Street, Greenfield, Indiana 46140

(317) 462-2662

As a member of the Worship Team, this position will bring excellent organ skills, experience in hymn playing, and strong piano skills in playing solo repertoire and accompaniment for our worship service. [For more information - click here](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Upcoming Chapter-Sponsored Events

We are pleased to share several exciting chapter-sponsored programs coming up in 2026. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for these outstanding musical offerings:

- February 2026 – Christa Rakich at Christ Church Cathedral (date TBD)
- April 19, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. – Caroline Robinson in recital at Trinity Episcopal Church
- May 11, 2026 – Hymn Festival at All Saints Episcopal Church with Daniel Schwandt

These events promise inspiring music, excellent artistry, and meaningful opportunities to gather as a chapter. More details will be shared as dates and programs are finalized—we hope to see you there!



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Fanfare is the monthly newsletter publication of the Indianapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The deadline for submissions for the next edition - February 2026 - are due by **Wednesday, January 28, 2026.**

Please email news, articles, photos, upcoming events, or reports to the editor, Robert Richter: indyagofanfare@gmail.com

