



August 1, 2021

Next deadline: Aug. 17, 2021

First AGO Event for 2021-2022 Season

Come celebrate the start of our American Guild of Organists season with the Opening Picnic at the home of **Craig and Carol Stoops**, on **Friday, September 10, early evening**.



We have not all been together for a long time, so this will be a very special occasion where we can finally mingle socially!

This is a pitch-in, so plan to bring some appealing picnic food so we can all enjoy the delicious food that our members always contribute.

Address: 18 Shannon Road, Zionsville, IN, 46077

RSVP: <mailto:gasperson@indy.rr.com>

Our AGO Chapter Is Very Proud Of Katherine Jolliff!

Katherine (Kat) Jolliff was awarded a scholarship from the Greater Bridgeport AGO Chapter. It is awarded to one undergraduate organ student (or incoming freshman) yearly. The official wording: “Congratulations Katherine Jolliff - 2021 M. Louise Miller - Paul E. Knox Scholarship Winner.” Katherine, 18, is from Indianapolis, Indiana. She began piano studies at the age of five and started organ in her freshman year of high school from **Marco Petričić** (University of Indianapolis). After completing her first two years of high school, she finished her studies at Interlochen Arts Academy. She majored in both piano performance and organ performance and studied organ with **Tom Bara**. She graduated with honors and the Fine Arts Award in Organ Performance.

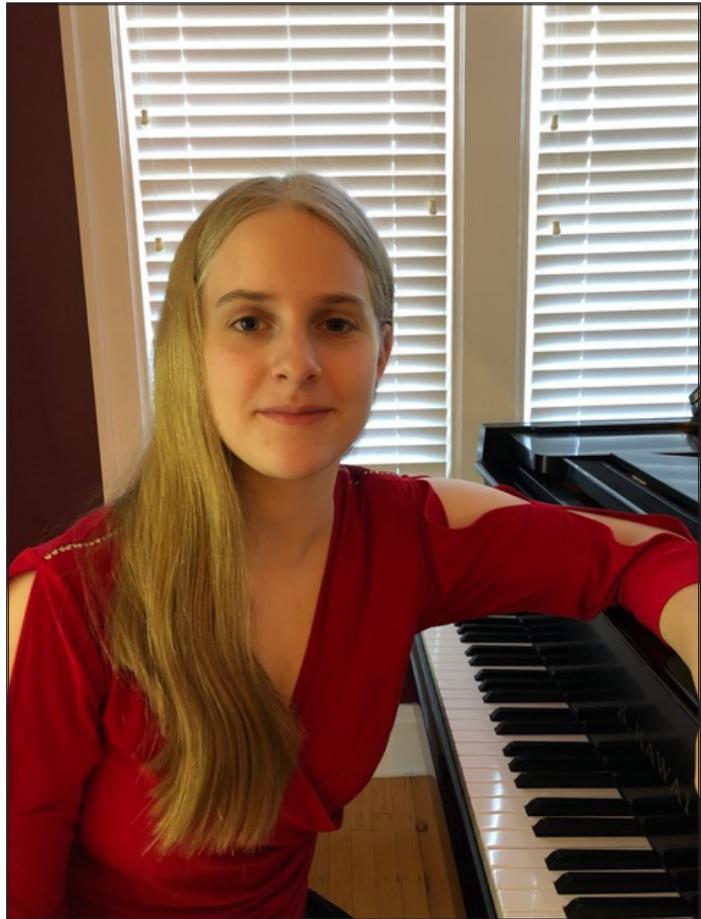
This year Indianapolis hosted a chapter competition on Saturday, February 27. Katherine won the \$1000 first prize, which is budgeted for by the Indianapolis chapter every two years.

Recently she won the 2021 AGO/Quimby Great Lakes Regional Competition for Young Organists; first prize in the East Carolina University Young Artists Competition in organ performance as well as the Bach Interpretation Prize and the Hymn Playing Award.

Kudos to Katherine! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u-4ZcTz3iM>

Additional musical interests include piano tuning and repair, music history, music production, and theatre organ. She joined our AGO chapter last September. She performed on our Virtual Indianapolis Pipe Organ Festival on Feb. 21, 2021. She played Toccata and Fugue in D minor, “Dorian,” BWV 538 by **Johann Sebastian Bach**, and Prelude in G Minor, No. 3, from *Trois Preludes et Fugues*, Op. 7, by **Marcel Dupre**.

Katherine has served as the Organ/Piano Scholar at Trinity Episcopal Church and will leave soon for the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, where she will major in organ performance, studying with **David Higgs**. You are invited to attend her farewell concert at Trinity Episcopal Church on **Friday, August 13, at 7 PM**.



Indianapolis Chapter AGO 2021-2022 Officers

Dean	Stephen Price
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Newsletter Editor	Susan Raccoli

Event Listings on AGO Website and Fanfare <http://www.indyago.org>

Paul Guyer has been working hard on updating the Indy AGO website. He has included a monthly event calendar on the homepage and is now ready to receive events. Paul asks that you include the following: Date, Time, Location (if a street address is included, we can do a Google map), and Description. Email: paulguyer@gmail.com



And don't forget Fanfare, our AGO monthly newsletter. Our deadline for the September issue is **August 17, 2021**. Send information about news, recitals, workshops, relevant items for sale, awards, and other news that will interest our readers. Include program title, day, date, and time, name of church or other venue, address of venue, ticket price, (if there is one) phone number for more information, and website. Send to raccolisusan@gmail.com

Positions Available

Position: Director of Music and Worship Arts

Church: Trinity United Methodist Church, Lafayette, IN.

Contact: Tracey Leslie, senior pastor, <mailto:tracey@trinitylafayette.org>

I will send the job description upon request.

Position: organist/accompanist, part-time

Church: Columbus First United Methodist Church

618 Eighth Street, Columbus, IN 47201

Contact: Howard Boles, Senior pastor, <mailto:hboles@fumccolumbus.org>.

I will send the job description upon request.

<mailto:Raccolisusan@gmail.com>

Position: Organist

Church: Irvington Presbyterian Church

Address: 55 Johnson Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219

Phone: 317-356-7225

Service: Sunday, 10 AM

Instrument: Pipe organ, Opus 5300 2-manual model built by M. P. Moller in

1928, rebuilt in 1965, renovated by Miller Pipe Organ Company of Louisville,

Kentucky in 1999. The organ has 1800 pipes in 21 ranks. It was fully restored in

2018 by Goulding & Wood. Restoration included a new console, new electronic

contacts and a complete redesign and rebuilding of the air chests in the organ loft.

Choir: (when meeting): Thursday, 7:30 PM.

Contact: Rev. Maureen Wilson <mailto:mwilson@irvpresby.org>

Substitute Opportunity

Choir accompanist, **Wed. Aug. 4, 5:30 PM, and Sunday Aug. 8, 8:15 AM.**

St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th Street.

Pay: \$150 for Wednesday rehearsal, and \$200 for Sunday.

Contact: **Michael W. Conley**, organist, <mailto:Michael.conley@stlukesumc.com>

Phone: 317-846-3404.

**For Immediate Sale: 1969 Allen organ, Model TC-3,
two manuals, AGO pedalboard.**

Beautiful console. Organ does need maintenance work. Good practice organ.
Two large Allen Organ Co. speakers (HC12) and amplifier included.
Asking price: BEST OFFER!

Contact: **Lois Springer**, 317-844-8778. Please leave name and number if leaving a message. Lois is moving at the end of August and needs to find a home for it ASAP.



New Members

Felsted, Elizabeth

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Gratz, Mr. Robin

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Walton, James W.

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Timothy Andrew “Tim” Denton
1976 - 2020

Upcoming Service: Celebration of Life

August, 7, 2021 12 PM

St. Alban’s Episcopal Church

4601 Emerson Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46226

Timothy “Tim” Andrew Denton went to be with the Lord on July 22, 2020, after a long illness. Though anticipated, his death is a loss to all who knew him. Tim was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew, and friend who loved others well and was a joy to be around.

Tim was born on May 29, 1976, in Louisville, KY to Gerald and Diana (Fry) Denton. Friends would describe him as a scrappy kid who paved his own way, always with a friend in tow. Even as a child, Tim always had a strong appreciation for music and art. His beloved 90s rap ballads eventually led him to pursue a career in music, specifically pipe organ. This might seem contradictory, but somehow Tim found ways to celebrate these contradictions and make them a part of himself.

Tim graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Organ Performance from the University of Louisville, and went on to complete a Master’s Degree in Organ Performance and Church Music from Indiana University. His accomplished career as a music director and church organist spanned 25-years, culminating with 2 published choral pieces, “Bless the Lord” and “Sing to the Lord a New Song.” He was passionate about music and sharing it with others. He regularly performed in various recitals and concerts across the country, making friends with strangers, and discussing music, politics, and art. Tim was truly a modern Renaissance man - he excelled in the kitchen (he made a mean chicken stir fry paired with a crisp Riesling), could discuss poetry and Bach, yet loved to cheer on the Indianapolis Colts and listen to rap music. He was a well-known staple at his local Starbucks, where you could catch him indulging in a fresh Pike Place coffee (black) and conversation with the latest patron. Tim’s quick-wit and wicked sense of humor led him to have a bevy of friends across the globe, many whom had been close friends for decades.

If music was Tim’s passion, his family was his life. Tim married his college sweetheart, **Michelle (Schneider)**, and together they poured their energy into their 2 beloved children. As a family they loved to travel (Prague was a special place where Tim and Michelle honeymooned), enjoy Marco’s Pizza nights, watch dance recitals and karate matches, and swim together. He loved being a dad and relished his role.

Tim is survived by his wife of 13 years, Michelle (Schneider); their 2 children, **Adrian and Kerrigan**; his parents, **Gerald and Diana (Fry)**; his brothers **Eric** and **Adam (Kellie)**; and a plethora of cousins, nieces, and nephews. Tim loved St. Francis of Assisi: “Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.” Tim gave all of these things and for those left behind, we are grateful.

Due to Covid-19, Tim received a private funeral service last year. A celebration of his life will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, IN on Saturday, August 7, at noon. Please RSVP to **Sue Schneider** at <mailto:sue.schneider@gmail.com> to account for food and refreshments.

There is a **choir rehearsal at 10 AM** and we are welcome to join in to sing. Singers should be vaccinated, and masks are required.

Recent AGO Performances of Tim Denton

Sunday, April 29, 4 PM, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 3650 W. 106th St., Carmel, IN 46032, Four Organists in Concert, Tim Denton, Travis Person, Dawn Waddell, and Sarah Williams will play a variety of music showing off Pilgrim's new II/37 Buzard organ.

Sonata 4

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

I. Tempo Moderato

Symphonie Gothique

C. M. Widor (1844-1937)

II. Andante Sostenuto

Tim Denton



Indianapolis Pipe Organ Festival: *Imaginative Works for Organ*
Sunday, February 24, 2019, 3 PM; St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Indianapolis AGO Centennial Weekend Celebration

Reverie

William Grant Still (1894-1978)

Mozart Changes

Zsolt Gardonyi (b. 1946)

Tim Denton



First Presbyterian Church of New Castle

1202 Church St. New Castle, IN 47362

Summer 2021

Music at First

Sunday, August 29, 3 PM - Strings en Cream
Gert Kumi, Violin and **Dr. Heaven Fan**, Harp

Childcare available in the church nursery.
Reception following concerts in the Fellowship Hall.

Logansport Baptist Church Presents

Organ Recitals by Robert Moore

EACH APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES
FRESHMENTS SERVED
Baptist Church 7th and Broadway, Logansport
4:00 PM

August 6

Trumpet & Organ
Jesse Morgan, trumpet soloist

August 13

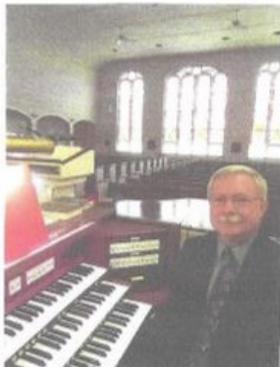
Women Composers & Arrangers

August 20

Spirituals

August 27

Hymn Tunes



Logansport Baptist Church
700 E. Broadway
Logansport, IN 46947

Theatre Organ Recital

Pierre Fracalanza from Detroit will present a concert on **Sunday, September 12, at 2:30 PM**, at the Warren Performing Arts Center on the 3-manual Barton organ that was originally in the downtown Indiana Theatre. A BBQ and classic car show at 12 noon will precede the concert.

Tickets will be available at the end of August through CIC-ATOS: **Mike Rolfe** at 317-496-6787.

New Member **Robin Gratz**

Robin Gratz started piano lessons at age 8 and organ lessons at age 16. He started working as a church musician in 1966 as a college freshman.

As a history major in college at Manchester University in Indiana, he took organ lessons for four years with **R. Gary Deavel**, plus two years of theory, ensembles, etc. For graduate school he went to Duke University and earned an MA in history. **George Ritchie** sent substitute jobs his way. He received an MA in library science at the University of Chicago.

Robin has lived in Columbus since 2013, coming from North Manchester to be near his son's family. He retired as the Manchester College library director and college organist, and had been organist/choir director at Zion Lutheran Church for 29 years. His current church job is organist at First Lutheran Church.

He was an active member of the Fort Wayne AGO chapter for over 30 years. More recently, he was in the Southern Indiana chapter.

While he is no longer active in this sport, he had earlier been a track athlete. While having no major awards to claim in that field, he said there probably aren't many people who, in the same lifetime, have competed nationally in Madison Square Garden and played for Mass at St. Peter's in the Vatican.

Robin's family does have other musicians: his daughter **Anne** is principal cellist of the Tucson Symphony in Arizona; his brother **Reed** has been professor of music at the University of LaVerne in California for many years and is a jazz pianist.

We are happy to have **Robin Gratz** in our AGO chapter and look forward to meeting him!



New Member James Walton

James Walton has lived in Portland, Oregon, his whole life and will be moving to Bloomington in August to attend the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, and is a Jacobs Scholar recipient.

He started piano lessons in high school and started playing organ three years ago, most recently studying with **Bruce Neswick**. He sang at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral for two years, and occasionally played organ and harpsichord preludes. He also was involved as a choir school piano teacher.

His grandmother and father were both organists. He still uses his grandmother **Barbara's** hymnal 1982.

He was the organist at Camas United Methodist Church in Washington State, and he has been a choir member at various churches. He is a countertenor, so is no doubt a valuable singer for many choirs.

James is hoping to visit lots of churches in Indianapolis, and he is looking forward to building connections in the area. He does not have a church job now in this area, but if his workload at IU permits, he hopes to find a church job.

He has been in the Portland AGO for two years and participated in all of the master classes and recitals, as well as some other chapter events. We will be happy to have him participate in our AGO events.

June 6, 4:30 PM, countertenor recital at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRIS1blAm-8>

Search for "Ariel's Song James Walton" at YouTube.





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<http://www.indyago.org>

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<https://www.agohq.org/>

We hope to see everyone at our
Opening Picnic on Friday evening,
September 10, at the beautiful home
of Craig and Carol Stoops. This is a
pitch-in. We will enjoy the good food
and getting to see each other again!