

Lehigh Valley Chapter

# American Guild of Organists

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## Dean's Mixtures

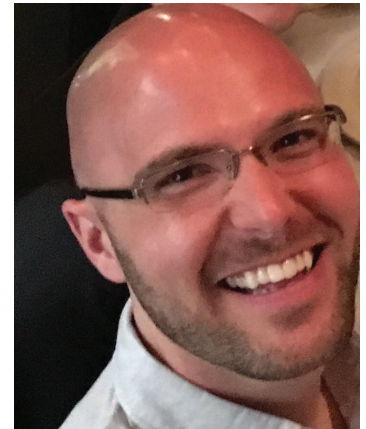
Happy New Year!

At this point, I hope you have had a brief chance to “re-boot” after the busiest time of year for many of us. On some level it’s hard to imagine it’s over, and in other ways, all we can do is give thanks it has passed!

This time of year, I find myself reflective and pondering about how to better myself, both in my career and for those that I help lead. Our organization offers some wonderful opportunities for all of us to take that chance, and on many levels.

Of particular worth in that regard are January and February. January Jumpstart is an annual event hosted by our Philadelphia chapter, supported by LVAGO and other regional chapters. There’s always seminars available on all ends of the spectrum. Our coordinator, Matt Wary, is incredibly knowledgeable and helpful. I hope you will be in touch with him with any questions you have or better yet, will sign up!

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## January Meeting

# January Jumpstart

## A Day of Workshops and Programs

Saturday, January 14, 2017, 9:30 am  
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr

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Additionally, February gives us the chance to learn something new — for ourselves and for singers we may work with or alongside. Mark Moliterno, a voice instructor at Westminster and certified Yoga Instructor, leads a YogaVoice+ seminar. Yogavoice is a practice or technology devised by Mark and his Westminster colleague James Jordan. It teaches and aligns practices of relaxation and body awareness specifically for deepening personal ability for vocalists. In our “+” seminar, Mark will apply his teaching and practices to those of us that also play (aka spend hours behind) the keyboard. I’ve attended or hosted three of his events — I highly recommend this opportunity!

Best wishes for 2017. There are good things to come and wonderful chances to celebrate! I look forward to seeing you!

Drew

## Upcoming Programs

**January 14, 2017, 9:30 am**  
**January Jumpstart**

The annual Multi-Chapter event for our region hosted at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA. Car pools leave the Lehigh Valley early morning, and the day officially concludes at 5:30 pm.

**February 11, 2017, 9:30 am**  
**YogaVoice Workshop**

Mark Moliterno, a voice instructor at Westminster Choir College, has designed a method of Yoga called Yoga-Voice along with choir director James Jordan. He will present not only these methods and how they apply to vocal musicians, but those of us at the keyboard. Location: First Presbyterian Church, Allentown. Snow date: February 25, 2017

**March 5–12, 2017**  
**Organ Festival**

The Lehigh Valley Arts Council, Allentown Symphony artistic director Diane Wittry, Allen Organ, and the LV AGO are joining forces in March 2017! An Organ Festival beginning on March 5th culminates the following week with concerts presented by the

Allentown Symphony and Hector Olivera. During the Symphonic Organ concerts at Miller Symphony Hall, Hector Olivera will debut a new work by renowned composer Eric Ewazen. For continued updates on these events and for discount ticket codes, visit [miller-symphonyhall.org](http://miller-symphonyhall.org). Our chapter is humbled by the chance to work with the Allentown Symphony, Allen Organ, and other chapters in our region.

**Sunday, March 5:** LV AGO Marathon Recital at Muhlenberg’s Egner Chapel from 3 to 6 pm

**Monday, March 6:** Meet the Organ Happy Hour at Miller Symphony Hall hosted by Allen Organ

**Tuesday, March 7:** Noon-Ten recital at St. John’s Lutheran, Allentown

**Thursday, March 9:** Civic Theatre, 19th Street— Silent Film The Beloved Rogue with Don Kinnier on Organ at 7:00 pm

**Friday, March 10:** Meet the Artist at Miller Symphony Hall with Hector Olivera

**Friday, March 10:** Stephen Williams at Cathedral Church, Bethlehem at 8:00 pm

**Saturday, March 11:** Symphonic Organ Festival— Miller Symphony Hall at 7:30 pm

**Sunday, March 12:** Symphonic Organ Festival— Miller Symphony Hall at 3:00 pm

**May 6, 2016**  
**Organ Crawl to NE PA**

Chapter Sub-Dean Tom Dressler is working to design an organ crawl that will highlight must sees of NE Pennsylvania, culminating with stops in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. Stay tuned as details fall in to place!

**May 21, 2017, 4:00 pm**  
**Recital / Annual Meeting & Banquet**

Drew Long will host us at Trinity Lutheran, Perkasie for a recital by rising young artist, Adam Bergstresser, followed by our annual banquet meeting. Adam is a former student of our Sub Dean, Thomas Dressler. Trinity houses a Reuter organ rounded out by Walker voices installed in 2004.

## January Jumpstart

As you continue recovering from Christmas, amidst the collective sigh we are all letting out, I hope you’ll consider attending the AGO January Jumpstart, held on Saturday, January 14th at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian

Church from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Maybe the later start time will allow more of us to travel the distance to this worthy educational event. A lot of effort goes into planning the wide variety workshops, now spread over five sessions. The day will end with a Festive Closing Celebration featuring the music of Craig Phillips combined with the congregation, choir, brass, and organ.



Workshop information is limited at this point, other than mentioning a few of the expected presenters: Jeffrey Brillhart, Susan DuPlantis, Ronald Hemmel, Ryan Kelly, and many more! To register, go online to the brightly revamped [agophila.org](http://agophila.org) website and click on the link for January Jumpstart to register up until January 13. Since the LV AGO is a sponsoring chapter, our members are eligible for a discount on the registration fee. Be sure to enter the discount code, FRIEND, when registering.

Members interested in carpooling to Bryn Mawr from the Lehigh Valley may contact me at [mdwary@dejazzd.com](mailto:mdwary@dejazzd.com) by 1/10. Please include your phone number, whether you are willing to drive, and how many others can fit in your vehicle. Attempts will be made to arrange the carpooling based on geographic areas of those interested. An e-mail reminder about carpooling will be sent in early January. I hope we'll have a good turnout from our chapter at the 2017 January Jumpstart's revamped format. Happy New Year!

Matthew Wary

## Member News

We would like to extend our sincerest condolences to chapter member, Jane Errera, and family. Jane's husband of 31 years, Dr. Samuel Joseph Errera, passed away on December 29, 2016 at age 90. Jane is a long-time member of LV AGO, Organist and Choir Director at St. Anne's Catholic in Bethlehem, served

as Chair of the Regional Convention in 2001, and Regional Counselor for many years.

## Music Academy/Festival

### Young Organists Encouraged to Apply for Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival

(Minneapolis, MN) Lutheran Music Program has selected Kenneth Miller to serve as the Regina Holmen Fryxell and Patricia Schad Legee Chapel Organist at the 2017 Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) from June 25th to July 23rd on the campus of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Miller currently serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music and Organist and Choirmaster of the Chapel of the Apostles at the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN.

As a member of the artistic faculty, Miller will maintain a private organ studio, teach the Introduction to Pipe Organ elective class, and serve as a member of the LSM worship team. In addition to serving as primary organist for all LSM worship services, Miller will also perform as a soloist and with the LSM Bach Cantata.

Lutheran Summer Music is a four-week residential training and performance program. Each summer, LSM brings together 150+ 8-12 grade band, orchestra, choir, keyboard and organ students from the U.S. and abroad in a supportive, intentional community.

AGO members from the Lehigh Valley Chapter are invited to refer students for the 2017 convening of Lutheran Summer Music Academy. All students using the application code AGO200 will receive an automatic \$200 tuition discount. Other merit and need-based assistance is available.

More information: [lutheransummermusic.org](http://lutheransummermusic.org)  
Contact Dietrich Jessen and Kristina Rodel, Admissions Directors at 888.635.6583  
Email: [admissions@lutheransummermusic.org](mailto:admissions@lutheransummermusic.org).

## January/February Concerts

**January 13 (Friday) 8:00 pm; All Bach program #8** in a series of complete works performed by organist Stephen Williams; A minor Prelude and Fugue, Alla breve in D, *Schübler*, *Neumeister*, and *Passiontide*

chorales from *Orgelbüchlein*; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Free admission, [swilliams@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:swilliams@nativitycathedral.org)

**January 27** (Friday) 8:00 pm; **All Bach program #9** in a series of complete works performed by organist Stephen Williams; C minor Fantasia and Fugue, A minor Prelude and Fugue, “Little” Fugue in g, Partita “Ach, was soll,” *Neumeister* chorales, Passion and Easter chorales from *Orgelbüchlein*; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Free admission, [swilliams@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:swilliams@nativitycathedral.org)

**February 10** (Friday) 8:00 pm; **All Bach program #10** in a series of complete works performed by organist Stephen Williams; G Major Prelude and Fugue, ‘Dorian’ Toccata and Fugue, chorales from the *Neumeister* collection and *Orgelbüchlein*, Trio No. 4 in E minor; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Free admission, [swilliams@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:swilliams@nativitycathedral.org)

**February 24** (Friday) 8:00 pm; **All Bach program #11** in a series of complete works performed by organist Stephen Williams; Eight “Little” Preludes and Fugues, *Clavierübung Part III – Pedaliter*; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Free admission, [swilliams@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:swilliams@nativitycathedral.org)

## Organist Substitute List

If you would like to be included in the Organist Substitute List please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; [sfbueker@rcn.com](mailto:sfbueker@rcn.com).

Robin Bidwell	Saturday	302 593-0401
Ruthann Brandt	Mon-Sat	610 262-3304
Janice Butz	Mon –Fri	610 882-9388
Stephen Cable	Mon-Sat	484-866-6019
Kathleen Comito	Sun-Sat	610 866-4883
V. Mark Dennis	Mon-Sat	610 867-0385
Valerie Derstine	Mon-Fri	215 536-3020
Carol Dzurenda	Sun and Sat	215 538-7273
Ellen Erb	Saturday	610 837-7426
Muriel Folk	Sun-Sat	610 438-8556
Sr. Doris Gonzalez	Thurs-Sat	610-317-0695
Gail Hanzl	Mon-Sat	610 264-5859
Michael Huffman	Mon-Sat	610 433-6563
Joe Kaczmarek	Sun-Fri	484 433-4336
Jacqueline Kuba	Mon-Sat	570 386-4480
Michael Kuhnert	Mon-Sat	215-536-4345

Andrew Long	Mon-Fri	610 704-7805
James Matz	Sun-Sat	610 367-8094
Linda Maule	Mon-Sat	610 258-5006
John McEnerney	Sun-Fri	215 794-7338
Richard McIntyre	Mon-Sat	908-282-4691
Randall Perry	Mon-Fri	570 325-9688
Erin Petrella	Mon-Sat	484 863-9052
Shirley Platt	Mon-Sat	610 838-5202
Michael Pletcher	Sun-Sat	610 820-7554
Maria Prochnau	Sun-Sat	610 694-0525
Bruce Rohrbach	T,W,F and Sat	610 683-9496
Karen Scott	May-Sept.	610 737-1701
Michael Seroka	Mon-Fri	570 386-2378
Brian Snyder	Mon-Thurs	484 838-0977
Donald Vaughn	Mon-Sat	610 966-0682
Matthew Wary	Mon-Fri	610 473-8777
Stephen Williams	Mon-Fri	610 737-5196
Freda Zimmerman	Sun-Sat	610 381 3089

## Positions Available

### Organist and/or Choir Director (2)

**Church:** Church of the Good Shepherd UCC, 135 Quarry Road, Alburtis, PA 18011, 610-966-2991

**Website:** [www.goodshepherdalbertis.org](http://www.goodshepherdalbertis.org)

**Contact:** The Rev. Scott M. Sanders, 610-966-2991, [gsucc71@ptd.net](mailto:gsucc71@ptd.net)

**Weekly services:** 1

**Ensembles:** Senior Choir (5 women, 10 men)

**Instruments:** 2 manual Fritzsche pipe organ

**Music budget:** \$0

**Weekly attendance:** 120

**Position fill date:** March 1, 2017

**Deadline:** January 15, 2017

**Total hours per week:** 3

**Salary:** :\$10,500 – \$12,500

**Weeks vacation:** 3

**Benefits:** None listed

**Notes:** Position may be split to organist or choir director. See website for details.

**Newsletter Editor and Webmaster:** Mark Dennis, 610-867-0385, [vmddennispa@juno.com](mailto:vmddennispa@juno.com)

**Placement Service:** See the Placement page on [www.lvago.org](http://www.lvago.org), for information and the, Placement Service Information Sheet.

**Newsletter Deadline:** March Edition: Thursday, February 16, 2017