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FEBRUARY MEMBER RECITAL

Our LVAGO Members' Recital scheduled for February 20 has been postponed to next fall. Instead, our LVAGO members are cordially invited to attend the recital of one of our own Board members, **Luke DiGiacinto, at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem on February 20 at 4:00 p.m.** Luke's program consists of "Artist Favorites," including works by Bach, Buxtehude, Böhm, DeGrigny, Pachelbel, Kittel, Mendelssohn, Willan and Saint-Saens. Hope to see you there to support one of our own chapter members!

Bach Marathon

"This year's Bach Marathon concert will take place during the afternoon of Sunday, March 20, 2022, 3:00 pm, at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown. The host organist is Tom Dressler, Director of Music & Organist at First Presbyterian. We are soliciting for performers of music by J.S. Bach especially, as well as organ music by Bach's predecessors, contemporaries, and later organ composers who were influenced by Bach's compositional style. Performers are invited to play for any length of time from 5 minutes to 1/2 hour (or possibly more). We will find a spot for you to participate. We welcome chapter members and other musical friends to perform



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March Event

Annual Bach Marathon

**Featuring the music of Bach, his predecessors,
contemporaries and those he influenced**

Sunday, March 20, 2022, 3:00 pm.

First Presbyterian Church

3231 West Tilghman Street, Allentown PA 18104

February Event

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and help celebrate the music of Bach in our annual LVAGO Bach marathon event, and near the occasion of Bach's 337th birthday.

Please contact Lou Carol Fix, Event Coordinator, lcbfix@gmail.com, by March 1 if you are interested to play. The information required includes: your name / contact info. / titles and BWV # of your pieces / composer's name and dates / a short biography of yourself / the time (and alternate time) you would like to begin playing between the hours of 3:00-6:00pm. First come, first served...and happy practicing!"



POE+ June 12–17

Help Us Recruit Participants Now

A Pipe Organ Encounter Plus is coming to the Lehigh Valley June 12–17, for keyboard players 19 and older who want to play the organ (or who currently play in a church or synagogue and want to improve their organ skills).

Our chapter planning team continues to put the components together. Faculty is recruited, host churches are scheduled, Muhlenberg College is ready to welcome us with air-conditioned single dorm rooms,

dining hall, meeting rooms, even van-and-bus transportation when needed.

All we need to succeed is participants! 18 is our target number—and we can handle more.

Event co-director Gloria Snyder, in a terrific newsletter article last month, invited all LVAGO members to help in a variety of ways at the event.

Today I ask you to help NOW:

1) Open up your musical and familial Rolodex. In other words, think about your own musically-inclined relatives, friends, neighbors, church members. Who among them might fancy a wonderful, life-changing week in such an enriching environment? Private lessons. Hands and feet on a variety of organ keyboards. Skill-building presentations. Superb recitals. Even the Allentown Band in concert featuring pieces with organ.

Not to mention the relationships that will be built, the friendships created, by sharing musical experiences and conversations they can't get anywhere else.

2) Reach out, face-to-face if you can: encourage them to give themselves a gift of this musical sabbatical. [Print a POE+ brochure](#) from our website, and talk them through it.

Point out the availability of partial scholarships, the Early Bird (register before March 1) and Commuter discounts. Emphasize our commitment to all participants' health and safety should Covid still be a challenge and our Money-Back Guarantee if circumstances beyond our control necessitate cancellation.

Between now and March 1, the most vital support we can give POE+ is relational. Let's all become POE+ Evangelists, recruiting participants to experience the Joy we AGOers continue to find in playing the King of Instruments.

On behalf of the POE+ 2022 planning team, thank you!
Dodd Lamberton

February Concert

Sunday, February 20 at 4:00 **Luke DiGiacinto, organ;**
Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

Event Calendar

Sunday, March 20, 3:00 p.m. Annual Bach Marathon.
First Presbyterian Church, Allentown

Sunday, May 15, 4:00 p.m. Annual Young Artist's Recital, Banquet & Meeting. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg.

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.

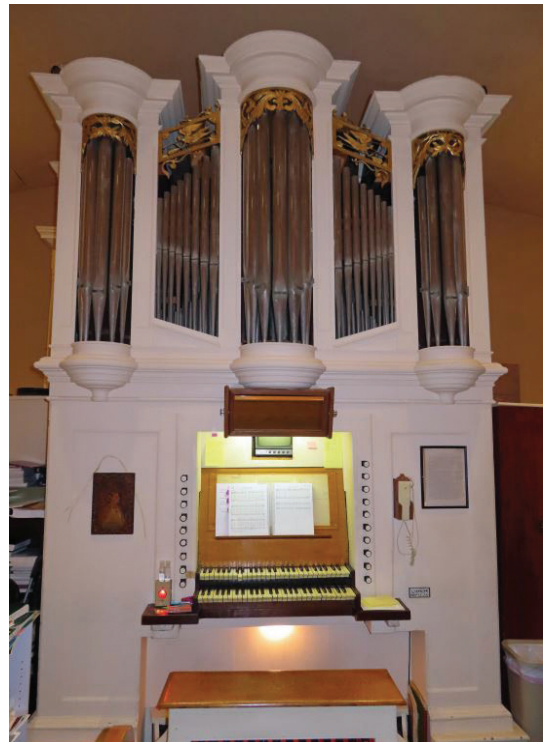
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Lehigh Valley Organ News

1799/1864 John & Andrew / George Krauss organ

Over the holidays, Greg Kuklinski and I ventured to Bally to document the pipe organ in Most Blessed Sacrament Church. The original instrument, built in 1799 by John and Andrew Krauss, consisted of 1 manual and 9 stops. In 1864, it was enlarged by George Krauss to 2 manuals and 18 note pedal. The organ was again enlarged to its present 17 rank configuration by Hartman and Beaty of New York in 1963.

For a complete description of the organ and beautiful photos by Greg, please check the [Krauss organ page](#) on the website. A special article by Phil Cooper can be downloaded from the Notes section. —Mark



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