

Lehigh Valley Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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May Event

Young Artist's Recital, Banquet, & Annual Meeting

Amelie Held, organ

Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church
200 S Broad Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

Please see p. 4 for Banquet information and sign-up.

About Amelie Held

Known for her red organ shoes, organist Amelie Held quickly became an internationally acclaimed artist. She recently debuted at some of Germany's major cathedrals and concert halls, such as the Konzerthaus Dortmund, the Philharmonie Essen and the international Speyer cathedral recital series. Her solo concert activities include performances in the world's most important music centers, such as Milan, Paris, Zurich, London, Boston, New York and St. Petersburg (Mariinsky Concert Hall).

Raised in Munich, Germany, in a non-musician family, Amelie released her debut album in 2019 at the young age of 22. She has won several prizes at international organ competitions and was one of the youngest finalists of the prestigious French Concours International de Chartres (2018).

She has a broad repertoire, both as a soloist and with orchestra and chamber ensemble, ranging from early music to contemporary compositions as well as her own transcriptions.

Extensive training with the most internationally renowned professors in her field has taken Miss Held throughout Europe and to the United States of America. She studied organ, piano and violin from a young age and became a pupil in the organ class of Heidi Emmert at the Regensburg Academy of Music. She went on to study violin and organ at the University of Music Detmold, Germany and the National Conservatory of Music and Dance in Paris, France (B.A. in both majors). Her teachers there included Martin

Sander, Michel Bouvard and Olivier Latry. She recently completed her master's degrees with top marks at the State University of Music and Performing Arts Stuttgart where she studied organ with Ludger Lohmann and both harpsichord and organ in the field of early music with Lorenzo Ghielmi in Milan, Italy. Currently living in New York City, she is pursuing her Artist Diploma studies at The Juilliard School with Paul Jacobs.



In addition to music, Amelie is passionate about literature and speaks four languages. In her free time, she indulges in dancing, working out or riding motorcycles.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023–2024

The nominating committee, under the leadership of Gail Hanzl, has presented the following slate of officers to serve on our LVAGO Board for the coming year, beginning on July 1. The election of our Board members and the executive committee will take place at the annual meeting on Sunday, May 21. We thank current Board members Gail Hanzl and Judith Love who will have completed their terms and also Tom Busted who has served as secretary for the past year.

Executive Committee

Eric Gombert, dean
Janice Butz, sub-dean
Stephen Bueker, treasurer
Linda Maule, secretary

Board Members continuing in their terms:

Term completes 2024: Luke DiGlacinto & Susan Frickert
Term completes 2025: Michael Fister & Bob Riday

Newly nominated to serve from 2023–2026:

Marissa Deshler, Jeffrey Raub

LVAGO 100th Anniversary Celebration

Plans are well underway for our chapter's 100th Anniversary Celebration this coming fall. Here is a preview of the festivities.

September 16 & 17. Katelyn Emerson at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Bethlehem. Organist, lecturer, and pedagogue Katelyn Emerson, hailed as "one of the world's most promising organists," is internationally renowned for performances throughout North America, Europe, and Asia that are "thrilling from beginning to end" and that showcase repertoire from the 14th–21st centuries with "impressive technical facility and musicianship." On Saturday, she will present a workshop entitled **Playing for a Lifetime: Healthy Technique and Practice Strategies**. On Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., she will present a full recital.

November 12. Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney at St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown, at 4:00 p.m., followed by a gala dinner and celebration at the Americus Hotel in Allentown. Tom Trenney shares his passion as pastoral musician, composer, and teacher in worship with his home congregation, in the college classroom, and in performances, hymn festivals, choral and organ workshops and master classes all around the country. Included in the hymn festival will be the performance of a commissioned work for the LVAGO 100th anniversary by Michael Bedford and based on the tune St. Anne, **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**. A volunteer choir will be formed to sing for the hymn festival, so plan to be among the singers and invite your choir members to join us as well.

MORE DETAILS WILL BE SHARED IN THE COMING MONTHS, BUT SAVE THE DATES FOR THIS GRAND CELEBRATION!

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.

<i>Dale Bonenberger</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>917 328-9041</i>
<i>Ruthann Brandt</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 262-3304</i>
<i>Janice Butz</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>610 882-9388</i>
<i>Alan Birney</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>610 653-8097</i>
<i>Ellen Erb</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>570 350-0343</i>
<i>Charles Glandorf</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 416-1055</i>
<i>Eric Gombert</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 435-1641</i>
<i>Gail Hanzl</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 264-5859</i>

Susan Hartney	Mon–Sat	610 360-6934
Michael Huffman	Sun–Sat	610 794-6056
Joe Kaczmarek	Mon–Sat	484 433-4336
Jacqueline Kuba	Sun–Sat	570 386-4480
Michael Kuhnert	Mon–Sat	215 536-4345
Cristina Dinella Makowicz	Sun–Sat	585 732-8017
James Matz	Sun–Sat	610 367-8094
Linda Maule	Mon–Sat	610 258-5006
Richard McIntyre	Mon–Sat	908 283-4691
Jeffrey Raub	Saturday	484 541-8322
Michael Seroka	Mon–Sat	570 516-7207
Barbara Thomson	Sun–Mon	908 591-4499
Bruce Tonkin	Sun–Sat	610 220-5457
Matthew Wary	Mon–Sat	610 743-0921
Stephen Ziminsky	Mon–Fri	610 417-2669
Freda Zimmerman	Mon–Fri	610 381-3089

Contact: Susan Bringhurst, admin@stjohnsrpa.org, 215-536-5027

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir (6–10), Chime Choir (6–8)
Applicant is not responsible for these ensembles

Instruments: Fritzsche, II/9

Music budget: \$ 2400

Weekly attendance: 30–40

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: ASAP

Total hours per week: 5–6

Salary: \$12,000–\$13,000

Weeks vacation: 3 to start

Benefits: None listed

Notes: Our current organist plays piano/organ for one Sunday service at 9:30am as well as a few special services during the church year. We would also like to have a director for our small senior choir and chime choir, but that IS NOT PART OF THIS POSITION AT THIS TIME.

March Bach Event



Bach's Big Birthday Baroque Blast Participants
Luke DiGiacinto, Barbara Thomson, David Macbeth, Benjamin Becker, Lou Carol Fix, Thomas Dressler

Postions Available

Organist/Pianist(1)

Church: St. John's Lutheran Church, 4 South Main Street, PO Box 458, Richlandtown, PA 18955

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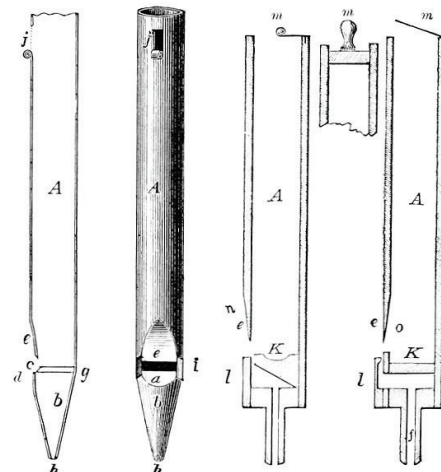
Placement Service

See the Placement page on www.lvago.org for information and the Placement Service Information Sheet.

Newsletter Deadline

Next Edition: Thursday, May 25, 2023

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ANNUAL YOUNG ARTIST'S RECITAL BANQUET & ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 21, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church
200 S. Broad Street, Nazareth, PA

Amelie Held

recitalist and student of Paul Jacobs
at The Juilliard School of Music

Don't miss this wonderful afternoon of fabulous music,
fellowship with your friends in our Lehigh Valley AGO Chapter,
and our annual meeting and election of officers.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Piccata
Vegetable Lasagna
Roasted Potatoes
Medley of Roasted Vegetables
Mixed Salad
Assorted Deserts
Coffee & Tea
Cost is \$25 per person

Reservation for LVAGO Annual Banquet and Meeting, May 21
Following the Young Artist's Recital

Name _____

of persons attending _____ Amount enclosed _____

Please send a check for \$25 (per person) payable to the Lehigh Valley AGO and mail to
Janice Butz, 2510 14th St., Bethlehem, PA 18020 by **Monday, May 15.**