

Lehigh Valley Chapter

# American Guild of Organists

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## Executive Committee

Luke DiGiacinto (2024)  
Susan Frickert (2024)  
Robert Riday (2025)  
Michael Fister (2025)  
Marissa Deshler (2026)  
Jeffrey Raub (2026)

## May Event

### ANNUAL YOUNG ARTIST'S RECITAL BANQUET & ANNUAL MEETING

Featuring **Sarah Palmer**, organ

Sunday, May 26, 4:00 p.m.  
Cathedral Church of the Nativity  
321 Wyandotte Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015

## Sarah Palmer

Sarah Palmer, organist, is currently pursuing a Master of Music (M.M.) in Organ Performance at the Curtis Institute of Music, where she studies under the guidance of Alan Morrison. Prior to this, she graduated from St. Olaf College, where her mentor was Catherine Rodland. Notably, Sarah also honed her skills in piano at the Manhattan School of Music. Her artistic endeavors extend beyond performance; she creates transcriptions for the organ, primarily focusing on orchestral and concert band music.





## Bach Marathon Review

Our Chapter's annual Bach birthday celebration took place on Sunday afternoon, March 3, at College Hill Presbyterian Church in Easton and was a wonderful afternoon of beautiful music performed by four organists. Titled "Bach's Big Baroque Birthday Blast," the audience enjoyed works by Bach as well as compositions by those who were influenced by the great master. The recital opened with the *Alla Breve in D Major*, BWV 589, and concluded with the *Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor*, BWV 582. Performed between these two works were a chorale prelude, *O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort*, by Bach's student Johann Ludwig Krebs; the *French Suite in G Major*, BWV 816, played on double harpsichord; *Allegro from Organ Concerto in A minor* (based on Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Violins), BWV 593; *Variation from Sonata No. 6 in D minor*, op. 65, by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy based on the chorale "Vater unser im Himmelreich," which was immediately followed by Bach's setting of the chorale for manualiter from the *Clavier-Übung III*, BWV 683. Special guest speaker, Gordon Maule, offered commentary on the life of J. S. Bach and his importance in history. We thank chapter members who performed in the recital—Christine Clewell, Luke DiGiacinto, Tom Dressler, and Barbara Thomson; as well as Luke DiGiacinto for coordinating the event and Tom Dressler for hosting us at his church.

## Election Of Officers For 2024–2025

The nominating committee, under the leadership of Luke DiGiacinto and Michael Krentz, 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 26. We thank current Board members Luke DiGiacinto and Susan Frickert who will have completed their terms.

### Executive Committee

Susan Frickert, dean  
Janice Butz, sub-dean  
Stephen Bueker, treasurer  
Linda Maule, secretary

### Board Members continuing in their terms:

Term completes 2025: Michael Fister  
and Bob Riday  
Term completes 2026: Marissa Deshler  
and Jeffrey Raub

### Newly nominated to serve from 2024–2027:

Charles Glandorf, Gary Raish

## Coming in June

Be sure to check out the June issue of *The American Organist* magazine to view the featured article about our 100th anniversary 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](mailto:sfbueker@rcn.com).

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Charles Glandorf	Mon–Sat	610 416-1055
Eric Gombert	Mon–Sat	610 435-1641
Gail Hanzl	Mon–Sat	610 264-5859
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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
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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

## May Concerts

May 5 (Sunday) 3 p.m.

### Rudy Lucente, organ

Afternoon of music on new Allen RL-90  
Jordan United Church of Christ, Allentown  
\$10 Suggested donation

May 19 (Sunday) 3 p.m.

### Organ Recital and Rededication

Featuring Lou Carol Fix, Patrice A. Kidd, John C.  
Brewster, Kevin R. Ehrig and Thomas D. Busted  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Bath



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**Sarah Palmer,**  
recitalist and student of Alan Morrison  
at The Curtis Institute of Music

*Don't miss this wonderful afternoon of fabulous music,  
fellowship with your friends in our Lehigh Valley AGO Chapter,  
a delicious meal served by Cathy's Creative Catering,  
and our annual meeting and election of officers.*

**Dinner Menu**

Chicken Marsala  
Vegetable Lasagna  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans Almondine  
Mixed Salad  
Assorted Desserts  
Coffee & Tea  
Cost is \$25 per person.

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Reservation for LVAGO Banquet & Annual Meeting, May 26  
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 American Guild of Organists and mail to Janice Butz, 2510 14th St., Bethlehem, PA 18020 by **Friday, May 10.**