



Chiff Chat Part 2 February 2022

MUSIC ACADEMY AND FESTIVAL

Lutheran summer music academy and festival June 26-July 24 Valparaiso University, IN for Grades 8-12. For musicians and singers, this is an opportunity to learn, grow and join together in song. For further details, visit lutheransummermusic.org

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER PLUS

A POE+ will be held this summer June 12-17 at the campus of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. All rooms are single occupancy and air conditioned.

POE+ is a week-long event for musicians of intermediate proficiency age 19 or older to advance in all things organ, including daily lessons, practice time, workshops, faculty recitals, student concert, field trips and social gatherings. Registration fee is \$500 (\$450 before March 1). If interested, email martha@sienkiewicz.org for registration form and financial support from the chapter.

AGO National Convention: The Well-Tempered Future Seattle, Washington | July 3–7

For more information and to register for the convention, visit agoseattle2022.com/register. [Click here](#) for the schedule-at-a-glance When you register for the convention, be sure to take advantage of the convention hotel's exceptional rate. The Hyatt Regency Seattle, opened in December 2018, is located in the heart of downtown Seattle. [Click here](#) to reserve your room.

Booking your flight to Seattle? Receive a 5% discount from Alaska Airlines for AGO convention travel and fly round-trip from [cities](#) across the U.S. and Canada. [Book online](#) with the exclusive AGO convention discount code **ECMD864**. See [discount terms and conditions](#) here or when booking online. Look for our convention ad in the February issue of *The American Organist* and follow the convention on Facebook and Instagram: @AGOSeattle2022. Questions? Email info@agoseattle2022.com.

Sister chapter Connection

Our sister chapter in England is filled with professionals who publish many interesting articles. Richard Tapp, their president, has sent us the following link to their newsletter. to stay connected.

[Newsletter | Northampton & District Organists' Association
\(northamptonorganists.org.uk\)](http://northamptonorganists.org.uk)

A Cathedral Visit 😊



Firas Hashmi a 16 year old organist and chapter member is often at Abbey Chapel practicing. He decided to go visit the Casavant at St. Michael's last December. Hope he had fun! Photo by M.J. Tash

!Upcoming Events!

Every 3rd Thursday. Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral (35 Chestnut St. Springfield) in conjunction with Springfield Museums is offering a free concert at 11:30 every third Thursday of the month preceding the 12 o'clock museum lecture. The short concerts will feature the cathedral organs played by Todd Beckham and occasional instrumentalist /vocalist friends.

The Next "Brick Church" Music Series concert, originally scheduled for February 6, presenting pianist Jiayan Sun, has been postponed due to the recent COVID-19 health concerns. We hope to reschedule this concert as soon as it is safe to do so.

Positions available !!!!!!!

Minister of Music The First Congregational Church of Stockbridge, MA, seeks an organist-choirmaster to lead and coordinate the music programs of the congregation. This is an approximately one-third time position with commensurate compensation and benefits, to be negotiated depending on actual hours and qualifications. For further information and/or to apply for this position contact Will Garrison, Office Administrator, office@stockbridgeUCC.org or 413-298-3137. Qualifications will be reviewed beginning January 1, 2022, and will continue until the position is filled. There is a Johnson pipe organ/ two pianos ,anadult choir with 3 section leaders, and handbells.

Choir Director The First Congregational Church of South Hadley, UCC (aka Center Church) South Hadley MA, seeks a choir director. This position is for 5 hours a week for 40 weeks. Salary is based on experience and education. For complete job description and/or to apply for this position please contact Thia Jubinville, Office Administrator, centerchurch@verizon.net or 413-532-2262. Choir rehearsals will be on Sundays, prior to the 10am worship and another following worship. The organist and/or assistant organist will accompany the choir.

Pianist/Singer needed. Sunday 11am Protestant service for the veterans at Leeds VA Medical Center. Short ten-minute prelude, three hymns, short postlude. Please contact Chaplin Juanita Hudson, 413-584-4040 x2285. \$150.