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The Dean's Column

Dear Friends in the Chapter,

Congratulations to our five scholarship winners for 2024!

I'm so pleased to have been a judge for the Cooper Miller Scholarships this year. We had wonderful candidates and you will read Lorraine's report in this newsletter. There were four winners this year with Brody Bett being our first place winner.

Our Andersen scholarship for college age students also has a winner this year. Zachary Peschen, a senior at the University of North Carolina is our winner and has begun a church position in Laurinburg.

These scholarships are one of the most wonderful things our chapter does each year and we always appreciate your gifts to the chapter which make it possible for us to continue this and other programs. Please look over our fine opportunities to attend programs upcoming this year and we hope to see you at each and every one!

MARK ANDERSEN

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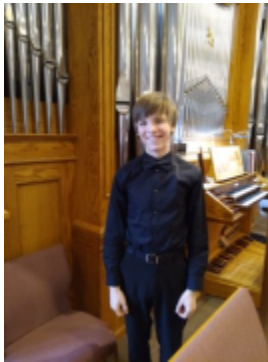


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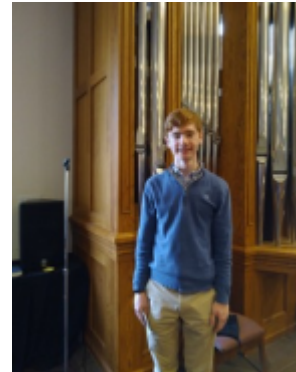
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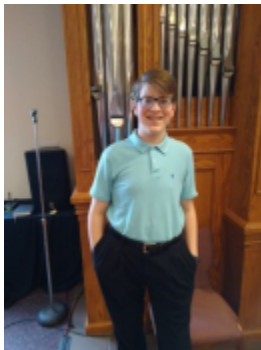
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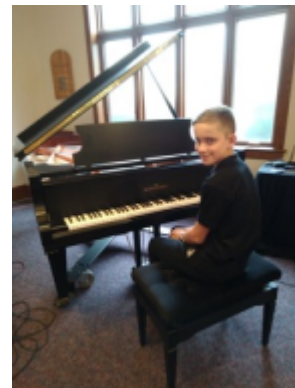
Brody Bett (13)
won \$1500



Andrew Otto (16)
won \$1000



Cy Sagan (14)
won \$500



Miles Fox (13)
won \$200 for the purchase
of Avriel organ shoes.

From the organizers:

David and I had a most delightful time being part of the organ scholarship judging. We were so impressed with the maturity of these young people and their commitment to their music study. We were pleased to be part of the process.

Also, we enjoyed being with all of you. It was a wonderful day! Thank you for including us AND thank you, Lorraine for all that you do for these young folks. Your enthusiasm is contagious.

MICHELLE SEABOCH AND DAVID LYNCH

I always leave this event on such a high. Michelle was right, we have never had such an influx of very young, very talented students.

LORRAINE MAGNUSON-CHAIR

MUSIC EVENTS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY



ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

ROBERT PARKINS, DIRECTOR

5:00 PM

Organ Recital Series: Robert Parkins

LOCATION: [DUKE CHAPEL](#)

ROBERT PARKINS, UNIVERSITY ORGANIST AND A PROFESSOR OF THE PRACTICE OF MUSIC, DUKE UNIVERSITY

Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 pm

Robert Parkins is the University Organist and a Professor of the Practice of Music at Duke. His solo recordings have appeared on the Calcante, Gothic, Loft, Musical Heritage Society, and Naxos labels. *Salome's Dance*, his most recent release, elicited the following comment from a reviewer in *American Record Guide*: "His playing is expressive, musical, technically accomplished, [and] uses the instrument superbly, [demonstrating] a fine ear for color-something many organists would do well to emulate." This year's recital of "Music for the Lenten Season" will feature works by early Italian and Spanish composers, as well as music of Brahms and J. S. Bach, on the Brombaugh and Flentrop organs.

Chapter Event

Save the Date!



ABIGAIL CRAFTON

3PM SATURDAY, APRIL 6

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1520 CANTERBURY ROAD, RALEIGH

The Central NC Chapter will present Abigail Crafton in concert on the Nichols and Simpson pipe organ.

In March 2023, our chapter conducted Abigail's qualifying Quimby audition at St. Michael's Episcopal. She is from Savannah, GA, and she was 15 at her audition last year.

After our event, she competed and won the regional Quimby competition at the AGO Southeast Region Convention last June in Augusta, GA. She will perform at the AGO National Convention in San Francisco this summer.



Last year's Quimby Competition judges: Mark Andersen, (winner) Abigail Crafton, Tanner Winchester, Lorraine Magnuson, and Steven Aber

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) provides a professional opportunities service to its members by sharing information about Positions Available. This includes both permanent “open benches” and also one-time “substitute dates.” The Guild cannot endorse or recommend any person for a job or substitute date. Membership in the AGO is open to all who pay dues, regardless of education, experience, ability and/or skills. The AGO Professional Relations Director passes along information, which may include salaries offered by institutions and specifics about jobs/dates, as information is received from an institution. AGO members are encouraged to negotiate salaries and explore options with each offered position. The Central North Carolina Chapter, AGO does not accept responsibility for the accuracy of material provided for these listings, nor does inclusion of information in the listings imply endorsement by the chapter.

It has come to the attention of the Professional Relations Director that we have churches that do not understand that resumes are for the purview of the appropriate search committee. If confidentiality is critical to you, please make it clear in your cover letter that this is a requirement for you, at least in the initial stages of inquiry and dialogue.

If you are seeking a supply organist, the fastest method is to contact the Professional Relations Director with all the pertinent information. When sent to all members by email, many requests are filled within one hour. This method has saved a lot of time otherwise spent in calling an ever-changing list of names. Contact information is listed below.

If you are aware that a church/synagogue position is becoming available, (i.e., you are making a change), please advise the Professional Relations Director as soon as possible for listing and distribution. Contact:

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