

## The Newsletter of the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists August 2021

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
BROOKLYN CHAPTER



*From the Dean...*

August 20, 2021

Dear Chapter Members:

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health. I am honored to greet you as the new Dean of the Brooklyn Chapter and would like to welcome our newly elected Officers and Executive Board Members. Together we will work to ensure our Chapter remains a vibrant and enriching voice for the instrument of the organ, sacred music and our profession.

I am excited about our 2021-2022 Program. The Calendar and Budget Committees have been working hard to plan quality and relevant events for our membership. In September we will announce our full Program. Some highlights include the George Mathison Memorial Scholarship Competition, Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, workshops on organ literature selection and AGO certification, as well as organ recitals by our members and guest organists. As this year has been named the Year of the Young Organist by the national AGO, I am thrilled that we will be introducing the inauguration of our Chapter's *New Organist Project*. More details about this initiative will follow shortly.

As many churches and places of worship are re-opening for public services, I encourage you to visit these resources for up-to-date COVID-19 guidelines from AGO and American Choral Directors Association:

AGO <https://www.agohq.org/responding-to-covid-19/>

ACDA <https://acda.org/resources-for-choral-professionals-during-a-pandemic>

Best wishes for a fulfilling year in your musical programs. Your Chapter will continue to assist and encourage you in the passionate work that you do.

Fraternally,  
Gary Di Franco  
DEAN, AGO Brooklyn Chapter

## Calendar

The Calendar Committee met during August. Once the Board approves the proposed calendar at its September meeting, it will be posted on our website.

*Kell Julliard honors*

# John Wolfe, PhD

*For his extraordinary talent  
as a teacher of the organ  
Providing inspiration, encouragement,  
erudition, and challenge  
In just the right doses*

### Board and Officers

**Dean** Gary Di Franco  
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### Executive Board

#### Class of 2022

Henry Brooks  
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