

# THE BROOKLYN BOMBARDE

## The Newsletter of the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists February 2018



### Dean's Letter

Dear Brooklyn AGO Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings! I hope you're feeling happy and fulfilled in your musical work at this busy point in the church and concert year. We're certainly busy at this point in our chapter year, with several events recently concluded and several more just around the corner. In January, we kicked off the year with an elegant banquet at Enoteca at Court, offering our members a delightful opportunity to meet and socialize. Soon after, many of our members participated in a special Evensong service in memory of our late Dean George Mathison, hosted by past Dean Ellen Wright at All Saints Church in Park Slope. It was a beautiful event featuring a wide range of sacred music. All Saints Church also generously hosted another event in January: Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, in which about ten young people learned more about the organ through demonstrations by Ellen Wright and past Secretary John Klauder, and through a charming work for organ and narrator performed by board member Sophie Johnson and Sub Dean Eric Birk, respectively. Finally, on Super Bowl Sunday we held our "Not the Super Bowl" concert, a fun variety show style event featuring some of our most outré musical performances.

Coming up soon will be a chapter-hosted organ recital by board member Paul Olson, who has donated his considerable talent to raise funds for the third annual George Mathison Scholarship Competition. That concert is scheduled for Sunday, March 4th at 5:00PM at Grace Church Brooklyn Heights, and a flyer can be found at the end of this Bombarde. The competition itself will take place on Saturday, March 17th, with a prize pool likely to total \$2,000 and judging by Mark Pacoe, Eric Plutz and Bill Randolph, all of whom are offering their expertise free of charge. Later in the Spring, our ventures into concert production will continue with an April 22nd recital by the electrifying Spanish virtuoso organist Loreto Aramendi, who will perform at Plymouth Church. The program year will conclude in May with our perennial Members' Recital and a tour of Brooklyn's verdant Greenwood Cemetery. Please stay tuned for further details on these!

To make the most of your Brooklyn AGO membership, the best thing you can do is attend these events! In addition to the events' inherently enriching musical content, the professional networking aspect of AGO membership is best served by face-to-face interaction with your fellow members. I can testify to the many occasions on which I've found work through my AGO connections, as well as the many times I've been able to connect other AGO members with professional opportunities. Finally, your attendance at our events is tremendously beneficial to our chapter's continuing success! In recent years our program calendar has exploded in scope. Now, the greatest challenge we face is audience building, particularly for events in which we host guest performers like Loreto Aramendi. We hope to offer programming like this much more in years to come. So, in addition to bringing yourself, please bring your friends and family, as well as your colleagues, students, neighbors and any random passersby! Thank you sincerely for your participation and support of our chapter.

Very truly yours,  
Dr. John A. Wolfe  
Dean, American Guild of Organists Brooklyn Chapter

## **M E M B E R N E W S**

Congratulations to Jacque Jones. The text of her hymn "Creator of the Intertwined" will be featured at the Hymn Festival during the AGO National Convention in Kansas City. Zachary Wadsworth has been commissioned to provide a new setting for organ, brass, and congregation. NCOI winner Tom Trenny will be organist for the event. The Festival Choir will be conducted by Anton Armstrong of St Olaf fame.

## **C A L E N D A R**

2/4/18 - 5:00 PM

"Not-the-Super Bowl" Concert  
St Paul's Church – Brooklyn

2/20/18 - 12:30 PM

Lenten Recital Series - Dr. John Wolfe, Organist  
Grace Church – Brooklyn

2/27/18 - 12:30 PM

Lenten Recital Series - Judith Hancock, Organist  
Grace Church – Brooklyn

3/4/18 - 3:00 PM

Michael Kaminski Recital  
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church - Astoria

3/4/18 - 4:00 PM

Paul Richard Olson Recital – George Mathison Scholarship Fund  
Grace Church - Brooklyn

3/6/18 - 12:30 PM

Lenten Recital Series - Paul Richard Olson, Organist  
Grace Church – Brooklyn

3/13/18 - 12:30 PM  
Lenten Recital Series - Bruce Oelschlager, Organist  
Grace Church – Brooklyn

3/13/18 - 7:30 PM  
Board Meeting

3/17/2018  
Scholarship Competition

3/20/18 - 12:30 PM  
Lenten Recital Series - Aaron Comins, Organist  
Grace Church – Brooklyn

4/10/18 - 7:30 PM  
Board Meeting

4/22/18 - 5:00 PM  
Loreto Aramendi Recital  
Plymouth Church – Brooklyn

5/6/18  
Members' Recital

5/8/18 - 7:30 PM  
Board Meeting

5/13/18  
Greenwood Cemetery Tour

6/3/18  
Banquet & Installation of Officers

6/12/18 - 7:30 PM  
Board Meeting

**Officers:**

Dean - Dr. John A. Wolfe  
Sub-Dean - Eric Birk, FAGO  
Treasurer - John Collis  
Secretary - Maria Rayzwasser  
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**The American Guild of Organists Brooklyn Chapter Presents:**

**PAUL RICHARD OLSON IN CONCERT**

**Organ Music of Alain, Bach, Bruhns,  
Onley, Piroye and Respighi**



**SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH AT 5:00PM**

**Grace Church Brooklyn Heights  
254 Hicks Street, Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE AGO BROOKLYN CHAPTER  
GEORGE MATHISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**TICKETS: \$20 / \$10 STUDENTS & SENIORS**

# *Organ Recital*

by

**Michael Kaminski**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

**23-25 Newton Avenue**

**Astoria, New York**

**Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.**



**Works of Bach, Liszt, Vierne and works based on favorite  
hymn tunes**

**Free admission**

## Program

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541.....	Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude on "Here I Am Lord".....	Janet Linker
Prelude on "Lord, You Have Come".....	Lynn Trapp
Fantasy on "Praise to the Lord".....	Johann Gottfried Walther
Trio on "Blest Are They".....	Thomas Keesecker
Fantasy on "B-A-C-H".....	Franz Liszt
Prelude on "O Sacred Head".....	Johannes Brahms
Fantasy on "All Glory, Laud and Honor", BWV 735.....	Bach
Scherzo (from "Symphony No. 2").....	Louis Vierne
Romance (from "Symphony No. 4").....	Vierne
Final (from "Symphony No. 1").....	Vierne

Michael Kaminski is Director of Music Ministries at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Park Slope. He is Senior Adjunct Lecturer in Music at Saint Francis College and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Organ at Brooklyn College. He has earned the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Juilliard School and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Catholic University of America. Dr. Kaminski is a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and is represented by Concert Artists Cooperative.

**The American Guild of Organists Brooklyn Chapter Presents:**

## **LORETO ARAMENDI IN CONCERT**

**Organ Music and Transcriptions of Buxtehude, Fauré, Ligeti,  
Liszt, Pärt, Rachmaninoff, Saint-Saëns and Tournemire**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 5:00PM**

**Plymouth Church  
57 Orange Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

**ON THE CHURCH'S HISTORIC 1937 AEOLIAN-SKINNER PIPE ORGAN  
TICKETS: \$20 / \$10 STUDENTS & SENIORS**