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**Message from the Dean**

Dear friends and colleagues,

Soon our chapter will elect new leadership to guide us for the next 2 years, 4 years for members of the Executive Board. It is an honor and a privilege to be called to serve, especially for our chapter that has enjoyed over 100 years of association.

I know that you will give great thought and care to selecting leaders who have insight and energy. During these unprecedented times, we all are aware of the challenges that are occurring in our society. Somehow, in spite of this, our chapter must continue to meet the changing needs of our membership. Let us appreciate our past accomplishments while looking forward to new opportunities with open hearts.

In planning for our chapter's future, I hope that you will encourage our leaders to explore possibilities, and to support and thank those who are attentive and helpful to our concerns.

Please stay tuned as we continue to journey and travel together to fulfill our mission—"to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ."

Sincerely,

Ken

Kenneth Danchik, FAGO

Dean

### **Message from the Sub Dean**

#### **Monday, May 22, 2023: Members' Recital**

Greetings, PitAGO Friends and Colleagues,

Join us on Monday, May 22, at 7:30P for the final event of our program year 2022-2023. In the Centenary Anniversary spirit of our chapter's impactful presence in the American Guild of Organists and its Mid-Atlantic Region, the May Members' Recital will feature organ music composed by PitAGO members, both former and current.

We are grateful for the following chapter members who are preparing a wonderful, diverse program of works by Wayne Earnest, Daniel Ficarri, George Pearsall, Douglas Starr, and Joyce Moon Strobel. Participants in the recital include former PitAGO dean and recently retired colleague, Larry Allen; Wayne Earnest, D.M.A.; Keith Ferguson, SPC, George Spencer; and our gracious host and Director of Musical Arts at St. Paul's Church, Douglas Starr, D. M. A. During this program, we will also hear from our chapter's historian and program committee member, Frank Kurtik. A reception immediately follows the recital.

This recital takes place in the sanctuary of St. Paul's Church located at 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA, 15228.

We want to thank our host Douglas Starr for his support in making this program possible. Doug was called to St. Paul's Church in 1993. Join us to celebrate his retirement.

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<https://www.stpaulspgh.org/blog/st-pauls-organ/>

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**From the Registrar**

Greetings! I have been informed of one directory listing which needs needs updated.

Please add to your records!

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Have a nice spring!

Jeff Gray

Registrar

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Pittsburgh Camerata Concert**

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Music in a Great Space, the concert series at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, welcomes the Pittsburgh Camerata, presenting “Welcome, Summer,” on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the close of the Camerata’s season as they usher in the summer with solo and choral music from around the world. Hear Pittsburgh’s premier professional chamber choir, under the direction of Dr. Mark A. Anderson, with a midweek evening program of music for the season.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.pittsburghcamerata.org](http://www.pittsburghcamerata.org) or at the door.

For more information on the Music in a Great Space series, call 412.682.4300, or visit [www.shadysidepres.org](http://www.shadysidepres.org).

Event Location: Shadyside Presbyterian Church, 5121 Westminster Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

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### **Music in a Great Space presents New York Polyphony**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Music in a Great Space, the concert series at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, welcomes New York Polyphony on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Praised for a “rich, natural sound that’s larger and more complex than the sum of its parts,” (NPR) New York Polyphony is one of the foremost vocal chamber ensembles active today. The four men, “singers of superb musicianship and vocal allure,” (*The New Yorker*) give vibrant, modern voice to repertoire ranging from Gregorian chant to cutting-edge compositions. Their dedication to innovative programming, as well as a focus on rare and rediscovered Renaissance and medieval works, has not only earned New York Polyphony two Grammy nominations and wide acclaim, but also helped to move early music into the classical mainstream.

Tickets cost \$20 each and are available through the Shadyside Presbyterian Church office: 412-682-4300 or [www.shadysidepres.org](http://www.shadysidepres.org). While securing tickets in advance is recommended, tickets also may be available at the door.

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### SUBSTITUTES

It is the policy of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Guild of Organists that only current members in good standing may list their names on the Substitutes List. Employers may contact organists directly or ask the coordinator for assistance. The AGO assumes no responsibility for the musicianship, reliability, or conduct of substitute organists, and background checks are the responsibility of the employer. Persons listed as available substitutes may be required by employers to present clearances; e.g. Child Abuse History Clearance; Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Checks for Employment; and/or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Fingerprinting.

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