

# Hawaii Chapter American Guild of Organists



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## SEPTEMBER EVENT

### PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

**P**ositively **O**utstanding **E**xperience!

**A video/slideshow/performance**  
by Joey Fala and Jordan McCreary

**Friday, September 25, 2009**  
**Potluck in the courtyard, 6:30 pm**

Program will follow in the church  
Lutheran Church of Honolulu  
1730 Punahou Street  
Honolulu



Tracker organ at All Souls



Joey Fala with his teacher,  
Dr. Timothy Howard

Since 1988, Pipe Organ Encounters (POEs) have introduced more than 2,000 young people to the organ through instruction in organ playing, repertoire, history, design, and construction. These week-long summer institutes for students aged 13–18 provide private and group instruction, opportunities for ecumenical worship, and a chance for young musicians to meet others with similar interests.

Our Hawai'i Chapter had two students, **Joey Fala** and **Jordan McCreary**, (both students of Katherine Crosier) attend the POE in San Diego in August of this year. They will give us their report on the whole experience, in the form of a video slideshow and organ performance on Friday night, September 25th at 6:30 pm. We look forward to a very enjoyable evening!

Bring a potluck dish to share, enough for 8 people, and please feel free to bring any young students who may be interested in attending a POE in a future summer. Please email Kathy Crosier at [crosier3@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:crosier3@hawaii.rr.com) or call 221-9608 to let us know if you are coming and what dish you will be bringing (so we don't end up with all-desserts!) Please, let's support these young people with your attendance at this first AGO event of the season. See you on the 25th!



The console of First Congregational Church in Los Angeles, the largest church organ in the U.S. It was one of many organs that POE students visited and were able to play.



Organ façade at the First Congregational Church.



San Diego POE participants at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE: ROBERT T. ANDERSON

**Dr. Robert T. Anderson**, retired Chairman of the Organ Department of Southern Methodist University, and honorary member of the Hawaii Chapter AGO, passed away on May 29, 2009 in Honolulu. A memorial service was held at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu on June 3rd. Organist **Katherine Crosier** played Bob's favorite piece, J. S. Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat*, BWV 552. The Bach Chamber Choir and Orchestra was conducted by **Carl Crosier** and performed Heinrich Schütz' *Psalm 150* (arranged by Martin Jean), and Bach's *Cantata 150, Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich*. **Nyle Hallman**, performed Bach's *Jesu joy of man's desiring* on the harp.



Those in attendance at the memorial service were invited to help themselves to Bob's many organ CDs, framed pictures, and other memorabilia. A lavish reception in Bob's elegant style was held after the service.

More pictures can be found on the AGO blog: [www.agohawaii.blogspot.com](http://www.agohawaii.blogspot.com).

A scholarship fund has been established in his name, the **Robert T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship**. Additional memorial gifts may be sent to the Hawaii Chapter American Guild of Organists, P. O. Box 161046, Honolulu, HI 96816-0923.



Nyle Hallman brought her harp to Bob's bedside the night before he died. When she played "Jesu, joy of man's desiring," he opened his eyes and passed away peacefully a few hours later.



The Bach Chamber Choir

## CLIP AND SAVE 2009-2010 CALENDAR

**Sept. 25**, 6:30 pm, Pipe Organ Encounter Potluck, Lutheran Church of Honolulu, **Joey Fala** and **Jordan McCreary**, speakers/performers.

**Oct. 18**, 5:30 pm, Organ Recital by **Yuri McCoy**, St. Andrew's Cathedral

**Oct. 31**, 7:30 pm, Halloween Concert by **John McCreary**, Hawaii Theatre

**Nov. 16**, 6:00 pm, Clergy-Appreciation Dinner (Place TBA)

*Note: A Special Holiday Events Calendar will be published in late November. Please send notices of any special Advent or Christmas events to Kathy Crosier.*

**Jan. 1**, 4:00 pm, German Vespers, Lutheran Church of Honolulu, **Bruce Bengtson** of Luther Memorial Church, Madison, WI, guest organist

**Jan. 17**, 7:30 pm, **J. Melvin Butler**, Organist of St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, with the Choirs of the Lutheran Church of Honolulu

**February**, Date and Place TBA, Workshops for the Part-Time Church Musician

**Apr. 24**, 7:00 pm, Young Organists Concert, Lutheran Church of Honolulu

**May** (Date and Place TBA), Annual Dinner Meeting

**June 11**, 7:00 pm, Fifth Annual Organ Concert, Central Union Church. featuring newest organ phenom, **Christopher Houlihan**

**July 18**, 7:00 pm, 21st Annual Midsummer Night's Organ Concert, Central Union Church

*All programs and dates are subject to change.*

*Organ recitals are held weekly on Wednesdays, 12:15 pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral.*

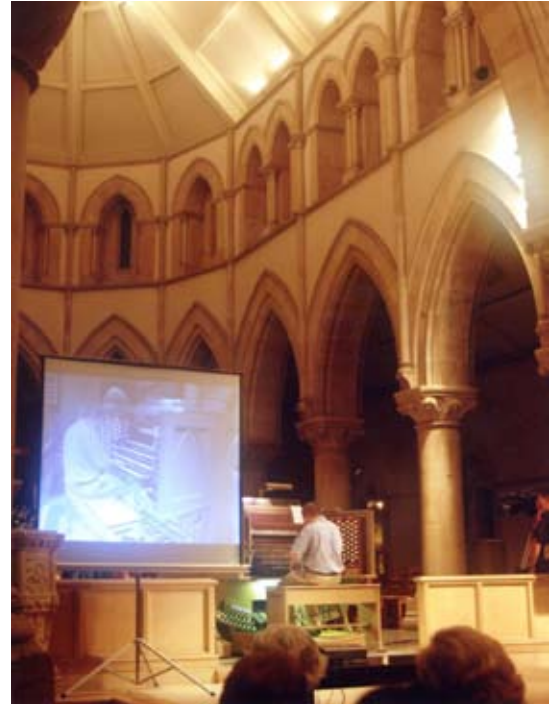
*Evensong is sung on the 1st Sunday of the month, 5:30 pm, St. Andrew's Cathedral.*

*Compline is sung weekly at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Sundays, 9 pm*



Aaron David Miller at St. Andrew's Cathedral's console.

As has been the custom at the previous Annual Organ Concerts, a large video screen allowed the audience to see the performer "up close and personal." Thanks to Glenn Yoshida, videographer, for his expertise in making the video presentation so enjoyable.



## AARON DAVID MILLER, JUNE 12, 2009

The last concert of the 2008-2009 season was an absolutely amazing concert by **Aaron David Miller** on June 12th at St. Andrew's Cathedral. He only arrived just a day and a half before the concert yet played the entire program from memory and flawlessly. As organist of House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, Aaron does not have the luxury of combination action, yet he used the myriad pistons "to the max" and brought out many colors of the organ.

His program included:

Fantasia, op. 43 (William Crawford)  
 Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor (J. S. Bach)  
 Papillons (Jacques Ibert)  
 Sonatina, Op. 136b (Felix Mendelssohn)  
 Carillon (Dom Paul Benoit)

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the almighty  
 Improvisation (Aaron David Miller)  
 I. Capriccio  
 II. Andante  
 III. Scherzo  
 IV. Finale

It was in his brilliant improvisations that the audience caught a glimpse into his genius and astounding technique. Katherine Crosier gave him the melody "Hawaii Pono'i" on which to improvise, and he used that tune in two of the movements, along with other popular hymn tunes.

More pictures of Aaron David Miller's concert can be found on the Hawaii Chapter's blog:

[www.agohawaii.blogspot.com](http://www.agohawaii.blogspot.com)



The Executive Board gathered after the concert to pose with Aaron. (L-R) John Renke, Elizabeth Wong, Samuel Lam, Margaret Lloyd, Aaron David Miller and Katherine Crosier.

**Mark your calendar NOW  
 for the Fifth Annual Organ Concert**

**CHRISTOPHER HOULIHAN**  
**June 11, 2010; 7 pm • Central Union Church**

**"The second he walked onto the stage, everyone started clapping and screaming...Houlihan is a phenomenal player who is absolutely intense and devoted to his art."**

## MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S ORGAN CONCERT

The 20th Midsummer Night's Organ Concert took place at Central Union Church, on July 19th and featured nine performers this year. Thank goodness for adjustable organ benches and multiple memory levels! The program was as follows:

JOEY FALA: Processional for Organ (William Mathias)  
 JOHN McCREARY: Legend of the Mountain (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)  
 JORDAN McCREARY: Lost in the Night / Alleluia! Let Praises Ring (Michael Burkhardt)  
 JOHN RENKE: Organ Fantasy on 'O Paradise' (Malcolm Williamson)  
 KATHERINE CROSIER: Toccata in D minor (Max Reger)  
 GREGORY BIETZ: L'Ascension: Outbursts of joy (Olivier Messiaen)  
 MARGARET LLOYD: Andante for Organ in B major (Albert Alain)  
 NYLE HALLMAN: Chorale in A minor (César Franck)  
 YURI McCOY: Suite, op. 5: Toccata (Maurice Duruflé)

The Midsummer Night's Concert tradition was started by Nyle Hallman twenty years ago and is the biggest fundraiser for the Hawaii Chapter's scholarship programs. Although the crowd was a little smaller this year, the offering was very generous and will allow us to fund our scholarship program for another year.



Nyle Hallman and Margaret Lloyd of Central Union.



Performers are all smiles after the concert! (L-R) Honolulu organists Margaret Lloyd, John McCreary, Joey Fala, Katherine Crosier, Jordan McCreary, Yuri McCoy, Nyle Hallman and from St. Helena, California, Gregory Bietz.



Joey Fala and his teacher, Katherine Crosier.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

for the year 2009-2010

Christy Cho	Joshua Rosales
Abednigo Guevarra	Megumi Taketa
Amy Johnson	Miki Yamamoto
Karen Leatherman	Naomi-Yuen-Schat
Michelle Manuel	
Stephen Peters *	*Aloha Music Club

*Congratulations to all!* The Hawaii Chapter awards up to \$4000 in scholarships each year.



## BIG ISLAND CONCERT NEWS

Big Island member, **Rick Mazurowski**, writes that this Sunday at the Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo, Sept 13th at 3PM, he will be performing in a Vivaldi concert which features many local musicians as well as some visiting guests. He will play the *Largo Cantabile* from Vivaldi's *Concerto Op. IV* on organ.

Then, next Friday Sept 18th at 6PM he will be giving a full organ concert at St. Augustine's Episcopal church in Kapaau (on the north end of the island near Hawi) to inaugurate their new Allen L-9 digital organ, which replaces the organ damaged in the earthquake a few years ago. He will be playing pieces by G. F. Handel to celebrate the 250th anniversary of his death, as well as several J. S. Bach works, and a transcription of Dvorak's *Largo* from the "New World" Symphony. He will also play an original composition, "*Before the Daystar*" inspired by Psalm 109.

On Saturday Nov 7th at 3PM Rick will be giving another full organ concert at Church of the Holy Apostles Episcopal church to celebrate the installation of a new 3 manual Allen organ console hybrid that still uses the original pipe organ stops as well. In addition to works by Handel, Bach, Buxtehude, and Dvorak, he will be performing with several other local musicians, including Ray Broggini on violin, and alto Gerdine Marcus.



Big Island organist, Rick Mazurowski

## HANDBELL WORKSHOP

This summer, Member-at-Large **Young Pak** attended the annual conference of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) held in Tucson, AZ, and discovered that many of the members of that organization are organists or choirmasters.

With that in mind, she would like to invite AGO members and friends to a free handbell workshop on Saturday, October 17 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm at

Harris United Methodist Church (corner of Nuuanu and Vineyard). The free workshop is called "For Handbell Ringers and Ringers-to-be, Directors and Directors-to-Be, as well as the Curious and the Inquiring." Bring your own gloves and music stand binders.

The schedule is:

1:00 – 2:00 pm Bell History and Change Ringing, Bell Tree Demonstration, Coordination Skill Development

2:00 – 3:00 pm Basic Ringing and Techniques, Advanced and New Techniques

3:00 – 3:30 pm Social and Refreshments, Video Presentation of the Bronzeworks with the Desert Bells Orchestra

3:30 – 4:30 pm Reading Sessions Divided Into 3 Groups By Level

You can contact Young at 753-7751 or email her at [youngpak@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:youngpak@hawaii.rr.com) to request a registration form.

## WHO IS CHRISTOPHER HOULIHAN?

21-year old **Christopher Houlihan** is one of the brightest stars in the new generation of American organists. During his senior year of college he made his orchestral debut with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra sharing the soloist spotlight with violinist Joshua Bell (Houlihan has "the charisma and energy of a major soloist" and "strong international potential" wrote the critic of *The Hartford Courant*).

He earned the *Prix de Perfectionnement* (equivalent to a university artist's diploma in the US) from the French National Regional Conservatory in Versailles while still an undergraduate. During his studies in Versailles under Jean-Baptiste Robin, he also won *Le Prix des Amis de l'orgue de Versailles*.

Christopher is a graduate of Trinity College in Connecticut where he studied with John Rose, his organ teacher from the age of 12. He is now a student at the Juilliard School of Music, where he studies with **Paul Jacobs**.

Mark your calendars now for an unforgettable evening of organ music with Christopher Houlihan on June 11, 2010. You'll become a "Houli-Fan" too!



21-year-old Christopher Houlihan is taking the organ world by storm.