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Masonic Temple's 1926 Estey Organ

Fort Wayne AGO Members to visit and play historic instrument in downtown landmark.

Fort Wayne AGO members will have a special opportunity to learn more about one of our city's historic organs: the **Estey Opus 2525 Luminous Organ** (II/P 15) installed in the **Masonic Temple** in the summer of 1926. The evening of **Monday November 28, 2011** will begin with a members' dinner at Hall's Gas House at 6:00PM followed by our Chapter meeting in the Masonic Temple at 7:30PM.

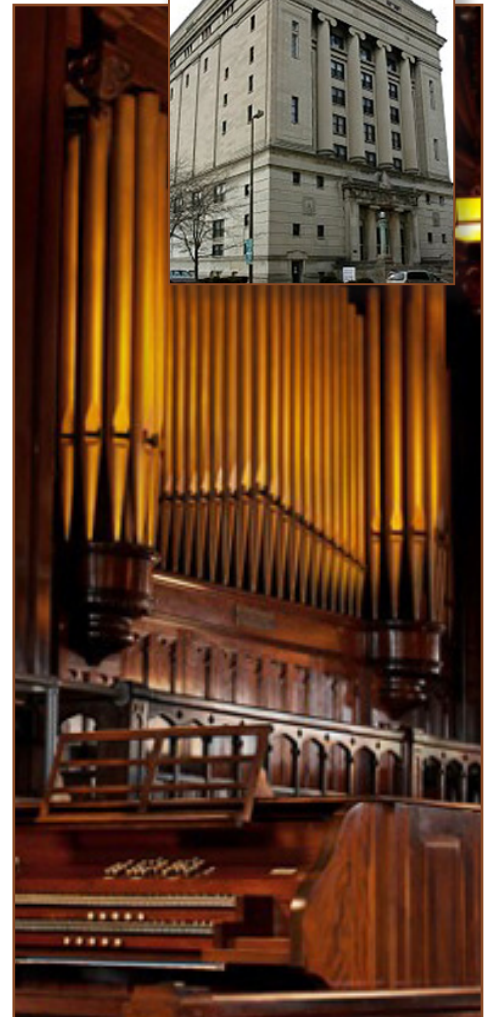
The Estey Organ Company is best remembered for the Luminous console, forever nicknamed the "Cash Register" console. The name comes from the appearance of the buttons which look

like the keys on an old cash register, and because one of the first Luminous consoles was built for the IV/P organ in the auditorium of the National Cash Register Company in Dayton (1922).

Estey's shop superintendent at the time was the visionary William Haskell who designed the Luminous organ (in addition to well-known innovations like Haskell bass pipes and labial reeds). Estey applied for a patent on the Luminous console in 1923 and built dozens of these organs for churches, homes, auditoriums, and theaters between 1922 and 1928.

For organists, the Luminous console should have made great sense. Stops were controlled by push buttons above the top manual. When the organist depressed a stop button, it would light, indicating that the stop was on. Pressing the button again turned the stop off. These lights on Estey's Luminous console always let the organist know exactly which stops were sounding at any given time (assuming the light bulbs hadn't burnt out!). Those of us who have grown up with lighted buttons all around us

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NOVEMBER 28, 2011

AGO Dinner & Meeting Night

Dinner: 6:00PM • Hall's Gas House

305 E Superior St, Fort Wayne

(Dinner cost on your own)

RSVP dinner reservations to Wayne Peterson by 11/25 at 260.423.1693 x13 or waynehpeterson@yahoo.com.

Meeting: 7:30PM

Fort Wayne Masonic Temple

216 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne

Hosted by the Fort Wayne Masonic Temple & the Estey 2525 Foundation.



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AGO National Conference on Organ Pedagogy

Have you registered for the **EROI Festival 2011: Improvisation and Organ Pedagogy**? Don't miss out on the 16th biennial AGO National Conference on Organ Pedagogy, presented in cooperation with the 10th annual Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI) Festival, **November 10-13, 2011, in Rochester, New York.**

Join the growing number of your colleagues for what promises to be an inspirational and informative conference. A distinguished faculty of seventeen (17!) internationally renowned organists and teachers working in the discipline of organ improvisation (including Gerre

Hancock, David Higgs, Bruce Neswick, and Pamela Ruiters-Feenstra) will lead hands-on workshops for students, presentations on improvisation resources and curricula for teachers, and thrilling performances on stunning instruments. And there will be plenty of networking opportunities.

Special discounts are available for teacher and student pairs and groups. Complete information, including online registration, is available online. For more information, please contact EROI Festival Coordinator **Annie Laver** at **585-274-1564** or e-mail alaver@esm.rochester.edu.

Estey Organ

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might have difficulty understanding how modern and "uber-cool" such an organ looked to a generation still accustomed to tracker and tubular pneumatic organs.

When Opus 2525 was built by Estey in 1926 for the Masonic Temple, there were already two four manual Luminous Esteys in the city: at Plymouth Congregational Church (1924) and at First Presbyterian Church (1925). Both organs are now gone, victims of age, malfunctions, and changes in taste.

The organ in the Fort Wayne Masonic Temple was given by Laura H. Bass in memory of her husband, John H. Bass (a 33rd degree Mason and member of the Scottish Rite). The contract cost of the organ was \$7,970.50. Installation was completed in late September 1926.

The Mason's organ was the second Estey Mrs. Bass had given; she purchased the large IV/P Opus #2329 for First Presbyterian Church a year earlier.



Stop List for Masonic Hall • Fort Wayne, IN Estey Organ Company #2525, 1926

II/P 15 Ranks

Great (5 Ranks)

8' Open Diapason
8' Flute
8' Stopped Diapason
8' Dulciana
4' Harmonic Flute
4' Flute d'Amour
2' Flautino
8' Cor Glorieux
Chimes

Pedal (2 Ranks)

16' Bourdon
16' Gedeckt
8' Flute
8' Flauto Dolce

Swell (8 Ranks)

16' Bourdon
8' Stopped Diapason
8' Salicional
8' Vox Celeste
8' Aeoline
4' Flute d'Amour
2 2/3' Nasard
8' Piccolo
8' Oboe
8' Vox Humana
Tremulant

Portions of this article excerpted from "The History of Estey 2525" by Thad Reynolds. The full article – along with more detailed information about this organ – is available online at www.Estey2525.com.

Michael Hollman Recital

Fort Wayne AGO member **Michael Hollman** will present his annual organ recital on **Sunday November 20, 2011** at **Zion Lutheran Church** (2313 Hanna Street) at **3:00PM**. Featured works will include J.S. Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in c minor* ("The Great") as well Louis Vierne's *Third Symphony for Organ*. During the recital, Mr. Hollman will also demonstrate Zion's new harpsichord, a replica of a two manual harpsichord built by the eighteenth century French harpsichord master, Pascal Taskin (1723-1793). The recital is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

Michael Hollman received the degree Bachelor of Music Education in 1982 from Indiana University in Fort Wayne. That same year, he was awarded a full scholarship and graduate assistantship to the University of Notre Dame, where he received the degree Master of Music in Organ Performance and Literature in 1984. His principal instructors have included Richard Carlson, Darwin Leitz, and Craig Cramer. Following graduation, Mr. Hollman received additional coaching from Timothy Albrecht, David Briggs, Maurice Clerc, David Craighead, Hans Davidsson, Carla Edwards, Robert Glasgow, John Gouwens, David Henning, James Higdon, Thomas Mitts, John Obetz, Russell Saunders, and Mickey Thomas Terry. Mr. Hollman serves as Organist and Director of Music at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, a position that he has held since 1984.

In addition to performing annual organ recitals at Zion, Mr. Hollman appears frequently as recitalist throughout the Midwest, as accompanist in recitals, choral concerts, and hymn festivals, and as lecturer in workshops on both service playing, organ literature, and the use of computers in music notation. Mr. Hollman has served as a member of The Board of Worship and Spiritual Care for the Indiana District of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and was the organist for the 2010 Installation Service of the President of the LCMS, Rev. Matthew Harrison.

Since 1993, Mr. Hollman has served as preliminary judge for the prestigious National Organ Playing Competition. Mr. Hollman is also active in the American Guild of Organists, having served as the Director of the Program Committee for the 2001 Region V Convention of the American Guild of Organists.



Zion Lutheran's new 2M harpsichord will be featured in Hollman recital.

Help Wanted

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Grabill, Indiana

Organist

Prince of Peace Lutheran in Grabill needs an organist for a 9:00 am service on Christmas Day. It will be a Lutheran communion service with lots of hymns and carols. If you can play for us, please contact **Andy Ford** at **260-627-8199** or by email **amazingandy@hotmail.com** [church phone 260-627-5621].

Bethany United Methodist Church Fort Wayne, Indiana

Organist/Choir Director

Bethany United Methodist Church is seeking a new musician to serve as organist and choir director for their church. For information or consideration, please contact **David Dew** at **260.484.2150** or **260.485.5311**.

Salem United Church of Christ Fort Wayne, Indiana

Organist

Salem United Church of Christ, 2401 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN is searching for an organist/pianist. The pipe organ is used during the traditional worship service. The piano is used during the contemporary service. Interested persons should contact **Pastor Michael** at **260.426.5854** or send email to **pastormichael62@comcast.net**.

Auburn Presbyterian Church Auburn, Indiana

Organist

Organist wanted to play traditional worship service at 10:00AM on Sundays. For more information, or to apply for the position, contact **Pastor Lyle Ewing** at **260.925.2987** or via email to **apcpastor111@gmail.com**.

Trinity Lutheran Church Wauseon, Ohio

Organist

Trinity Lutheran is looking for a new head organist. The position includes 2 services each Sunday and accompanying the Senior Choir as well as other special services. We are committed to continuing our high level of musicianship in worship.

The original pipe organ was installed in 1965 and rebuilt/enlarged by Muller Pipe Organ Company in 1999. The 20 rank instrument (II/P) includes a newly exposed Principal chorus. Tonal revisions include the revoicing of reed stops, two new 16 ranks, and the inclusion of a better balanced Swell division. The console features a solid state control system with 4 memory levels and a transposer.

Contact **Debra Schmidt** at **djschmidt@hotmail.com** for more information.

Fort Wayne AGO Local Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are open to the public free of charge (freewill offerings may be requested).

November 2011

- Tue 11/01 @ 7:30PM** The King's Singers; First Presbyterian Church
- Sun 11/06 @ 10:00AM** Joseph Gruber Requiem; Trinity Episcopal
- Sun 11/06 @ 4:00PM** Heartland Sings Opera: Let's Make a Scene; Plymouth Congregational Church UCC. \$20.
- Sun 11/06 @ 4:30PM** Organ Recital by Craig Cramer – University of Notre Dame; Kramer Chapel, CTS
- Sun 11/06 @ 7:30PM** All Saints' Choral Vespers by Seminary Schola Cantorum; Kramer Chapel, CTS
- Mon 11/07 @ 1:00PM** Music Eklesia: Early Music Ensemble – Director Philip M. Spray; Kramer Chapel, CTS
- Mon 11/07 @ 7:30PM** Hymn Festival – Organist – Kevin J. Hildebrand; Kramer Chapel, CTS
- Sun 11/12 @ 7:00PM** Bach Collegium, 10th Season Opening Night; Zion Lutheran Church. \$15.
- Sun 11/20 @ 3:00PM** Organ Recital by Michael Hollman; Zion Lutheran Church

December 2011

- Sun 12/04 @ 2:00PM** Bach Collegium Messiah Sing-Along; Queen of Angels Catholic Church. \$5 General Admission.
- Sun 12/04 @ 4:00PM** Advent Candlelight Coral Vespers by Seminary Schola Cantorum; Kramer Chapel, CTS
- Sun 12/04 @ 4:00PM** Canterbury Christmas at Trinity; Trinity Episcopal
- Sun 12/11 @ 4:00PM** Heartland Sings: A Winter's Solstice; First Wayne Street UM Church. \$20 General Admission.
- Sun 12/18 @ 4:00PM** FW Männerchor Annual Weihnachtskonzert; Saint Peter's Catholic Church
- Sun 12/18 @ 4:00PM** Heartland Sings: A Winter's Solstice; Grace Episcopal Church. \$20 General Admission.

Mark Your Calendars for our Monthly AGO Members' Luncheon every 3rd Friday at 12 Noon • J. K. O'Donnell's in downtown Fort Wayne. *Upcoming dates:*

November 18, 2011 • December 16, 2011 • January 20, 2012



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The Epiphany

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Meeting: 7:30PM • Fort Wayne Masonic Temple

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Monthly AGO Members' Lunch

Would you like to connect with other professionals who are dedicated to making great music in the modern world? The Fort Wayne AGO Chapter has an answer: monthly lunch dates with your friends and colleagues. No agendas, no programs - just fun and friendship over lunch for an hour.

NEW!

**3rd Friday AGO Luncheons • 12 Noon
J. K. O'Donnell's • downtown Fort Wayne
Next date: November 18, 2011**

Reservations requested by 10:00AM the day of the lunch. Send reservations to Wayne Peterson at waynepeterson@yahoo.com or call 260.423.1693 x13.