The Rockford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists 
presents 
Pipe Organ Encounter Plus (POE+)

Get to Know The King of Instruments

The Rockford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is pleased to invite you to attend the Pipe Organ Encounter Plus (POE+), a week-long summer conference in northern Illinois.

This exciting week-long experience is designed especially for adult beginning and intermediate organists. You will be the guest of Rockford Chapter AGO. There will be many opportunities to see, hear and play area pipe organs – outstanding examples of why the pipe organ is "The King of Instruments!"

Highlights of the POE+ Week

• Daily organ lesson
• Daily organ practice
• POE+ participant organ recital
• Fundamentals of organ building & registration
• Survey of organ literature
• Service playing and improvisation
• Instructions & workshops designed for both beginning and intermediate organists
• New ideas to inspire your own creativity
• Camaraderie and new friends
• Catered daily lunches
• Faculty organ recitals
• Fun in the Forest City - Rockford IL - in the northern Illinois state-line area

June 14 – 19, 2020
Rockford, Illinois

A week of instructive programs to expand pipe organ knowledge for the adult learner

Creating better-informed performers and a brighter future for the pipe organ
Pipe Organ Encounter Plus (POE+)

Overview

POE+ offers basic organ instruction for beginning & intermediate adult organists. Instruction will include manual & pedal technique, organ registration, hymn playing, organ literature and pipe organ building. POE+ also provides a unique opportunity for participants to network with each other. Financial aid may be available from your local AGO chapter or from religious institutions.

Faculty

Nationally acclaimed faculty will join our local and regional members to teach individual organ lessons & lead workshops. Our opening concert will be performed by Dr. Isabelle Demers. Other organ concerts will feature Tyler Canonico, Dr. Steven Egler, and Peter Yardly-Jones. Daily organ lessons will be taught by these faculty members and other first-rate guests including Dr. Claire Rozier, Victoria Shields, and John Wigal.

Accommodations

Conference lodging will be at Staybridge Suites, Bell School Rd, Rockord. The discounted rate will be $109.95/night plus tax. This rate is available until May 14, 2020. When booking your room with Staybridge, phone 815-397-0200 & ask for the AGO POE+ rate. We recommend having a car for transportation around Rockford or considering a ride-sharing service.

Support

Pipe Organ Encounters is an educational outreach program of the American Guild of Organists. Major funding for Pipe Organ Encounters is provided by the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America. Additional support is provided by the American Institute of Organbuilders, the Jordan Organ Endowment, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Permanently endowed AGO scholarships are provided in memory of Charlene Brice Alexander, Robert S. Baker, Seth Bingham, Michael Cohen, Margaret R. Curtin, Clarence Dickinson, Richard and Clara Mae Enright, Virgil Fox, Philip Hahn, Charles N. Henderson, Alfred E. Lunsford, Ruth Milliken, Bruce Prince-Joseph, Douglas Rafter, Ned Siebert, Mary K. Smith, and Martin M. Wick; and in honor of Anthony Baglivi, Philip E. Baker, Gordon and Naomi Rowley, Frederick Swann, Morgan and Mary Simmons, and the Leupold Foundation.

To Register:

1. Fill out the participant information below.
2. Go online to register at: https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/poe-plus/including assumption of risk and all claims waiver
3. Pay registration fee.

You may pay either by check or debit/credit card.

To pay by debit/credit card:

Go to https://www.rockfordago.org/poe

To pay by check, send with your Participant Information.

Mail Participant Information and check to:

Tim Anderson, POE+ Treasurer
4956 Markell Lane
Cherry Valley, IL 61016.

Conference Pricing:

Early Bird Discount before Apr 14, 2020 ($250)
Full Price from Apr 15 – May 14 ($275)

Refunds less $25 handling charge are available until May 14

Register today! Deadline is May 14, 2020

Enrollment is open to beginning & intermediate organists (19 & older) who wish to develop their organ skills.

Participant Information

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
City, State, Zip: ___________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________