

The Denver Chapter of
the
American Guild of
Organists

presents

A Saturday with
Brett Valliant



Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza:
An Introduction to the
Organ for Children and
Youth

and

Introducing the Organ
to People of All Ages:

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Attention, Piano Teachers:
An Exciting Opportunity for Your
Students!

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Registration Form

To pre-register for A Saturday with Brett Valliant on Saturday, 16 May 2009, please mail the Registration Form and payment by **Monday, 11 May 2009**, to **Dr. Cindy Lindén Martin, Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 East Alameda Avenue, Denver, CO 80246**. You may also register at the door the day of the workshop. (Checks should be made out to: **Denver Chapter AGO**.)

- I am a student; please register me for *Pipes, Pedals, and Pizza*. I have enclosed **\$5.00** (includes workbook and pizza lunch).
- I am a parent; I will be accompanying my child for *Pipes, Pedals, and Pizza*. I have enclosed **\$7.00** (includes pizza lunch).
- I am an adult member of the Denver AGO Chapter; please register me for *Introducing the Organ to People of All Ages*. I have enclosed **\$15.00** (includes pizza lunch).
- I am an adult non-member of the Denver AGO Chapter; please register me for *Introducing the Organ to People of All Ages*. I have enclosed **\$20.00** (includes pizza lunch).

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Students also need to complete the following: Gender _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Years of Piano Study _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Name of Piano Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information (if different from student): Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

A Workshop for Adults

Saturday, 16 May 2009

9:00 am-12:30 pm

Saint Jude Catholic Church

**9405 West Florida Avenue,
Lakewood, Colorado**

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza: An Introduction to the Organ for Children and Youth

A program for **young pianists in grades 3 through 8** to introduce them to the organ through a fun demonstration of the instrument by guest clinician **Brett Valliant**, a brief explanation of how the organ works, an opportunity to play a piano piece on the organ, and a mini-recital of organ music by an organ student their age and the guest clinician. The principal purpose of the program is to help students learn about the pipe organ, rather than to recruit them for immediate organ study; However, if a promising *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza* participant becomes inspired to pursue organ study, the Guild always strongly recommends the continuation of piano study in conjunction with organ lessons. Students who participate are encouraged to be prepared to play a brief piano piece on the organ, and parents/guardians are welcome to register to accompany children during the morning and to participate in the pizza lunch.

Introducing the Organ to People of All Ages: A Workshop for Adults

A program for **adult organists** to encounter new and creative ideas for introducing the organ to people of all ages. Adults and students begin and end the morning in combined sessions with guest clinician **Brett Valliant**; the two mid-morning sessions provide students with hands-on experience at the organ, while adults have

more time for interaction with the guest clinician. The morning concludes with a pizza lunch for registrants of all ages.

Student Schedule

- 9:00-9:15 am**—Registration:
Orientation and Welcome
- 9:15--10:00 am**—Class Session I:
Organ Introduction by Brett Valliant
- 10:00-10:45 am**—Class Session II:
Pictures, Workbooks, and Pipe Demonstration
- 10:45-11:30 am**—Class Session III:
Student Opportunity to Play the Organ
- 11:30 am-12:00 pm**—Mini-Recital:
Bryan Dunawald and Brett Valliant
- 12:00 pm-12:30 pm**—Lunch:
Pizza for Everyone

Adult Schedule

- 9:00-9:15 am**—Registration:
Orientation and Words of Welcome
- 9:15--10:00 am**—Class Session I:
Organ Introduction by Brett Valliant
- 10:00-10:45 am**—Class Session II:
Valliant Ideas for Introducing the Organ I
- 10:45-11:30 am**—Class Session III:
Valliant Ideas for Introducing the Organ II
- 11:30 am-12:00 pm**—Mini-Recital:
Bryan Dunawald and Brett Valliant
- 12:00 pm-12:30 pm**—Lunch:
Pizza for Everyone

Registration Fees

All Registration Levels include Pizza for lunch!

Pipes, Pedals, and Pizza:

\$5.00 for students

\$7.00 for parents/guardians of students

Introducing the Organ to People of All Ages:

\$15.00 for Denver AGO members

\$20.00 for Denver AGO non-members



This event has been made possible in part by a generous grant from the Jefferson County Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

About the Clinician

A native of Kansas and now a resident of Wichita, **Brett Valliant** began his musical training when he was four years old. While he excelled at the piano, his dream was to play the organ. By the age of eleven, he was organist for a church and fulfilling his young musical dream. Since then, he has attended Wichita State University, has been a featured performer on National Public Radio's *Pipe Dreams*, and has performed at national conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society and the American Guild of Organists.

At the age of fifteen, Valliant discovered the theatre organ, which opened his eyes to a new world of music and a completely different style of organ playing. He is now artist-in-residence for the Wichita Theatre Organ, Inc., where he plays the world-renowned New York Paramount Wurlitzer organ installed in Century II Civic Center.

In the world of silent film, Brett is known for accompanying such dramatic films as *King of Kings*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Ten Commandments*, *Broken Blossoms*, and *The Eagle*. Valliant plays annually for several film festivals including the International Film Festival, hosted by the American Film Institute.

Along with a busy performance schedule, Valliant continues his love for the classical organ as a full time church musician at First United Methodist Church of Wichita, where he plays a large and unique Schantz pipe organ and oversees a music department seen by thousands across the Midwest on the church's award winning television program.

Active in the Wichita Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Brett has been a close collaborator with Irene Shaw in developing the

Wichita Chapter Pipe Organ Projects for Kids (POPs), and this summer, he will lead a POPs for KIDS *Family Pipe Organ Fair* at the Region VI AGO convention in Wichita.