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The Royal Canadian Collège of Organists *Windsor Essex Centre*
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Christmas, 2021

President's Message

By: Paul Wharram, President Windsor-Essex Centre

It's a Membership Campaign

This year, the RCCO Windsor Essex Centre is joining with 28 Centres across Canada to raise awareness of the RCCO and to recruit new members. April 23, 2022 is International Organ Day and from coast to coast, we will be launching our local campaigns, reaching out to the public, young people and music students/teachers.

Our Centre executives have decided to observe International Organ Day by inviting anyone and everyone who has an interest in the organ, to experience the King of Instruments in an up-close and interactive encounter with several organs across Windsor and Essex County. At the same time, participating guests will learn about the RCCO and its activities as well as have the opportunity to become a member.

For more information about this event, please see the information sheet on page 5 in this newsletter.

Your help in this campaign is crucial. On April 23, we need volunteers to host at venues, we need welcome greeters, we need organists to demonstrate and answer questions about the organ, and we need all members and friends of our Centre to promote the event within their communities, churches, class-

rooms, friends, and families. Please let us know if you are available to assist.

Here are suggestions to help in promotion.

Reach out to people personally

- ♪ Look around your community for people who might benefit from membership but haven't joined yet. Consider speaking to organ students, pianists who are considering organ study, or have just begun playing the organ, church musicians, and lapsed members, anyone who might benefit from membership, or have something unique to offer to the organ community in Canada.
- ♪ Face-to-face contact is often the most effective way to recruit new members. But you can also schedule a video call, or phone call, or send a personal email. (A sample of an email is on page 4 of this newsletter.)

Send or leave rack cards with other organizations.

- ♪ Reach out to churches, college and university music programs, music schools and conservatories.
- ♪ Connect with pianists who may be curious about

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Land acknowledgement

We of the Windsor Essex RCCO Centre acknowledge that we are on land and surrounded by water, originally inhabited by Indigenous Peoples who have travelled this area since time immemorial. This territory is within the lands honoured by the Wampum Treaties; agreements between the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Leni, Lenape and allied Nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Specifically, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi and Huron/Wendat) Peoples. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture while remaining committed to moving forward respectfully with all First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

The following Overriding Principle approved by the RCCO Board of Directors in its Strategic Plan 2021 – 2024:

We are firmly committed to inclusion, diversity, and equity at all levels of the organization. We believe our work is enhanced by engaging a diverse community of individuals with different backgrounds, skills, opinions, and perspectives, thereby cultivating a welcoming environment of open communication, inclusion, and respect and we will strive to seek representation from Black, Indigenous, People of Colour and other underrepresented and equity-seeking communities in leadership roles and throughout our organization.



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the organ through private studios and provincial music teachers' associations.

♪ Be sure to let churches and schools know about institutional membership.

Here is the key message to share with potential members. **“Now is the time to do it! New members get 50% off their first year of membership. Also, National membership is only \$20 for anyone under 18 years old.”**

Please join us and help make International Organ Day a huge success!

Paul Wharram

Feel free to duplicate the following, post it on your social media platforms. If you would like any pdf copies of the sample rack card or the membership campaign announcement, please contact Paul Wharram at paul.wharram@gmail.com. Similarly, a Word copy of the sample email is available.

Inspiring connections with organ music

We promote a vibrant community that engages all people in the transformative power of the organ and its music.

The Royal Canadian College of Organists is the national voice for the organ and its music in Canada. We support and promote the organ music community through learning opportunities, professional certification, communications and advocacy. Everyone is welcome in our community from beginner to professional organists, composers, organ builders and organ music fans.

Member Benefits:

- Networking and community
- Local programming and activities
- Professional support
- Online discussion forum
- Examination and professional accreditation
- Quarterly magazine
- Members only discounts

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Sample email to a potential new RCCO member

In your recruitment efforts, feel free to adapt or use the following sample email.

Dear _____ (personalize by adding name)

I am writing you today to invite you to join our community of organists and organ enthusiasts!

The Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) is a national voice for the organ and its music in Canada. We support and promote the organ music community through learning opportunities, professional certification, communications, and advocacy. Everyone is welcome in our community from beginner to professional organists, composers, organ builders and organ music fans.

Your membership supports RCCO activities and resources such as:

- ♪ Organ Festival Canada
- ♪ The Summer Organ Academy
- ♪ Examinations and professional accreditation
- ♪ Scholarships
- ♪ The National Organ Playing Competition
- ♪ The FutureStops Podcast <https://www.futurestops.org/podcast>
- ♪ Our website and online resources such as the Buy & Sell forum and Positions Available listings

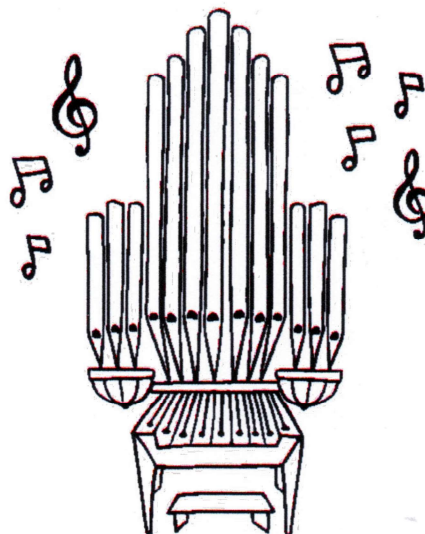
Membership also includes a subscription to the journal Organ Canada/Orgue Canada and access to the online discussion forums. Plus, members can benefit from members' only discounts on health insurance, music publications, registration for Organ Festival Canada, and reduced-rate subscriptions and memberships in partner organizations (the American Guild of Organists, Royal College of Organists, and the Fédération Québécoise des Amis de l'Orgue.)

The RCCO is also conducting a membership campaign this year. **New members can obtain membership for a 50% discount** (and be sure to tell your friends!)

Thank you for considering joining the RCCO. We in the Windsor Essex Centre thank you for supporting us through another year of music-making. It's only with your help that we are able to keep organ music and organ playing a vital part of our community.

Let's set a record and make Windsor 'Organ Town' Canada

- April 23, 2022 is International Organ Day
- The Organ is the King of Instruments
- The Organ is one of the oldest instruments dating back centuries
- The Organ is not just an instrument for churches and church organists
- The Organ can be played by young people and folks of any age who have even a little experience with keyboards (piano or digital)



To increase awareness about the Organ in Windsor and Essex County, the local Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) is inviting anyone interested in the Organ to see an organ up close, learn about it, hear it and play it.

On April 23, designated venues across Windsor and Essex County will open their doors between 12 noon and 4:00 pm. Volunteers will welcome you, share information with you, answer your questions and more importantly, give you a chance to play an Organ.

Bring a piece of music or play your favourite piece from memory (even if it is 'Chopsticks'). Learn how to make different sounds using a variety of 'organ stops', take a picture of you on the organ bench or record your organ playing debut.

At the same time, you will have an opportunity to learn about the work of the RCCO, its scholarship program for students, its activities in Windsor Essex and how to become a member.

OUR GOAL – to establish a first-time ever record of the greatest number of people possible playing an organ on International Organ Day 2022. Setting this record, Windsor will be the very first Organ Town of Canada!





From the desk of our Chaplain

By: *The Rev'd Canon Robert Lemon*
Chaplain, RCCO Windsor Essex Centre

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

Dear Friends in Christ,

After two years of pandemic existence, of unprecedented experiences, and historic living, many people have been saying that they are done, they are out of energy, enough is enough. Now we are being confronted by a new historic experience full of terror, suffering, and death with the invasion of Ukraine and the threat that this will expand dragging the whole world towards destruction. We are living through a time of incredible upheaval and uncertainty and it just keeps going and going. After years of relative stability in the world and in our lives, we are experiencing a collective upset that we have not seen in generations. Between the pandemic, unwarranted international aggression, and war our sense of hope for the life of the world is, at the very least, being challenged if it is not already broken.

So what do we do? How do we respond? I think the best thing we can do is remember, and especially remember the words of St. Paul in the letter to the Romans quoted above. There is nothing that can separate us from God and there is nothing that can stop God's love from shaping our lives and the world that we are living in. That means that there is hope in spite of the horror that we see and the struggles that we endure. There is hope in spite of the actions of others and the instability that ensues. There is hope because God is alive, because God loves, because God is working in this world to bring peace, joy, and life to the whole creation. We have to remember that essential truth and let hope blossom and grow so that we can share it with the world.

Lent is all about remembering God, returning to God and opening our lives to God. It is all about coming back into communion with God in whom we find only love, forgiveness, justice, and life. The way we do that is by praying, by reading the scriptures, by singing God's praise, by listening to music and being immersed in God's beauty, by giving and emulating God's lavish generosity, by living with God in every way we can. The world is not doomed, we will not be destroyed because God is present and God loves all that God created. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We can live in hope and share our hope that God will heal divisions, protect those in danger, silence the guns, and bring peace and life to our world. We are headed for Easter, we are headed for resurrection and new life, that is not just something that happened two thousand years ago, that is something that we expect again and again because absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter and pray that you will be filled with hope by remembering in this difficult time the good news of the resurrection and the good news of God's love.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev'd Canon Robert Lemon

Louise Bryon Retirement

One of our long-standing members is retiring from her work as organist and choir director at Knox Presbyterian Church in Leamington.

Louise started her organist career began at First Baptist Church (Leamington) for several years when Hugh Cobbledick was the choir director (*).

In 1966 she supplied at Knox Presbyterian when their organist had cataract surgery and needed four months off for each eye surgery. Louise and her late husband Bill adopted their first daughter during this time she recalls how fortunate she was that he was happy to look after her when she was at the church.

In 1970 she was asked to be the organist permanently at Knox and directing a choir was a new experience for her. Her choir was a good size, and it was a pleasure for her to have such an enthusiastic group.

Over her 51 years as organist and choir director at Knox Church, she worked with five ministers, each with a different approach to music. She was also the church secretary for 36 years.

Now that Louise has retired, she is looking forward to enjoying her family and look after her great-grandson while his parents are at work.

Louise has made a great contribution to the music community in Essex County, particularly in Leamington. In addition to being an organist and choir director, she has been the secretary and a singer in the County Classic Chorale.

Join us in congratulating Louise and wishing her great happiness in her retirement.

(*) Paul Wharram as a teenager sang in the First Baptist Church under Mr. Cobbledick and Louise's direction. He has happily reconnected with Louise through the County Classic Chorale.



Summer Organ Academy registration now open!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn new skills and hone your talent in beautiful Montréal, Québec! The Summer Organ Academy offers leading-edge instruction in a friendly, welcoming environment, and provides a unique chance to meet and learn alongside fellow organists from across Canada and abroad.

Four exciting and inspiring programs are being offered this year:

Youth Introductory: An introduction to the pipe organ for the youth pianist

Youth Experienced: Skill development for the experienced youth organist

Adult Learner: **Program full, contact us to be added to waitlist** Foundational/continuing education in traditional pipe organ, including introductory jazz organ and traditional organ improvisation

Adult Performance: Performance opportunities and skill development for the advanced organist.

Register today to ensure your place, as space is limited. Registration deadline is May 15, 2022. Program details and registration information can be found on the Summer Organ Academy webpage on rcco.ca. More exciting faculty announcements will also be coming soon... We can't wait to see you in Montréal!



AGM Time and Nominations

Save the date of June 3, 2022 for our next AGM. Details are still being worked and will be announced as soon as we have finalized them.

Nominations for the Executive Board are now open. Contact Paul Wharram if you are interested.

A Venue for RCCO events?

Submitted by Henry Boon

After retiring from the Windsor/Essex Catholic School Board, I was invited to become part of the teaching faculty at the Académie St. Cécile on Cousineau Rd. in Windsor.

The Académie Ste. Cécile International School is a private, co-educational, day and resident, elementary and secondary school. The AICAS is an IB World School. It prepares students for the world recognized International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB Diploma). The school also features a well-established music program with focus on piano, voice and many other instruments.

I taught music at the Académie from 2000 to 2003. While there, I wrote the music to an anonymous poem dedicated to St. Cecilia which was subsequently adopted as the Académie School Song.

Over the years, a number of new buildings have been added to the Académie complex and one of these additions is a concert hall which boasts a two manual Casavant pipe organ located in the balcony. (Incidentally, Ms. Gadoury refers to this concert hall as a lobby, the actual main concert hall is part of a final building phase planned for in the future).

The layout of the organ is quite interesting in that it is open with the pipes being visible and accessible without having to climb steps or ladders. It was relocated from the Ursuline College in Chatham, - referred to as "The Pines," – in 2019, by Dodington & Dodington.

I have recently reconnected with the Académie and its Founder and Directrice of the school, Ms. Thérèse Gadoury.

In my conversations with Ms. Gadoury, she indicated that the Académie

would welcome the RCCO Windsor/Essex Centre holding certain events there such as organ recitals, Masterclasses, and similar events that could serve to acquaint the larger community with the Académie and its acoustically alive concert hall, as well as with events sponsored by the RCCO, in a beautiful and culturally rich setting.



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Membership rates and information

The RCCO's membership year runs from June 1 - May 31. To ensure you receive a full year of membership, your renewal is due between April 1 - May 31 annually. After much consultation about membership categories, beginning with the National Council meeting last November, some changes to membership categories were proposed and brought to the Board of Directors for discussion and implementation. At their meeting in January, the Board of Directors approved the following changes to the membership structure:

2022-2023 Membership Categories

Eliminated: Senior and Joint Senior

New initiatives:

All new regular members get 50% off throughout the membership year. This will be a permanent change, not just for the membership campaign.

New membership category: 18 and under – \$20

This then, is how membership categories will look this year:

Regular	\$100*	Open to individuals over the age of 35.
Regular (New members)		Open to new Regular members or those who were not members in the previous year. This is a 50% discount anytime during the year for first
Joint Regular	\$150	Open to two to four members living at the same address
35 and Under	\$61	Open to individuals aged 35 and under OR enrolled full-time in post-secondary education
18 and Under	\$20	Open to individuals aged 18 and under
Institutional	\$100	Open to churches, schools and other organizations.

* Regular and Institutional fee will increase by \$5 for the next two years bringing the fee to \$110 by 2024-2025

There are several reasons for these changes:

Our membership categories had gotten overly complicated.

1. Many related organizations, such as the American Guild of Organists and the Royal College of Organists do not have a separate Senior category.
2. 35 and Under was considered to be an overly broad category for “young” organists. Acknowledging that teenagers and younger adults have very different needs indicated that two separate categories were a better option.
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Organist Vacancies

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

in Leamington, Ontario is seeking an Organist/Music Director. The church has a 12 stop Casavant Pipe Organ installed in 1981. Sunday Services and a Choral Eucharist are at 10:30 a.m. Extra services would include Christmas and Easter observances, occasional weddings, and funerals. Remuneration to be discussed.

If interested, please send a Resume to St. John's Anglican Church, 60 Erie Street North, Leamington, Ontario, N8H 2Z5 to the attention of David Seaton

Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church

in Windsor Ontario seeks a suitably qualified Organist and Choir Director. The sanctuary has a 1907 Karn Warren pipe organ with capacity since expanded to 1740 pipes with chimes, and a well maintained Yamaha baby-grand piano. The congregation is demographically diverse and of mixed ages. The SATB choir has a weekly rehearsal of upcoming hymns and anthems. Additional expectations are: weekly meetings with the minister, monthly meetings of the Worship Committee, and annual or biannual meetings with the Personnel Committee. This part-time position will require an average of 8 hours a week. The successful candidate will have, or be working towards, at least a bachelor's degree or ARCCO and relevant experience in Organ, Piano and Choral Conducting, including experience and/or interest in Christian worship music. We would consider a competent pianist committed to learning the organ. Other essential requirements are: ability to direct an adult choir and interactional skills in dealing with other members of the worship team. Remuneration in accordance with experience and qualifications will take account of current RCCO recommendations. Applications, which should include contact information for two persons who have consented to supply verbal or written references, will be treated in strictest confidence and will be received until April 11, 2022, or until the post is filled. Starting date is flexible.

Please direct inquiries or applications to either normdiffey@gmail.com or lmaide@bell.net. Information about the church and congregation can be found on our website <https://paulinmemorial.ca>



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The Windsor Essex Centre RCCO provides a list of supply organists available to cover vacations and emergencies including Sunday services. If you are a member or know of a member who would be willing to provide this service, please let us know and we will include their information on our supply list.

Michael Sewell mikesmail7@bell.net

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Church affiliation and position
(if applicable): _____

Membership fee for 2015-16: \$30

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