

Kathryn Stephenson Pipe Organ Foundation, Inc.
501 N. Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28201
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Annual Report
June 2023

Dear Friends of the Kathryn Stephenson Pipe Organ Foundation,

We hope this letter finds you well, and we wish to update you on the activities of the Foundation since the 2022 Annual Report:

Financial Status

As of June 2023, the foundation's running balance is \$2,655.34.

The foundation continues to offer online giving methods through our website.

55th Anniversary of the Möller, Opus 10260

In collaboration with the 75th Anniversary of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, we celebrated a weekend featuring Paul Jacobs, Chair of the Juilliard School's Organ Department, on Friday evening, September 30 and Saturday evening, October 1 at First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, performing the Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 in C minor ("Organ Symphony") on the 3-manual, 59 rank 1967 Möller, Opus 10260. The weekend concluded with Jacobs performing a solo recital on Sunday, October 2 at 4pm at First Methodist Charlotte. The recital was underwritten by the Kathryn Stephenson Pipe Organ Foundation in honor of the instrument's 55th anniversary.

Coincidentally, a tropical storm passed through Charlotte on Friday, September 30, 2022, nearly cancelling the concert. However, a joint decision was made between the Charlotte Symphony and First Methodist to keep performance plans in place because neither the city nor the county had declared a state of emergency, which meant that there were no official orders to keep cars off the roads. The Friday night concert saw several hundred very enthusiastic people in attendance, and the energy to make the concert happen was palpable.

We look forward to hosting a Sunday evening recital played by Dr. Andre Lash on Sunday, June 18 as part of the Charlotte Chapter of the AGO summer recital series.

Management

We have two updates to provide:

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1. Board member John Apple departed the foundation in November 2022 after serving a 2-year term. We thank him for his service to the foundation.
2. With a heavy heart, as of June 25, 2023, I will be stepping down from my duties as organist at First United Methodist Church after nearly 14 years; I will also be stepping down from my leadership duties for the organ foundation. I chose to establish this non-profit entity to serve as a legacy mechanism devoted to promoting and maintaining this opus of classic American pipe organ craftsmanship. And as much as I have enjoyed my time as curator & custodian of this gem of an instrument, alas it does not belong to me, and I must cede leadership to the next caretaker, whoever that may be, to continue to foster the artistic enhancement the Opus 10260 brings to First Methodist Charlotte and to the community. I would gladly consider future participation on the board after a period of time has elapsed to allow my successor time to settle in at the helm.

I wish the best for this foundation, and we thank you for your past and ongoing support of this unique instrument.

And we look forward to continued mission and artistic opportunities together.

Well wishes for the future,
Don Kaufhold, Founder & Chair, on behalf of:
Daryl Brown, Secretary
Kevin Haney, Financial Secretary
Chris Wysocki, Treasurer
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