

## Biographies

### DIRECTOR Joshua Giese



Our director is from Fond du Lac, WI. Josh graduated from UW-Stevens Point. He currently works full-time at Bessie Allen Middle School in North Fond du Lac as a special education aide, and he works part-time at The Arc of Fond du Lac. Josh enjoys singing, playing piano, and handbell music. Josh plays piano at Community United Methodist Church, North Fond du Lac and Pacto de Gracia United Methodist Church, Fond du Lac. He sings in South Shore Chorale and directs the bell choir at Immanuel-Trinity ELCA Church, Fond du Lac. Josh enjoys attending and has directed a few cymanfaoedd canu around Wisconsin, and he is a member of the board for the Peniel Welsh Chapel Association. When not working or involved in a musical activity, Josh enjoys time with family and friends, hiking, and kayaking.

### ORGANIST Dennis Jon Wolfgang



Dennis Jon Wolfgang was named Director of Music and Organist at Nativity Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa on September 1, 2010 and on November 1, 2017 he was named to the same position at Christ Lutheran Church in Jackson. Once a month he plays the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service at Our Lord's United Methodist Church in New Berlin. Previously he served as Director of Music/Organist at Milwaukee's historic Basilica of St. Josaphat, as well as numerous other Lutheran and Catholic Churches. In June of 1998 he played the dedicatory concert on the new Radanovich Pipe Organ in the chapel of "Our Lady of the Sioux" at St. Joseph's School for Indian Children in Chamberlain, South Dakota. He has also played the Miller Concert Organ in Milwaukee's Uihlein Hall for a national gathering of the Supreme Council, 33<sup>rd</sup> Masons. The past ten years Dennis was honored to be organist/choir director for the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin's St. Patrick's Mass at Milwaukee's Historic St. Patrick's Church. Dennis loves gardening, restoring his old house and life with his cats, Barnabas Patrick, George Frederic and Gregory.

### SPECIAL MUSIC R. Stuart Mitchell



Robert Stuart Mitchell's singing repertoire and performances encompass Concert Oratorio, Modern Sacred & Worship music, Opera, and Celtic Folk & Traditional. On the Classical concert stage, Stuart has appeared as a solo artist with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Bel Canto Chorus, Wisconsin Philharmonic Orchestra, Bach Chamber Choir & Orchestra, MAMCCO (MKE), Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra, Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, Racine Symphony Orchestra, and many other symphonic artistic organizations. Stuart has shared his gifts in roles and concerts with the Florentine Opera, Milwaukee Opera Theatre, La Musica Lirica Opera, Windfall Theatre, Cornerstone University, Music by the Lake, Concord Chamber Orchestra, and South Shore Chorale. Some of Stuart's operatic roles include: Fenton from Verdi's Falstaff, Ernesto from Donizetti's Don Pasquale, Ferrando from Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte, and Nemorino from Donizetti's L'Elisir D'Amore. Stuart is a truly incomparable worship soloist and has a substantial repertoire and facility in Modern, Inspirational Christian Worship music. He is a compelling, dynamic performer, and his solo appearances are uplifting and memorable. He graduated magna cum laude from Cornerstone University where he received his undergraduate degree. He received a graduate studies diploma (MICAP program) from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Robert Stuart Mitchell can be found online at [rstuartmitchell.com](http://rstuartmitchell.com) OR [facebook.com/rstuartmitchell](https://www.facebook.com/rstuartmitchell)

# Christmas Gymanfa Ganu

Sponsored by  
The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu  
Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Nativity Lutheran Church  
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin



Director: Joshua Giese  
Organist: Dennis Jon Wolfgang  
Soloist: R. Stuart Mitchell



## Order of Service

Organ Prelude—Dennis Jon Wolfgang  
Various Preludes Based on Welsh Tunes  
ending with Fantasie on the Welsh Lullaby "Suo Gan." Paul Fey

Welcome—Jan Jones Batty, WGGAW President

Devotions—Rev. Thomas White

### Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God..... Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal 840

### Hymn Set One

Lost in the Night..... Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal 243  
Rejoice, Rejoice Believers .....Insert  
Comfort, Comfort Now My People ..... Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal 256  
Hyfrydol..... Christmas Gymanfa Ganu Hymnal 2

Special Music—R. Stuart Mitchell, Tenor  
“Gesu Bambino,” Pietro A. Yon

### Hymn Set Two

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming..... Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal 272  
What Child is This? ..... Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal 296  
Suo-Gan..... Christmas Gymanfa Ganu Hymnal 16  
Margaret..... Christmas Gymanfa Ganu Hymnal 22

Special Music—R. Stuart Mitchell, Tenor  
“O Holy Night,” Adolphe Adam

### Hymn Set Three

O Come, All Ye Faithful..... Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal 283  
Bydd Canu yn y Nefoedd ..... Christmas Gymanfa Ganu Hymnal 9  
Diadem ..... Christmas Gymanfa Ganu Hymnal 11  
Cwm Rhondda..... Christmas Gymanfa Ganu Hymnal 5

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Benediction—Rev. Thomas White

Go Tell It on the Mountain..... Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal 290

Organ Postlude—Dennis Jon Wolfgang  
“Toccata Classique,” Dennis Janzer

Please join us for a Te Bach (tea and treats) in the fellowship hall.  
Please leave the hymn books in the pews!

## 2023 Welsh Events

- May 6 & 7 Welsh Weekend, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee WI  
Saturday: Seminars, food and Welsh fun  
Sunday: State Gymanfa Ganu 2:30 p.m.
- June 11 Rewey Gymanfa Ganu, Peniel Presbyterian Church  
1449 Peniel Road, Mineral Point WI 2:30 p.m.
- August 27 Peniel Gymanfa Ganu, Peniel Welsh Chapel,  
W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh WI 2:30 p.m.
- August 30—September 3 North American Festival of Wales, Lincoln, NE  
Seminars, tours, concerts, banquets, two sessions of gymanfa ganu.  
Registration: festivalofwales.org
- October 8 Cambria Gymanfa Ganu, First Presbyterian Church,  
121 W. Florence Street, Cambria WI  
2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. with supper served between sessions
- November 12 Christmas Gymanfa Ganu, First Congregational Church,  
887 Bonnell Avenue, Redgranite WI 2:30 p.m.

The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, Inc. (WGGAW) sponsors and runs the Welsh Weekend, the State Gymanfa Ganu and the Christmas Gymanfa Ganu which take place at various churches in the state. If you are interested in hosting a cymanfa ganu at your church, contact our president, Jan Jones Batty, at 414-861-2202 or rbatty@wi.rr.com.

All other cymanfaoedd canu (plural for cymanfa ganu) in Wisconsin are independently run and are always at the same church and usually the same week of the month every year. Wisconsin can be proud of this fact. No other state has as many cymanfaoedd canu every year.

Jan Jones Batty, President  
Rev. Joseph Corbin, Vice President  
Dick Myers, Treasurer  
Sue Stealey, Secretary