

At Augustana University, Marilyn Schempp is an organ and piano instructor and chapel organist, while also maintaining a private piano studio in her home. As an adjudicator, she has judged for area [Piano Guild](#) auditions, the [National Federation of Piano, Music Teachers National Association](#), and local festivals.

Marilyn has served as a church musician for 38 years, directing handbells, youth and adult choirs, and playing organ. Schempp is an active member of the American Guild of Organists, where she has served as dean of the South Dakota chapter and director of their Organ Academy. From 2012-2018 she was elected to serve on the national council of the American Guild of Organists as the North Central Region Councillor, an eight-state region. She served as president of the local Music Teacher's National Organization and as the competition chair for the state of South Dakota. For two years, she served as the regional secretary-treasurer for the [Association of Lutheran Church Musicians](#).

Marilyn has performed on oboe, harpsichord, piano and organ with the [South Dakota Symphony](#), has played oboe with the Sioux Falls Municipal Band, and accompanies high school and college students in competitions, juries and recitals. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Augustana University in both vocal and instrumental music and her master of music degree in organ performance (with additional coursework in piano and harpsichord) from the

[University of South Dakota](#). Schempp accompanies the three Augustana choirs when requested to do so and serves on the planning committee for the annual Christmas Vespers programs. In 2017, Marilyn accompanied the Augustana Choir on their European Tour to Germany and Rome.

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