



MIXTURES Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER DEAN



Dear Colleagues,

“It was a dark and stormy night...” This clichéd first phrase, from a nineteenth-century novel by Edward Bulwer-Lytton, accurately describes the weather the evening of our chapter’s first in-person meeting in over a year. However, the inclement weather did not deter chapter members and guests from driving to Arlington to attend the program presented by **Dr. Linton Powell**. More than 60 people attended, with one chapter member driving from Abilene! The pleasure of greeting each other in person and hearing a “live” recital was palpable.

This year the Executive Committee has worked hard meeting via Zoom, refining internal processes and discussing plans for the future. Through the dedicated work of **Sub-dean Peggy Graff**, we have an exciting season planned for 2021-2022. With the leadership of **Rebecca Sawyer**, we also anticipate offering a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event!

Meanwhile, we can “attend” the A.G.O. OrganFest, scheduled June 27—July 2. In the absence of the regional conventions, the national office is offering a week of concerts featuring inspiring performers and instruments from each region, educational sessions, and a silent film accompaniment. The link to register is <https://agoorganfest2021.org/>. This week of recitals and sessions is free to A.G.O. members.

Wishing everyone a good summer and as the song goes “See you in September....”

Beverly Howard, D.M.A.
Dean

AGO CERTIFICATION

Peggy Graff, Exam Coordinator

Calling all organists! Certification has been the backbone of the AGO since its inception. Studying for and taking the guild exams is a way to challenge yourself, improve your organist skills, and it can also perhaps remind you that you know more than you think you know! Those who attain certification are glad they did so.

Please contact FWAGO Certification Coordinator, Peggy Graff, if you wish to study for a level of AGO certification this coming season. The dates for SPC and CAGO workshops are:

SPC Workshop: Saturday, August 21 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | FUMCFW | 800 West 5th Street | Fort Worth, TX 76102

Please contact Peggy Graff at pgraff@myfumc.org before August 1 if you are interested.

CAGO Workshop: Saturday, August 28 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | FUMCFW | 800 West 5th Street | Fort Worth, TX 76102

Please contact Peggy Graff at pgraff@myfumc.org before August 1 if you are interested.

Materials will be provided at these workshops at no cost to potential candidates. Please bring a pen or pencil and organ scores you have selected to play for your level of certification.

If you do not plan to attend a workshop but do plan to take an exam or a section of an exam, please contact Peggy Graff at pgraff@myfumc.org. Also, if you are interested in other levels of certification, please contact her.

For all levels of certification, the July issue of TAO will include information on the new exam cycle (2021-2023), including organ repertoire from which to select, application deadlines, fees, and exam dates. Former certification exams and other resources for the SPC, CAGO, AAGO, ChM and FAGO exams are available from AGOHQ.ORG.

You are not alone in this process!

Please contact Peggy Graff at pgraff@myfumc.org for questions, for support, help, and encouragement needed to go this *extra mile* to grow in your profession!

William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship Recipient Report

Our chapter's current scholarship student, **Peter Gresser**, has been working hard making the transition to organ. This 16-year-old possesses good musical intuition and passion, and he is adjusting to the unique aspects of organ playing quickly. The chapter's new pedal booster, in particular, has opened up many new possibilities for him. There is a short video of Peter playing as part of **Dr. Devon Howard's** organ studio recital in May on YouTube. This month he is preparing another recording which features more extensive pedaling. Peter and Dr. Howard are working on a variety of repertoire from Baroque to modern, as well as improvising skills. Keep up the excellent work, Peter!

Submitted by Kyla Rosenberg, FWAGO Scholarship Coordinator and Dr. Devon Howard, Southwestern Adventist University.

Summer Greetings from Peggy Graff,
Sub-Dean and Program Director

The FWAGO 2021-2022 season is in the process of being planned, and you will receive the line-up for the entire year in early August. Here is a look at two of the exciting events planned for this fall. Please mark your calendar now to attend!

SEASON OPENING MIXER AND "SALVAGING CEREMONIES"
DR. EMMET SMITH, PRESENTER

DATE: Friday, September 10, 2021

TIME: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: St. Andrew's Anglican Church | 917 Lamar Street | Fort Worth, TX | 76102

A mixer will begin the evening at 6:00 pm, accompanied by an assortment of Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, a welcome from Dr. Beverly Howard, FWAGO Dean, and a presentation by Dr. Emmet Smith, former Herndon Professor of Music at Texas Christian University. Dr. Smith will entertain us with his interesting stories from encounters at wedding rehearsals, weddings, and funerals for which he has performed. To attend this event, please make a reservation and pay ahead.

MIXER RESERVATION DEADLINE: September 3, 2021 (you will receive an email in early August on how to make your reservation for this event)

COST PER PERSON: \$20

MEMBER DUO ORGAN RECITAL

DATE: Sunday, October 17, 2021

TIME: 2:00 pm

LOCATION: St. Stephen Presbyterian Church | 2700 McPherson Ave |
Fort Worth, TX | 76109

Members of the Fort Worth AGO chapter will perform organ duo repertoire, including Dr. Beverly Howard and Rebecca Sawyer; Dr. Ahreum Han-Congdon and Sunny Yoo; Katie and Scott Scheetz; and Dr. Kiyo and Chiemi Watanabe. They will perform at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church on the sanctuary pipe organ built by Garland Pipe Organs, Inc., consisting of 4 manuals, 77 ranks, and 4,485 pipes. A light reception will follow the recital.

CONGRATULATIONS to DAVID PRESTON, CAGO

David, our chapter member since age 12, has won several competitions, and now he has another to add. He has just won **FIRST PLACE** in the **Southwest AGO Region's Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists!** He's an official "Rising Star." David won among the competing Southwest AGO Region's young organists. Hear David perform at the **AGO OrganFest (June 27-July 2)**. That will be a livestreamed performance. More news to come on the OrganFest.

David studies at TCU under **Dr. H. Joseph Butler, AAGO**, our long-time chapter member, former chapter Dean, and organ professor at TCU. Congrats to Joe also for so aptly preparing David for various competitions! David is organist at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Haslet.

Best wishes to David in the national competition!

Our Treasurer Receives an Award!

Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO, our chapter treasurer and chair of the Finance Subcommittee, on May 1, 2021, received an award from the Dallas Genealogical Society in appreciation of her volunteer work as the Society's past President and Executive Vice President and current jobs as workshop leader for two special study projects that she started while President. The society started in 1955 with a handful of members that has grown to an organization of over 1,000 members. The society's mission is to educate by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.



ONCARD National AGO Membership Database Statistics

As of June 7, 2021, ONCARD shows the following statistics for the chapter:

Membership Categories

50	Regular
57	Special
22	Dual (All primary with Dallas except a Baylor student primary with Charlotte NC chapter)
11	Young Organists
4	Chapter Friends
144	TOTAL

Membership Renewals Due or Past Due

1	Expired March 1, 2021
6	Expired June 1, 2021
70	Will expire July 1, 2021

AGO Headquarters carries expired members on the rolls with a three month grace period. If not paid by then, memberships are cancelled. Members who have been cancelled can call AGO Headquarters to be reinstated.

To renew and pay dues, there are three ways:

- 1) Simplest way: Call AGO Headquarters in New York City at **212-870-2310**. Have credit card ready.
- 2) ONCARD: Go to <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/> and in menu select pay dues and subscriptions; have credit card ready.
- 3) By check: Complete the invoice AGO Headquarters emailed you, and mail the completed invoice and your check to headquarters as instructed on the invoice.

If you need ONCARD log on information or you need an invoice, contact our Chapter ONCARD Administrator, Ed Ackermann, at ackermannstudio@sbcglobal.net.

(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Chapter ONCARD Administrator)

Chapter Financial Report

As of May 31, 2021, the chapter's cash assets were:

Bank checking account	31,118.22
Bank savings account	47,723.53
Total	78,841.75

(Submitted by Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO, Treasurer.)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please check our chapter website <http://www.fortworthago.org>
for the most current information on events performed or supported by our chapter members.

Festival Dupré

“Marcel Dupré: 50 Years On”

October 24 – 27, 2021

Fort Worth AGO Chapter members are invited to register for this in person festival featuring a celebration of Marcel Dupré's music.

This major festival event is hosted by the UNT College of Music, Dallas AGO Chapter, and The Arts Foundation of St. Andrew (Plano).

REGISTER HERE: <https://untces.force.com/s/lt-event?id=a6C6f000000Px20EAC>

Or go to Dallas AGO Chapter website: dallasago.wordpress.com. On home page go to EVENTS, then to FESTIVAL DUPRÉ and scroll down to REGISTER HERE.

Fee: \$200.00 (Full-time students: \$100.00); can also register for a day at \$65.00 per day.

Register early! Registration is limited to the first 250 to reserve a place.

“[Marcel Dupré: 50 Years On](#)” is designed to explore the legendary career of Marcel Dupré as a virtuosic performer, dramatic composer, and legendary improviser. Through a series of nine organ recitals, much of his organ repertory will be heard, and several other concerts will explore rarely performed choral, piano, piano-organ, voice, and chamber music works. The opening recital on October 24 will feature UNT alum Ethan Gainer who kicks off his series of the complete Dupré organ works on this occasion. Dr. Kurt Lueders will “set the stage” with two lecturers detailing the cultural milieu of the first half of the twentieth century with specific attention to the highly polemic organ culture in Paris at this time. Dr. Jesse Eschbach will explore the tragic rupture between Marcel Dupré and his prodigy Jeanne Demessieux, building on the groundbreaking work of Professor Lynn Cavanaugh. Dr. Jeremy Filsell will teach an extended masterclass on several Dupré works as well as present work from his graduate studies. He will also present the concluding recital at Christ the King Catholic Church on the magnificent Juget-Sinclair organ. DMA pre-candidate Michael Soto will provide insights on Marcel Dupré's playing of his own scores based on recordings, and discuss techniques and interpretive gestures not always understood by performers today.

What this conference will not do is advocate for returning to a symphonic style of playing historic styles. With the advent of historic performance practices, issues of articulation, rhythm, ornamentation, registration, etc., have been well established and adopted by today's performers. But there are distinctive practices associated with performing music of Dupré's period, and these practices will be highlighted.

The festival is privileged to welcome Mme Alice Szebrat-Dupré, granddaughter of Marcel Dupré, who will talk about life in the Dupré family and her personal memories and impressions growing up in her grandparents' home in Meudon.

The conference will feature a significant array of Dallas-area organs, concerts, recitals (+receptions), lectures, and masterclasses featuring:

Jeremy Filsell, Ethan Gainer, Kurt Lueders, Scott Dettra, Bruno Chaumet, Alice Szebrat-Tollet, Susan Ferre, Samuel Gaskin, Michael Soto, Hentus van Rooyen, Scott Cantrell, and current and former UNT students.

Venues include:

St. Andrew United Methodist Church-Plano, hosted by Jonathan Grégoire

St. Monica's Catholic Church-Dallas, hosted by Conner McMains

The Church of the Incarnation-Dallas, hosted by Scott Dettra

Christ the King Catholic Church-Dallas, hosted by Thomas Pavlechko



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