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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER DEAN



Dear Colleagues,

We are back! September is traditionally a month of launches as organists and churches resume choir programs, concert series, new semesters, and new A.G.O. programs. This year the flurry of fall activities may seem more festive because of the forced hiatus during the first year of the pandemic.

We are back! In truth, our Fort Worth Chapter never ceased functioning. Throughout the 2020-2021 season, we benefitted from a variety of concerts and work-shops via Zoom. I am grateful for resourceful and dedicated performers and clinicians, Peggy Graff and the video production team from FUMC, and Dr. Devon Howard and his production crew from Southwestern Adventist University for making last season possible.

We are back! Although it is not the same as pre-Covid days, we are cautiously resuming in-person meetings. We have a stellar season of programs planned, described below by our Sub-Dean Peggy Graff with detailed information available at <u>http://www.fortworthago.org/events</u>. I hope to see each of you this year!

We are back stronger than ever! Ed Ackermann reports that our chapter membership is at an all time high and we have welcomed a number of young organists. A.G.O. has named 2021-2022 as the Year of the Young Organist. The Guild is offering a one-year free membership for all current, lapsed, and new members under the age of 30. Nationally there are events and new initiatives scheduled throughout the year. Information is available at https://www.agohq.org/year-of-the-young-organist/.

We are back! Realistically, there may be some bumps along the way as we navigate whatever Covid throws at us. *However, I still firmly believe that we organists are resourceful in living out our calling!*

Peace!

Beverly Howard, D.M.A. Dean



Peggy Graff, Program Chair

UPCOMING FWAGO CHAPTER PROGRAMS FALL, 2021

Greetings FWAGO Colleagues,

You are in for a treat as we hear some amazingly talented duo organists present their rousing organ repertoire on **Sunday, October 17 at 2:00 pm at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church.** Grab a friend and a quick lunch after church and plan to join us! **Reservations are NOT required for this event.** A light reception hosted by the church will follow the recital, where you can congratulate recitalists and socialize with friends and colleagues.

Featured recital organists are Dr. Kiyo and Chiemi Watanabe, Dr. Ahreum Han and Sunny Yu, and Katie and Scott Scheetz. Organ works they will present are *Prelude & Fugue in C Major* by Johann Georg Albrechtsberger, *Die Apostel* (2011) by Naji Hakim, *Kiara Pig Jig* (2006) by Robin Dinda, *Polovtsian Dances* by Alexander Borodin, *An American in Paris* by George Gershwin, and *Danse Macabre* arranged for Organ, Four Hands (with Pedals) by David Cameron.

Just a note that this will be Dr. Kiyo and Chiemi Watanabe's final performance in the United States before their departure to Japan where they will reside. Please join us for their farewell performance.

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On November 7 at 6:00 pm, we will celebrate All-Saints' with a Choral Evensong ecumenical service at **St. Stephen Presbyterian Church.** This community worship service will feature Fort Worth choirs from St. Stephen, University Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First United Methodist Church. Choral works include Herbert Howell's "St. Paul's Service." **A pre-service organ recital will begin at 5:00 pm**, featuring chapter organists Janet Pummill and Dr. Ahreum Han.

We encourage you to invite your church members to attend this special worship service held in the beautiful sanctuary of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church. Experiencing the grandeur of the Garland organ and hearing the combined church choirs will enhance our celebration and remembrance of loved ones (saints) who have gone before us.

Please make your reservation to attend this choral evensong and pre-service organ recital, followed by an elaborate reception.

The reservation hyperlink is:

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/fortworthchapteroftheamericanguildoforganists/553227/

Please **consider inviting a friend or colleague to be your guest at the above events.** As you are aware, there are church organists in the DFW area who are not associated with the AGO. All it may take for them to join our chapter is a friendly invitation from you to one of our events. Please consider doing this!

Here are some thoughts about welcoming new people:

- Bring a friend or neighbor to the group. Word of mouth and encouragement are the most effective ways of involving new people.
- If you see someone new arrive, welcome them, talk to them just don't ignore them.
- Act as a mentor for a new member explain things if necessary, such as references to previous work done by the group. Generally check to make sure they're comfortable.

Enjoy this upcoming fall season. I hope to see you at the October 17 **DYNAMIC DUO** organ recital and the **Choral Evensong** on November 7!

AGO CERTIFICATION

PEGGY GRAFF, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

We are off to a good start with six candidates who are in the process of preparing for Service Playing Certification (SPC) and Colleague (CAGO) certification. Workshops were held in August and September at both levels for the 2021-2022 certification cycle.

If you did not attend a workshop but are interested to apply for a level of certification, please read the information below pertaining to your desired level with regard to examination dates, application deadlines, and fees. Go online to agohq.org – click on "education" – scroll down to "certification" – click your desired level of certification, and you will find a red button that says "apply." Click on that button and you will be able to apply electronically for your level.

Please let me know how I can be of help to you as you consider the AGO Certification process!

EXAMINATION DATES, APPLICATION DEADLINES, AND FEES

SERVICE PLAYING CERTIFICATE TEST: October 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022.

SPC APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES:

Contact AGO Headquarters for application after July 1, 2021. The completed application may be submitted between September 1, 2021 and February 1, 2022.

FEE: \$175; STUDENT RATE: \$150

COLLEAGUE EXAMINATION: November 12, 2021, May 13, 2022, November 18, 2022.

CAGO APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES:

For the **November 2021** exam, contact AGO Headquarters for application form after July 1, 2021; application must be completed and submitted by September 15, 2021.

For the **May 2022** exam, contact Headquarters for application form after December 1, 2021; application must be completed and submitted by March 1, 2022.

For the **November 2022** exam, contact Headquarters for application form after July 1, 2022; application must be completed and submitted by September 15, 2022.

FEES: Both sections \$175, single section \$150. STUDENT RATE: Both sections \$150, single section \$125.

CHOIR MASTER EXAMINATION: June 1, 2022 (morning and afternoon).

CHM APPLICATION DEADLINE AND FEES:

Contact Headquarters after January 1, 2022, for application forms and a manual of procedure. The completed application must be submitted by April 1, 2022.

FEES: Both sections \$300, single section \$250. No student rate.

ASSOCIATESHIP EXAMINATION: June 2 and 3, 2022 (paperwork section both mornings; organ playing one of the afternoons).

AAGO APPLCATION DEADLINE AND FEES:

Contact Headquarters after January 1, 2022, for application forms and a manual of procedure. The completed application must be submitted by April 1, 2022.

FEES: both sections \$300, single section \$250. STUDENT RATE: both sections \$275, single section \$225.

FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION: June 2 and 3, 2022 (paperwork section both mornings; organ playing one of the afternoons).

FAGO APPLICATION DEADLINE AND FEES:

Contact Headquarters after January 1, 2022, for application forms and a manual of procedure. The completed application must be submitted by April 1, 2022.

FEES: Both sections \$300, single section \$250. No student rate.

ONCARD National AGO Membership Database Statistics

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

As of September 1, 2021, our chapter had 157 members. That's an historic number for our chapter! Membership category counts are:

- 5 Chapter Friends
- 51 Regular Members
- 56 Special Members (disabled and 65 or over)
- 23 Young Organists (16 primary membership in Fort Worth chapter and 7 dual chapter members
 - holding primary membership in another chapter)
- 22 Dual Members (hold primary membership in another chapter; does not include the 7 dual members who are counted in the Young Organist count)

(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Communications Committee Chairman)

+++ MEMORIAL SERVICE +++

Art Keim

Join our long-time chapter member and former Hospitality Committee Chair, Jeanette Keim, SPC, in a memorial to her husband who passed away early last year. The COVID pandemic precluded an earlier gathering.

3 p.m., Tuesday, October 19, 2021 First Presbyterian Church 1000 Penn St. Fort Worth 76102

Reception follows

(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Communications Committee Chairman)

Treasurer's Financial Report

The chapter closed FY21 (June 30, 2021) with \$3,947.00 not spent on items in the FY21 budget, so that money is still in our bank's checking account. COVID-19 pandemic restrictions caused cancellation of some events and, therefore, money was saved.

As of August 31, 2021, the chapter's cash asset balances were:

Bank checking account	\$36, 815.21
Bank savings account	47,724.73
Total	84,539.94

(Submitted by Elizabeth Kutz, CAGO, Treasurer.)

CHAPTER MEMBERS FEATURED AGO ORGAN FEST – BEAUTY ENDURES (June 27 – July 2, 2021)

AGO national headquarters sponsored a live-streamed/archived event called "Beauty Endures." The several evenings' events featured organists from around the country. The event was offered since COVID-19 pandemic restrictions precluded regional conventions normally offered during the summer of an odd numbered year. Two of our chapter members were featured as shown above. Information about them is shared below. If you missed the livestreamed event, you may access the archived recordings at: https://agoorganfest2021.org/



AHREUM HAN CONGDON

Ahreum opened the Organ Fest on its first evening by playing "Mouvement," by Jean Berveiller, and "Te Deum," Op. 11, Jeanne Demessieux. She played the pieces on the five manual Garland organ at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth.

Ahreum's exciting, powerful, and extraordinary performances have thrilled audiences far and wide. She was a featured soloist at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists held in Nashville, at several Regional Conventions of the AGO (Cedar Rapids, New Haven, Atlanta, Sarasota); the Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall (Philadelphia); Riverside Church, St. Thomas Church, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Bartholomew's Church, and Trinity Church, (NYC); Princeton University Chapel; Memorial Chapel at Harvard University; Ocean Grove Auditorium (NJ), Merrill Auditorium (ME), the International Organ Festival in Arbon, Switzerland, Michaelskirche (Leipzig, Germany), Oxford Town Hall (UK), Nottingham Albert Concert Hall (UK), and Esplanade Hall in Singapore.

She has received top prizes from numerous competitions, including the Oundle Award, the MTNA National Young Artist Performance Competition, the John Rodland Memorial Scholarship Competition, and the Albert Schweitzer organ competition. She graduated from Westminster Choir College (BM), Curtis Institute of Music (diploma), Yale Institute of Sacred Music (MM), University of Iowa (DMA). Her teachers include Ken Cowan, Alan Morrison, Thomas Murray, and Brett Wolgast. Congdon currently serves as the Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth. She was previously a member of the organ faculty at Iowa State University in Ames, and was the College Organist at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. She has served as an organist at Marquand Chapel and the Berkeley Divinity School of Yale University.

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DAVID PRESTON, CAGO



David was one of the "rising stars" on the program as winner of the AGO/ Quimby Southwest Region AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists. The Organ Fest featured the winners from each AGO region. David played his selection on the Ross King organ at the Robert Carr Chapel on the campus of Texas Christian University. He played "Toccata in C," BWV 564:I, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Tulsa AGO Chapter is hosting David as a recital organist at their October 1, 2021, event held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa.

David is a church music major at Texas Christian University, where he studies organ with H. Joseph Butler. He was awarded the Nordan Young Artist Scholarship to attend TCU in 2018 and was awarded the first prize and hymn-playing excellence prize at the William B. Hall Pipe Organ Competition in San Antonio in 2019. David has played in numerous chapter recitals in both the Fort Worth and Dallas chapters of the AGO and earned Colleague certification from the AGO in 2016. He is presently director of music and organist at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Haslet, Texas.

(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Communications Committee Chairman)

NEW MUSIC PUBLICATIONS BY CHAPTER MEMBER RYAN JAWAD

Ryan B. Jawad, organist at St. Peter Orthodox Church in south Fort Worth, has had several compositions and edited works published by *Deus in omnibus* in 2020. They are available on-line from Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Ryan studied at the Peabody Institute and the Johns Hopkins University. He has a B. A. in Mathematics from Johns Hopkins and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He became interested in medieval music when working at St. Peter's, a western rite orthodox church. His current musical interests are in thematic stretching and in non-standard meters, specifically those that contain lopsided or irregular beats.



Below is a list of the recently published works:

The Abelard Hymnal. This is Ryan's largest work; compiled after extensive research. In this collection, he has edited a set of medieval Christian songs obtained from $11^{th} - 15^{th}$ century manuscripts from 50 archives in 8 countries. Useful by church choirs familiar with Gregorian chant, the songs apply across the liturgical year. Hardbound; 589 pages. The July 2021 issue of *The American Organist* featured an article on the book.

Ten Alleluias: For Voice (SATB) Seven Prayers: Christian Chants Set for Three Voices Missing Digits: Nineteen Piano Pieces for One and Two Fingers Serenade for Piano Celebration For Organ Two Studies on Christmas Carols for Voices SS, AB Nocturne for Piano Three Inventions for Piano

You can see previews of scores for the above publications at: https://deusinomnibus.com/

(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Communications Committee Chairman)

CHAPTER MEMBERS MOVING TO JAPAN



Dr. Kiyo Watanabe and wife, Chiemi

Kiyo, organist at First United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, and his wife, Chiemi, organist and music director at Floral Heights United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls, are long-time members of the Fort Worth AGO Chapter. They are relocating to Japan in December. Kiyo and Chiemi are featured on our chapter's October 17, 2021, "Dynamic Duos" organ concert. We wish Kiyo and Chiemi a safe journey to Japan, and we wish them continued success in their music careers.

The following article is quoted from *First Word*, August 31, 2021, newsletter of First United Methodist Church (FUMC), Wichita Falls.

Dr. Kiyo Watanabe has announced his decision to retire from his role as FUMC organist effective November 30, 2021. Kiyo's retirement this year is due in part to family concerns, especially the care of his mother in Japan.

Kiyo joined the FUMC staff in November 1996 and has developed a reputation for his work ethic and high standards of excellence. During his tenure at FUMC, Kiyo participated in the complete renovation of the organ, helped established the Elizabeth Prothro Organ Concert series, and assisted Mrs. Prothro on the FUMC history book, "Building Our Legacy." In addition, Kiyo has blessed FUMC with original compositions for the organ, handbells, and the choir. Kiyo also directed the Asbury Ringers, who performed in worship and at special concerts.

Reflecting on Kiyo's ministry at FUMC, Senior Minister Rev. John McLarty said, "I had the privilege of being on staff at FUMC when Kiyo was first hired. I was amazed at his energy as well as his talent. We played softball together in those early years and he was just as fast around the bases as he was moving from one task to another in the church! Kiyo doesn't play softball anymore, but he still moves just as quickly. I have enjoyed serving on the staff with him again. I never had to wonder if Kiyo was doing his job. I could always hear him rehearsing as I sat in my office. Our church and our community have been blessed for the past 25 years to have such a talented couple in our midst in Kiyo and Chiemi."

Kiyo's last Sunday at FUMC will be November 28. Plans will begin soon for a celebration of Kiyo's ministry. In addition, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the Leadership Board will work with Rev. McLarty and Music Director Kristen Gossett to put a plan together for the transition.

(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Communications Committee Chairman)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

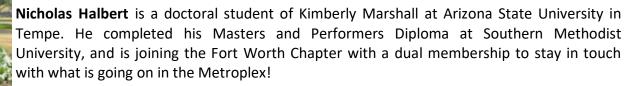
We are delighted to have the following new members join us during the Year of the Young Organist! Please welcome:

Matthew Wilkinson, Caleb Whittington, Kayla Anderson, Daniel Mang, Scott Scheetz, Edgar Morgan and Jonathon Toni

Please welcome new members that hold a dual membership with the Fort Worth Chapter:

Jacob Royle -with primary chapter in Dallas David Sexton -with primary chapter in Boston Lindsey Johnson -with primary chapter in Central Arizona

Lucas Colbert just completed his Master of Music degree in Multiple Woodwinds at University of North Texas. He is the organist for Faith Lutheran Church in Flower Mound, and his goal is to be a church organist/music director while maintaining an active freelancing career. Lucas holds a dual membership with the Dallas Chapter.



We also welcome new member:

Robert (Bob) Duquesnel, BM (last name pronounced "duke-n-l") who joined the chapter in June as a Regular member. Check out this member's multi-musical talents shown in videos at his website: <u>www.bobdukemusic.com</u>. He's an excellent sight-reader, improviser, choir director, pianist, organist and vocalist. He can perform in diverse styles as attested on his website. He has been Choir Director/ Organist at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Montebello, California, since 1997, and since 2012, he has served as music teacher at St. Cyprian School in Long Beach. He is currently visiting family here in Texas and is considering a permanent move here.



We also appreciate **Carol Kin**g joining us as a Chapter Friend!

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.



YEAR OF THE YOUNG ORGANIST

The Year of the Young Organist (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) is a project initiated by the national headquarters of the AGO. The project includes several initiatives on the national level: free one-year membership for any member enrolled or enrolls as a Young Organist member and various free workshops designed to help foster their careers.

On the local level, the chapter provided free food/beverage tickets to all our chapter's Young Organists who attended our FY22 season's opening event, September 10, 2021, at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in downtown Fort Worth. It was a great time for chapter members to meet and greet our Young Organists. Members were encouraged to take time to get to know them, offer them a tour of the organs they play, offer them opportunities to play a prelude, voluntary or postlude at one of the services of the churches they serve, give them music scores no longer used but believe will be a good addition to Young Organists' libraries, and make themselves available as an adviser to answer questions or give guidance that will be helpful in building their careers.

Chapter member Ed Ackermann has an on-going project to provide home electronic organs as practice instruments for Young Organists who do not already have an organ at home. Over the past 5 years, he has arranged to provide free organs for 8 members. The organs came from churches (organ music no longer used in their services or the churches closed) and from members no longer needing a practice instrument at home.

Our chapter webmaster, Andy Rose (a Young Organist) will soon post on our chapter website a listing of our Young Organist members, with photos and short biographies. The listing will also be emailed to all chapter members.

(Submitted by Ed Ackermann, CAGO, Communications Committee Chairman)

From the Dallas Chapter

On Saturday, Oct. 2 (10am-noon) Education Projects presents our first workshop of the year with committee chair, **Dr. Juyeon 'Julia' Lee**, presenter, at UNT's Murchison Performing Arts Center. Topic: "*Rhythmic Structure in the Music of Jean Guillou: Agnis-Ignis from Hyperion (1988)*". In-person presentation/video upload to YouTube. Wolff organ. All are cordially invited!

Our November 9th R.T.A. Series recitalist (at University Park UMC at 7:30 p.m. *FREE*) Organist **Rhonda Sider Edgerton**. Listen to a recent program of Rhonda's:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ORIZ03viJY

Oct. 15 (10am) Live lecture-recital, EP II: *The Three Organ Sonatas of Paul Hindemith: REVISITED* (complete performance) (*Chris S. Brunt*, presenter, *Chris Widomski*, organ assistant)(*FB live broadcast from First Presbyterian Church-Richardson*)(*Julia Lee, Chris Brunt, Ralph Stannard, and Edwin Walker*, hosts)

Oct. 24-27: UNT/Dallas AGO event: <u>Festival Dupré</u> (various artists/locations), primarily based at St. Andrew UMC-Plano (Dr. Jonathan Gregoire, host church coordinator) (Dr. Jesse Eschbach (UNT), organizer)(Various aspects of this event have been modified due to the covid situation. More info to come...)

Our fall **Neighborhood Recital** will be an Advent/Christmas music themed program on Monday, Dec. 13 (7:30pm) at Our Lady-of-the-Lake Catholic Church-Rockwall (Chris Widomski, Director of Music/Organist). Chapter members who would like to perform on this program are encouraged to contact program coordinator, **Chris Widomski**, at <u>cwidomski@gmail.com</u>.



Thank you, Donors!

With grateful thanks to our donors who support the mission of the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Membership dues only partially fund the chapter's year, so donations are much appreciated! (*This list is for donations received for the current calendar year 2021 as of September 3, 2021.*)

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