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The Dean's Message



H. Joseph Butler DMA, AAGO FWAGO Dean 2016-2018

Dear Colleagues:

Last weekend we had a wonderful first event to kick off our season, the certification recital at Ridglea Presbyterian Church. Thanks to all who participated and helped prepare the event. I was struck by the diversity of the performers, ranging from our most senior members to my student David Preston, who will probably have the CAGO in hand before he is seventeen years old!

I'm looking forward to our next event coming up on October 22: Revitalizing Hymns with Instrumental Arrangements, presented by Willie Martinez. Leading hymns has been the *raison d'être* for organs and organists for centuries; there's no better way to reach your congregation and win them over to the importance of great sacred music.

See you there!

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Fort Worth AGO 2016-2017 Season Programs

(For complete details on each event as they draw closer, see the "Community Music Events Page", or our chapter website calendar: www.fortworthago.org)

Revitalizing Hymns with Instrumental Arrangements

Saturday, October 22, 2016
10:00am - 12:00 noon
First United Methodist Church, Hurst
Guillermo Martinez, program coordinator
FWAGO members will be joined by instrumentalists, presenting

hymn arrangements for congregational singing for solo and multiple instruments. Freshen up your festival hymns as well as those used weekly.

"A Celebration of Life - An All Saints Concert"

Sunday, November 6, 2016 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, co-sponsored by the Fort Worth AGO

Bradley Hunter Welch, organist

The Choirs of First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth

Mr. Welch will perform an organ concerto with orchestra, and FUMC FW choirs will perform Vaughn Williams "Serenade to Music" and Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living"

Nathan Laube, Organ Recital

Friday, January 27, 2017 7:00 p.m. Texas Christian University, Ed Landreth Auditorium

Exploring Online Publishers and Composers

Saturday, February 25, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford Coordinated by Fort Worth and Dallas AGO Sub-Deans

Joint program with Dallas AGO Chapter

Supplement your service-playing literature with outstanding music from publishers and composers who distribute their scores mainly online. Members of both Dallas and Fort Worth AGO chapters will present and perform organ literature that is refreshing and new to you and your congregations. With the vast amount of online options, it might be overwhelming to look for scores. New scores from current composers will be presented to help augment and add more variety in your service-playing literature.

May 2017
Guest Organist in Recital
TBA
Closing Meeting and Dinner
St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth

COMMUNITY MUSIC EVENTS



Fall 2016

Events planned, organized, performed or sponsored by our Chapter members. Open to public and free unless otherwise noted. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO OUR EDITOR,

Joshua Lang at joshua.lang@mavs.uta.edu by 25th day of the month to ensure the event appears in this publication.

October 7, 2016 Friday, 7:00pm

First United Methodist Church of Wichita Falls

909 10th Street

Wichita Falls, TX 76301

Nathan Laube, Organist

Nathan Laube (a Grammy Award winner!) is going to give an organ concert for our annual Elizabeth Prothro Organ Concert Series Phone number for more info is 940-766-4231

Admission is free and open to the public.

October 7, 2016 Friday, 7:00pm

St. Alban's Anglican Church

911 South Davis Drive

Arlington, Texas 76013

Organ recital by Alcee Chriss

Come and hear someone who is booked to play at the AGO Regional Convention in Dallas, June, 2017.

No admission charge and a reception will follow.

October 9, 2016 Sunday, 7:00pm

St. Andrew's Church

917 Lamar St.

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Texas Camerata

The nationally acclaimed Baroque ensemble, Texas Camerata will present a concert, "The Art of the Theater" with guest soloist and chapter member, David Robinson. Tickets available at the door or at http://www.texascamerata.org/tickets/

October 13, 2016, Thursday, 6:30pm

University Christian Church

2720 S. University Dr.

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Silent Movie Night: Tom Helms, Organist

6:30 pm: Popcorn & Ice Cream Social

7 pm: Silent Movie - Thomas Helms, Organist

Come hear Tom accompany "The General." This is a kid-friendly community free event. Come have popcorn & ice cream before the feature!

Admission is free and open to the public

October 16, 2016 Sunday, 7:00pm

Broadway Baptist Church

305 W. Broadway Avenue

Fort Worth 76104

Organist: GEORGE BAKER in recital

Many of you remember George Baker's breathtaking recital at Broadway during our 1999 Regional Convention. That program marked his return to the music world after many years of devoting himself to medicine, and demonstrated to all in attendance that he still possessed the abilities that had enabled him to win the AGO National and the Grand Prix de Chartres twenty years before. Since then, he has distinguished himself as a composer as well as performer, and as an advocate and teacher of the art of improvisation. Baker's recital is one of three to be presented this season in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Rildia Bee Cliburn organ at Broadway.

Admission is free and open to the public

October 16, 2016 Sunday, 7:00 pm

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

2301 Flora Street

Dallas, Texas 75201

Dr. David Cherwien, Organist

10th Lutheran Hymn Festival - A Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Featuring text and/or tunes by Dr. Martin Luther

Tickets are \$15 & \$10 reserved: http://lutheranhymnfestival.org/tickets.html

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October 19, 2016 Wednesday, 9:30am

1001 Arlena Dr.

Arlington, TX 76012

Let's Get Acquainted

Come play two Ross King organs, first the organ in the residence of chapter member and director, Charlene Dorsey, then the instrument at St. Alban's Anglican Church (911 S. Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76013), we will first meet at Charlene's home, address above. If his schedule permits Ross King will be there to tell us about the organ he built for her in her home in 1972. Next we will go to St. Alban's

which is three miles away and visit the organ Ross installed in 2012. Please bring your organ shoes and plan to try out these two very different Ross King creations. Please come and "get acquainted" with Charlene, Ross, Jeanette and the other AGO members who want to meet you.

Dutch lunch will happen around noon at a nearby restaurant. Any questions contact Jeanette Keim: jeanpiano@aol.com

October 22, 2016 Saturday 10:00am - 12:00 noon

First United Methodist Church, Hurst

521 W Pipeline Rd

Hurst, TX 76053

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October 23, 2016 Sunday 2:30pm

Meyerson Symphony Center

2301 Flora Street

Dallas. TX 75201

Pipedreams LIVE!

Hosted by the world-famous Michael Barone, several local renowned organists will perform on the Lay Family Concert Organ, built by the C.B. Fisk firm. For tickets and more information visit: https://www.mydso.com/buy/tickets/pipedreams-live

October 23, 2016 Sunday 7:00 pm

Arborlawn United Methodist Church

5001 Briarhaven Road

Fort Worth, TX 76109

Theater Organ Concert Featuring Christian Elliott

Christian performs solo organ engagements and silent film presentations across the United States, and was named "Organist of the Year" by the American Theater Organ Society in 2009. Christian will perform a number of Broadway selections as well as a silent film presentation, *Phantom of the Opera*. **Admission is free and open to the public.**

November 6, 2016 Sunday, 7:00pm

Meyerson Symphony Center

2301 Flora Street

Dallas, TX 75201

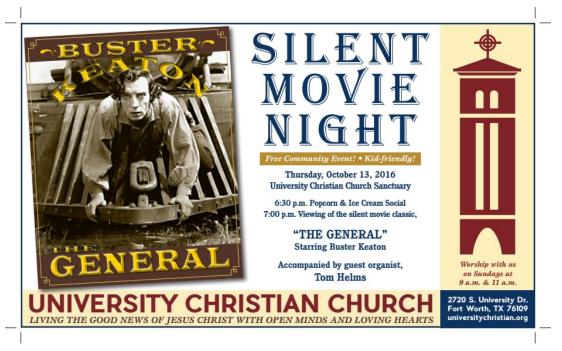
Festival of Church Music

Come hear this wonderful festival of church music, performers include: Bob Chilcott, Festival Conductor, Mary Preston, Festival Organist, featuring a 400-voice combined choir from 27 North and East Texas churches

Tickets are \$10-\$35. Children ages 12 and under are admitted free with a purchase of adult tickets in the Dress Circle or Grand Tier.

You can buy tickets by purchasing at a participating church, ordering online from www.churchmusicinstitute.org, calling Church Music Institute at 214-751-7669 or ordering by mail using form on brochure. Mail to The Church Music Institute, 7557 Rambler Road, Ste. 420, Dallas, TX 75231.







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Organist/Choir Director Positions Available

Seeking- Organist, part-time

First Presbyterian Church, located in Grand Prairie, Texas is a community of Christians striving to be warm, compassionate and inclusive and seeking to share the love of Jesus Christ with one another, our community, and the world. We are seeking an Organist to join us and play during our Sunday morning service and occasional evening services. Worship is at the heart of life, and music is central to the way we, as individual worshipers, experience communal worship. This is a part time position and requires approximately 2 ½ hours on Sunday mornings and you can practice on your own or at the church. Our instrument is a Rodgers Masterpiece Series T908, three manual organ that needs loving care and some good exercise. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Jim Reinarz (972) 262-6676 or jpreinarz@sbcglobal.net

Posted to the website September 30th, 2016

POSITION DESCRIPTION - DIRECTOR/ACCOMPANIST

JOB DESCRIPTION

This position is defined as salary (no overtime), restricted part time. Expectation of attendance is for Sunday Worship Services, rehearsals with the choir and three or four special services to include Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve.

PURPOSE

To provide accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other occasions in support of the music ministry of the church.

SKILLS NEEDED

- -Primary ability to play the keyboard.
- -Secondary ability to direct the choir and praise team.
- -Ability to sight-read.
- -Ability to take direction and work as a team member.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- -Works with the pastor and provides hymn music selections along with special music chosen to support the message/theme of the week determined by the pastor.
- -Notify the pastor a minimum of two weeks prior but as soon as planned absences are known to allow for scheduling of a substitute accompanist. The applicant will be requested to sign forms allowing the church to perform a background check.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- -Rehearse weekly with church choir and praise team as scheduled.
- -Accompany the choir and praise team during scheduled worship services.
- -Support the church's worship environment through the well-prepared execution of music presented by the choir and praise team.
- -Provide assistance in planning, preparing, rehearsing and playing appropriate music for scheduled worship services and other required occasions to support the music ministry of the church.
- -Plan, select and prepare preludes, postludes and offertories.
- -Provide music for funerals and weddings as needed.
- -Prepare for choir rehearsal times to achieve a high quality music program.
- -Attend Worship Committee meetings as requested.

RELATIONSHIPS

-Relates to the Pastor as head of staff and supervisor.

Kennedale United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 146

229 W. 4th Street

Kennedale, TX 76060

817-478-5811

Contact: Jon Hunt, PPR, JHunt1188@gmail.com or Susie Thurow, Director/Accompanist, sthurow756@gmail.com for more information.

Posted to the website on: September 3rd, 2016

+++IN MEMORIAM+++

This past weekend I received the sad news of the unexpected passing of former FWAGO member and Subdean Cheryl Bower at the age of 72. Cheryl lived in the Fort Worth area during the 1990's and was associated with several Episcopal parishes including St. Ann, St. Martin in the Field, St. Andrew, and St. Vincent, serving in various capacities from music to administration. She also helped contribute to the 1999 Region VII AGO convention. Some ten years ago she returned to her native Ohio, settling in Strasburg and working as Organist and later Choirmaster at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in nearby Massillion, where a Memorial service was scheduled for Saturday, October 1. She spent her free time playing trumpet in community bands and blessing her friends with delicious baked goods. Cheryl is survived by a sister, Marsha Joy, and leaves behind her choir family and a number of beloved pets which brought her much joy.

Besides her talents at the console and as a choir director, Cheryl's bright smile and cheerful demeanor brought life wherever she went. She was a good friend to many, this writer included, and she will be missed. May she take her place in the heavenly chorus, and sing God's praises for ever.

The Rev. Raymond McDaniel

Chapter Chaplain



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