



MIXTURES Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER DEAN



Dear Colleagues,

What a difference a year makes! This Advent season finds us resuming in-person worship, performing Christmas concerts and planning Christmas Eve services. Our guild chapter is no different. We have enjoyed reconnecting at some superb programs and concerts this fall and look forward to attending exciting winter and spring programs.

As you read in this newsletter about the plans for upcoming events, I appeal to you to encourage any piano students you may know or teach to register for Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza on January 15. This is an especially important outreach opportunity to introduce young musicians to the organ. Participation in this educational event might spark interest in a young person to pursue organ study. It is vital that we nurture the next generation of organists!

While our professional lives as organists and church musicians are resuming somewhat rhythms, we need to pace ourselves during one of the busiest seasons of the the year, remembering that Advent is a season in which we are called to wait, anticipate, and listen.

Wishing everyone joyous holiday observances and a bright new year.

Beverly Howard, D.M.A.
Dean



From Peggy Graff, Sub-Dean and Program Director

*Thank you for your continued support of our chapter and its events.
Please consider attending the four remaining events of the 2021-2022 season!*

Friday, January 21, 2022

7 pm | First Presbyterian Church | 1000 Penn St | Fort Worth, TX | 76102

Alan Morrison Organ Recital

Reception following the recital at the West Concourse.

Friday, February 18, 2022

7 pm | Arlington Heights UMC | 4200 Camp Bowie Blvd | Fort Worth, TX | 76107

In Memoriam: Organ Recital Honoring Ross King, Organ Builder - featuring organist Phil Bordeleau

Reception following the recital hosted by Carol King.

Saturday, March 12, 2022 | 10 am – 3:30 pm

Organ Crawl Featuring Three Local Organ Builders:

Ross King, Dan Garland, and Roy Redman

**10:00 - 11:15 am | Arlington Heights UMC | 4200 Camp Bowie Blvd |
Fort Worth, TX | 76107 - Ross King organ**

**11:45 am – 1:00 pm | FUMC-FW | 800 West 5th Street | Fort Worth, TX | 76102 -
Dan Garland organ**

A catered lunch by “The Lunch Box” will be served in Wesley Hall at 1 pm for a cost of \$15 per person. Please contact Peggy Graff at pgraff@myfumc.org by February 28, 2022 if you plan to have lunch with us.

**2:15 – 3:30 pm | Calvary Lutheran Church | 7620 Baker Blvd |
North Richland Hills, TX | 76118 - Roy Redman organ**

Friday, May 6, 2022

7:00 pm | FUMC – FW | 800 West 5th Street | Fort Worth, TX | 76102

Peter Conte Organ Recital

Reception following the recital in Wesley Hall.

We welcome Young Organist members who recently joined us during the

Year of the Young Organist



Jonathan Toni is an active classical keyboardist, Bel Canto tenor, chamber musician, music educator, and choral conductor. He was chosen distinctly to participate in the masterclasses of Yulia Lipmanovich, Nelita True, Steve Zivin, Charles Allen Anderson, Kay Kim, Vadim Mazo, Nazar Duhzyrn, and Nicole Cabell. Jonathon's unique pianism has led him to perform at some of the finest concert venues in Chicago including the Steinway Galleries of Northbrook and Hinsdale, Curtis Hall of Roosevelt University, and the Chicago

Cultural Arts Center to name a few. In 2015, Mr. Toni was given the privilege to perform a short recital on Vladimir Horowitz's piano during its Chicago tour at the Northbrook Steinway Gallery. Mr. Toni's involvement in choral activities and vocal performances consists of a rich, 5-year history of being a parish music director & organist and as a professional Tenor. He was a professional tenor for the choirs of Saint John Cantius, Queen of All Saints Basilica, The National Shrine of Christ the King, St. Joseph's Archdiocesan Shrine and has appeared in various Operatic and Broadway productions in the Midwest. Jonathon holds with distinct honors, a B.M. in Piano Performance with Emphasis in Vocal Studies from Northeastern Illinois University. During his undergraduate studies, his primary teachers were Dr. Janice Razaq, Dr. Susan Tang, and Kathy Cowan. He is currently the Director of Music & Organist at Sacred Heart German Catholic Church in Muenster, TX and is a member of the American Guild of Organists, Music Teachers National Association, and the American Choral Directors Association.

Emily Varela is a first-year nursing major at Southwestern Adventist University and studies organ with chapter member Dr. Devon Howard. She joins as a Young Organist Member and lives in Cleburne, TX.

Benjamin Sanchez joins us as a Young Organist Member. He holds Dallas as his primary chapter. He currently resides in Carrollton, TX.

Levi Lebsack lives in Fort Worth and has joined our chapter as a Young Organist Member.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are thrilled to have the following new members join us this fall:

Tak Yan Yeung joins the Fort Worth chapter as a regular member. He is a concert pianist, organist, and music educator based in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. A prizewinner of the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition, the Music Teachers' Association of California Piano Concerto and Solo Competitions, and the Redlands Bowl Young Artist Competition, Tak Yan has performed concertos with the Texas Christian University Symphony Orchestra and Collegium Musicum and the Azusa Pacific University Symphony Orchestra. He was recently invited to present a lecture-recital at the College Music Society 2021 South Central Conference. A Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) of the Music Teachers National Association, Tak Yan is currently on the faculty of Tarrant County College and maintains a studio comprising students of all ages and levels in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Fort Worth Music Teachers Association. He also serves as organist/accompanist at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Bedford. Born and grew up in Hong Kong, Tak Yan holds graduate degrees from Texas Christian University (DMA) and the Indiana University-Bloomington Jacobs School of Music (MM). For more information about Tak Yan: www.takyanyeung.com.



Carol Anne Taylor joins us as a dual member with her primary chapter in Dallas. She recently became senior organist for St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church in Keller, TX. She is also recognized for being a highly skilled carillonneur.

CONGRATULATIONS, ISAAC!



This fall, our young FW AGO chapter member, **Isaac Foreman**, was awarded **First Prize** in the 2021 American Virtuoso International Music Competition (Artist Group). Isaac studies piano performance at Julliard in NYC. He is the former organist at United Methodist Church in Hurst TX. He is a graduate of TCU and studied organ under Dr. Joseph Butler, AAGO. Although an excellent organist, Isaac has chosen the piano as his primary instrument.

The American Virtuoso International Music Competition is open to singers and instrumentalists (piano, violin, viola, cello, double bass) of any nationality. The AVIMC values performers with strong artistic vision and stage presence.

See Isaac's website at: <https://www.isaacforeman.com/>

HONORING DR. ALBERT L. TRAVIS



Sunday morning, October 10, 2021, Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth held a special service, "Music Emphasis Sunday," honoring Dr. Travis and the forty-one years of music he provided as Organist/Director of Music Ministry. Over the years, Al constantly promoted the organ and its music. From Lenten noon day recitals during Holy Week featuring great church organists to an annual concert series featuring some of the world's most renown organists, Al made sure that the largest pipe organ in Texas, the Rildia Bee O'Bryan Cliburn Organ, built by Casavant with 191 ranks/5 manuals, could be enjoyed not only by the church's congregation but by organ aficionados at large.

Besides his career as a dedicated church organist, Al conducted music workshops around the country, presented organ recitals in many states of the nation, and composed organ music that was published for other church organists to enjoy and share with their church congregations. He served a long career as organ professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and he mentored many young organists who today are well-established – such as organist and composer Jason Payne and Bradley Reznicek, Al's successor at Broadway Baptist Church. We thank Al for all the years of his dedicated service and wish him and his wife, Maureda (an established professional pianist), a happy and enjoyable time in their retirement.

+++ IN MEMORIAM +++

Stanley Shepelwich

(February 10, 1923 - September 30, 2021)



Stanley was a long-time member of the chapter and served as the Dean, 1983 – 1985.

In May, Stanley moved from his apartment of many years to a senior assisted living facility due to ongoing health issues. Stanley turned 98 this spring. He survived triple by-pass heart surgery in his late 80s. Shortly after the surgery, he retired from his church music career, but he continued to play recitals right through age 96!

Stanley is remembered as organist/choir director for many years at First United Methodist Church in downtown Fort Worth and later as music director/organist at Oak Hills Presbyterian Church in northeast Fort Worth. He was an excellent harpsichordist, pianist, organist and watercolorist! Stanley contributed his organ scores to our chapter's current organ scholar, Peter Gresser, and to other Young Organist chapter members. Stanley's estate gifted to First United Methodist Church one of Stanley's watercolors, a beautiful rendering of the façade of the church.

A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. A private burial service followed. Thanks to Peggy Graff, CAGO, Subdean of the chapter and organist at the church, for designing a beautiful program of music for the memorial recital. Peggy played the organ and piano, and Echo Wilson, SPC, one of our long-time loyal chapter members and one of Stanley's early organ students, played on the piano Stanley's favorite Chopin work, "Ballad in G Minor," a piano showpiece, beautifully performed. During the service, Echo also served homage to Stanley recalling his outstanding work as an organ teacher and mentor of young pianists and organists. Peggy accompanied three outstanding vocal soloists who Stanley had used during his church music career.

Those close to Stanley, knew that **Jessie Garcia**, almost thirty years younger than Stanley, was his companion and caretaker during Stanley's last years. Jessie helped with the move in May and visited Stanley daily until Jessie's death on September 6, 2021, just weeks before Stanley's death. Jessie retired a few years ago after serving on the security staff of the Amon Carter Museum. He enjoyed organ music and faithfully attended AGO events with Stanley.

A memorial concert will be held in the chapel of First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth 2:30 pm, January 9, 2022. Chapter members will be invited by email to attend.

Fort Worth Chapter Membership Statistics

(Source: ONCARD, December 6, 2021)

Our chapter has reached an historic high for number of members! Our chapter was formed in 1929. Membership over the past 20 years has hovered between 120 and 145. We now have 159.

Chapter Friends (no vote)	5
Dual Members	33
Regular Members	50
Special Members (over 65/disabled)	55
Young Organist Members (under 30)	16
TOTAL	159

Three of the Dual Members are Young Members in their primary Dallas chapter, so we actually have 19 Young Organist Members.

All of the Dual Members have Dallas as primary chapter except:

Arizona Chapter	2
Boston Chapter	2
Charlotte Chapter	1
Cleveland Chapter	1

Note that AGO Headquarters is still working to replace ONCARD national membership database system. Three software companies are under consideration. The national council will select one. It is expected a new system could be in place within about a year.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(As of November 30, 2021)

CASH ON HAND

Comerica Bank checking account	34,996.67
Comerica Bank savings account	47,725.92
Other cash or financial assets	.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND (restricted and non-restricted funds)	82,722.59
Restricted funds for use by Scholarship Program only	<u>10,272.35</u>
TOTAL NON-RESTRICTED CASH ON HAND	72,450.24



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