

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER AGO



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FROM THE DEAN

Greetings to my fellow AGO members throughout northern and central New Mexico!

Is there anything more inspiring than the heartfelt singing of hymns by our congregations on a Sunday morning? Almost all organists hold, or have held, church positions at one time or another. This is true even for many prominent performers and composers. There is much satisfaction in church work: the enthusiastic singing of the congregation, the choir anthem that really comes together during the service, the musical coherence of hymns, anthem, prelude, and postlude.

The AGO has always supported high standards of sacred music, and encourages its members to continue improving their skills in this area. As I like to remind people who think we just sit down and come up with effective and innovative accompaniments off the top of our heads - real musicians *practice!* We never stop learning, and each year the Albuquerque Chapter has workshops where we are able to learn from each other by sharing ideas and techniques we've developed over years (maybe many years) of practical experience on the bench.

In our profession, it's easy to feel a little isolated; that's just the reason for you to come to an AGO workshop and connect with your fellow organists. Your sure-fire technique may be just the thing another colleague is looking for to take their service playing to the next level.

Don't miss our next two Chapter events. There will be a **Hymn-Playing Workshop** at Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Santa Fe at 10 am on Saturday, October 16; and **Douglas Cleveland** will give a recital at the Cathedral Church of St. John in Albuquerque (in memory of long-time AGO member Dr. Robert Seamon) at 7 pm November 5, with a workshop presentation the following morning.

We are always inspired by the artistry of recitalists such as Douglas Cleveland, but we must also make it our responsibility to encourage and inspire one another at every opportunity. So - see you at the next meeting!

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

10 am-noon Saturday, October 16: *Hymn-Playing Workshop*. Bring your organ shoes, your questions, your solutions, and a copy of any problem hymns you have.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith
311 E. Palace Avenue, Santa Fe
Mark Childers, host organist

A catered lunch and chapter meeting will follow. Please rsvp to Craig Smith, critic53@cybermesa.com, 505-603-1750, no later than October 13, so we may have an accurate attendance count!

7 pm Friday, November 5: *Organ Recital by Douglas Cleveland*.

Cathedral Church of St. John
318 Silver Ave. SW, Albuquerque
Maxine Thévenot, host organist

This recital is in memory of late and beloved chapter member Dr. Robert Seamon, known and respected as Bob, who died in December 2009. Co-sponsored by St. John's. Admission free to AGO members—bring your membership card.

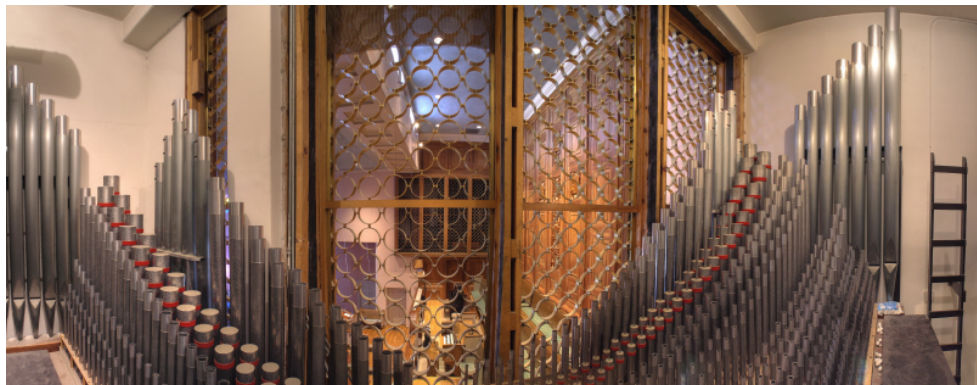
10 am Saturday, November 6

Master Class with Douglas Cleveland, Cathedral Church of St. John
J. S. Bach's "Neumeister" Chorales (recently rediscovered).

For more information, visit <http://www.virtuallybaroque.com/po/neumes.htm> or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neumeister_Chorales

(Editor's note: Wikipedia is notorious for inaccuracy, but the information on this particular page appears to be correct.)

Please get in touch with Frederick Frahm, info@frederickfrahm.com, if you would like to take part in the master class.



CONCERT AND EVENT NEWS***Music at Keller Hall, UNM, Albuquerque—featuring the Holtkamp Organ***

7:30 pm Friday, October 8: Original music by composer Dan Davis for English Horn and organ. Kevin Vigneau, English Horn; Arlene Ward, organ. No charge.

7:30 pm Tuesday, October 26: Faculty recital. Jeff Piper, trumpet; Arlene Ward, organ. No charge.

8 pm Tuesday November 16: Faculty Recital, Arlene Ward: [A Tribute to Walter Keller](#). Dean Keller's organ scores were recently acquired. Repertoire includes works by Georg Böhm, Johann Kaspar Kerll, Georg Muffat, Samuel Scheidt, and Delphin Strungk. No charge.

Tuesday, Nov 23. Student recital featuring trumpet and organ. Time, repertoire, performers TBA. No charge.

TGIF Recitals at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe

Chapter member Linda Raney and first Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe are continuing their weekly TGIF recitals, 5:30 pm every Friday. Free-will offering.

October 8: Ronald Grinage, piano.

Tchaikovsky: Two movements from *The Seasons*, "January" and "November"

Rachmaninoff: Two Preludes Op. 32, *in G-Sharp Minor* and *D-Flat Major*

Shostakovich: Prelude & Fugue in D Minor, Op. 87, No. 24

October 15: Linda Raney, organ

J.S. Bach: Fantaisie and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542

Flor Peeters: Aria

Remigio Renzi: Toccata

October 22: EPIK Artists of the Santa Fe Concert Association: Shelley Armer, violist; Joseph Illick, pianist.

October 29: Linda King, piano: Music of Chopin

"Military" Polonaise in A Major, Op. 40, No. 1

Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 17, No. 4

Nocturne in B Major, Op. 9, No. 3

"Minute" Waltz, Op. 64, No. 1

Waltz in C-Sharp Minor, Op. 64, No. 2

Scherzo in B-Flat Minor, Op. 20

St. John's United Methodist Church, Albuquerque

2 pm Sunday, October 24: Jose Daniel Flores (former Chapter Dean), organ, and Marcos Flores, piano. "A humorous program filled with challenging repertoire for organ and piano, including works by J.S. Bach, Marcel Dupré, Claude Debussy, Frederic Chopin, among others. Plan to attend this wonderful afternoon of music. Rick Wild, host organist.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

The AGO National HQ has launched a new career center for AGO members. The service is accessed through the AGO home page <http://www.agohq.org>.

According to a press release dated September 16, 2010:

Job seekers can search for positions available online using a wide array of search and sorting tools. Individuals can also upload résumés to be viewed by job recruiters and potential employers and sign up for job alerts when a new position is posted. Employers pay a modest fee to advertise positions available with JobTarget and to review résumés. Powering more than 1,200 job sites, JobTarget is a leading operator of online job postings.

“The AGO is delighted to announce that it has partnered with JobTarget to create a powerful and multi-functional new career center for all AGO members,” said AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. “Endorsed by the AGO Committee on Career Development and Support, JobTarget is a premier provider of online career services for professional membership organizations. By harnessing the power of the Internet, we are now able to offer five times as many listings as before, along with an array of new career services including the ability to search for jobs by key word, state, and zip code; receive job alerts when new jobs are posted in accordance with parameters set by the job seeker; create and save résumés that potential employers can review; and access a wide variety of new tools, search aids, and resources designed especially for job seekers.”

In addition to more than 150 job listings for organists and conductors, the new AGO career center also includes two listings for openings on the AGO National Headquarters staff: an Editor and an Advertising/Marketing Manager for THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine, the most widely read journal devoted to organ and choral music in the world, and the official journal of the AGO and the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America, <http://www.apoba.com>.

Complete job information can be found online at <http://www.agohq.org>.

KEEP US POSTED

Keep us posted of upcoming concerts and events in your church, synagogue, or with any music group you're associated with. We not only can list them in The Coupler, but send email blasts out to our membership.

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NEW MEMBER!

We're delighted to announce a new chapter member. Please add this information to your Yearbook.

David Solem, BM, MM (Peabody Conservatory)
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Available as a teacher of organ
Available as a substitute organist, or organist/choirmaster
30 years experience in liturgical and synagogue traditions

Welcome, David! We look forward to meeting you in person soon.

THEATER ORGAN FIND

We have received an interesting email from Jim Dunn, manager at Enchanted Trails RV Park on Albuquerque's West Mesa. He and his friend and employer, Vickie Ashcraft, are devoted to preservation of history and items of Route 66, the old "Mother Road." The park has vintage cars, trailers from the 50s and 60s and most recently, "a 50-plus-year-old Wurlitzer (found hidden away in a warehouse in Joplin, Missouri." The instrument is undergoing conversion to "a full digital, 17-rank 260SP theater organ."

"I've midi-fied the entire organ, replaced all three manuals, an AGO compliant pedal board was added and rewired just within the past several weeks and if I say so myself - it's turned out to be a truly fun instrument., Jim writes. "It still has a ways to go but it's fun. Confession here - it's way out of AGO specs in some aspects - but it's fun, sounds great - so what the heck."

Jim is interested in meeting fellow theater organ enthusiasts, and is open to chapter members visiting to see and play the organ, which is on display in Enchanted Trails' community room. His cell phone is 505-507-5614, and his email address is

jayscoach_2000@yahoo.com.

Perhaps we can set up a Saturday trek out that way soon!

