

Membership Information

Membership in the American Guild of Organists is open to organists, choir directors, organ builders, clergy and others who are interested in the work of the church musician and the purposes of the guild.

Membership application forms, with information regarding membership categories and annual dues, can be downloaded from our website at www.agoabq.org, or by mail using the form below:

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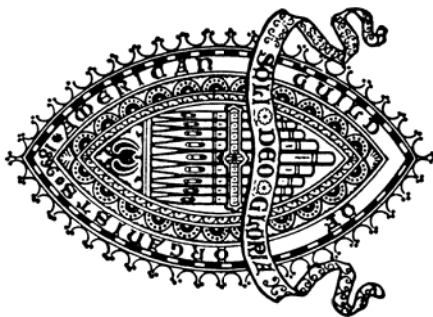
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Albuquerque Chapter



Serving the Albuquerque,
Santa Fe, Taos,
and Los Alamos areas
Since 1946



ABOUT THE GUILD

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. The Guild serves approximately 20,000 members in 330 chapters throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

Founded in 1896 as both an educational and service organization, the Guild seeks to set and maintain high musical standards and to promote understanding and appreciation of all aspects of organ and choral music.

The purpose of the Guild is:

To **advance** the cause of organ and choral music, to increase their contributions to aesthetic and religious experiences, and to promote their understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment.

To **improve** the proficiency of organists and choral conductors.

To **evaluate**, by examination, attainments in organ playing, choral techniques, conducting, and the theory and general knowledge of music, and to grant certificates to those who pass such examinations at specified levels of attainment.

To **support** members with opportunities to meet for discussion of professional topics, and to pursue such other activities as contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes of the Guild.

AGO BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

National and regional conventions, chapter events including performances, workshops, meetings, and seminars, competitions in organ performance, improvisation, and organ and choral composition. Pipe Organ Encounters (POE) for youth and adults

CERTIFICATION

A comprehensive series of examinations for professional certification, providing standards of excellence to churches, synagogues, schools, and other employers

Service Playing Certificate (SPC)

Associate (AAGO)

Colleague (CAGO)

Fellow (FAGO)

Choir Master (ChM)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Compensation and employment guidelines, model contracts, chapter placement services, assistance with denominational relations, support for the musical education of clergy, management and planning skills for church musicians

PUBLICATIONS

THE AMERICAN ORGANIST magazine, chapter newsletters, educational brochures, audio and video cassettes, books, monographs, and pamphlets

AGO GROUP INSURANCE

Your AGO membership allows for participation in a variety of insurance programs including:

Term Life Insurance

Disability Income

Major Medical Insurance

Catastrophic Medical Insurance

Group Hospital Money Program

Short Term Medical Care

Cancer Care

Long Term Care



AGO BENEFITS TO EMPLOYERS

The American Guild of Organists is the world's largest organization of organists and choral conductors.

The AGO is the greatest advocate for the use of the organ in support of congregational singing. It promotes excellence in the presentation of the highest quality music in religious and liturgical contexts.

The American Organist Magazine, published monthly by the AGO, is the most widely read organ and choral journal in the world.

AGO job posting services either in print or online provide the best exposure for religious institutions seeking to hire a new organist or music director.

The AGO publishes recommended salary guidelines, model contract provisions, and a model for the annual review of organists serving religious institutions.

AGO members abide by the Guild's Code of Ethics and Code of Professional Standards, and are committed to working at the highest level of professionalism.

The AGO administers a five-tier professional certification program that fosters excellence in performance, theory, and composition.

The AGO's Web site includes a wide array of educational and professional resources.

Local AGO chapters conduct programs, publish newsletters, and maintain Web sites for the church and temple musicians in your community.

The AGO's Committee on Seminary and Denominational Relations works to influence the music education of seminary students and collaborates with denominational governing bodies.