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**Deadline for the
March / April 2020
Newsletter is
February 15, 2020**



NOTES FROM THE DEAN



Dear Friends:

I hope that you all had an inspiring holiday season filled with beautiful music. We are so fortunate to have so many musical choices available all year, but especially around the holidays. As we begin a new year, your local AGO chapter has several exciting events coming up.

The Hauptwerk System allows one to connect an electronic organ console to a computer to sample pipe organs from around the world. John Homko will host two events in his home to demonstrate his system. We are limiting participation to twelve at each identical event to give attendees an opportunity for some hands-on experience.

Several members of our chapter have harpsichords of various styles, prompting us to put them all together for our Harpsichord Extravaganza at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Albuquerque. Plans are still fluid at this point, but there will be opportunities to play and hear the various instruments (five are planned so far). There are talks in the works to try to do something altogether, as well. This will be an interesting and entertaining event!

As we begin 2020, we also begin to think of AGO nominations. The officers in AGOABQ serve two-year terms, and these will be completed on June 30. Sub-dean Jeremy Wirths will become dean, but the other officer positions usually rotate. There will also be two “at-large” board positions. James Yeager, our nominating committee chair, will begin to pull together a slate of officers. If you have any interest in serving the AGOABQ in an official capacity, please contact me (or James). We would love to find a place for you!

Fred Graham – Dean

USEFUL CHAPTER EMAILS

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AGO PROGRAM EVENTS – JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020

Saturday, January 18, 3:00pm, repeat Saturday, February 1, 2020 – 3:00pm

Hauptwerk System Demonstration at the home of John Homko

8700 Desert Rain Rd. NW, Albuquerque NM 87120-3253

John will be doing a presentation on his Hauptwerk digital pipe organ system. Hauptwerk is a system in which an electronic organ console is attached to a computer that allows a person to play sampled instruments from around the world. The Hauptwerk system is exceptional because monumental instruments, such as those of St. Paul's Cathedral in London or Notre Dame, are sampled (recorded) note by note, and pipe by pipe. When one plays the Hauptwerk, the computer is not simply creating and imitation of a "Bourdon" or a "Krummhorn," but instead is amplifying an actual recorded sound of one individual pipe. John will provide a presentation about Hauptwerk systems generally, demonstrate his own system, and allow participants to take it for a spin. *The program is repeated so that members may choose which date they prefer, and be in a small group for the demonstration and try-out. Please indicate which session you wish attend so that we don't get everyone on one day. There will be an email sent round for response, or contact John Homko or Evelyn Henson direct.*

Saturday, February 29, 2020, 1:00pm: **Harpsichord Extravaganza**

St Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 Indian School Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

A number of Chapter members own notable harpsichords. These instruments were built by builders from around the world and representing a variety of styles. Several harpsichord owners will make a presentation with their instruments. Each owner will discuss and demonstrate his/her instrument and allow participants the opportunity to play. The various owners will talk to everyone and play one at a time, to give everyone an opportunity to hear each instrument, and play it if they wish.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS – JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020

Saturday, January 11 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm **Windswept** – a woodwind trio plus piano/organ

St John's United Methodist Church, 1200 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87505

A diverse program for woodwind trio including works by Alessandro Besozzi, Joseph Bodin de Boismortier, Madeleine Dring, Antonio Vivaldi, and Alyssa Morris. Featuring Rochelle Mann, flute; Rebecca Ray, oboe; and Denise Turner, bassoon; as well as **C. Scott Hagler**, piano/organ. Tickets: southwestarts.org.

Sunday, January 26 – 3:00pm **A Festival of Psalms**

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112,

Featuring the choirs of Congregation Albert, St. Luke Lutheran, St. Timothy's Lutheran, and Special Guests. A freewill offering will be collected in support of HopeWorks and their work to end homelessness in Albuquerque. Contact **Pauleta Hendrickson** for more info. – see p. 4

Sunday February 9 – 3:00pm – 5:00pm **Coro Santa Fe: Heartstrings – Songs of Love**

St John's United Methodist Church, 1200 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87505

Coro Santa Fe, under the direction of **C. Scott Hagler**, sings love songs from throughout time, accompanied by beautiful poetry. Tickets: southwestarts.org

Friday, February 14, 7:00pm

Saturday, February 15 Noon - **If Music Be the Food of Love**

Sunday, February 16, 3:00pm

Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Avenue SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Love Songs through the centuries. Arwen Myers, soprano; Sarah Nickerson, mezzo soprano; Edmund Connolly, baritone; Maxine Thevenot, continuo and conductor. \$10 per person – see p.5

AGO ABQ IN THE SPRING: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 10:00am: Masterclass with **Nathan Laube**

First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe

Nathan will also be playing at the TGIF Concert Series on Friday evening, March 27 at 5:30pm.



OBITUARY - EDDIE SALTZ 1965-2019

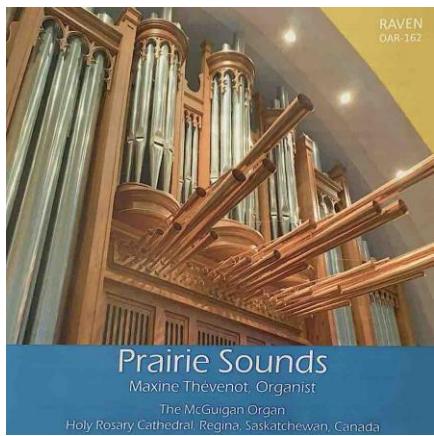
James E. Saltz III (“Eddie”) was born on March 3, 1965, in Durham, North Carolina, to James and Linda Saltz. The Saltzes raised their family – Eddie, Kristin and Matthew - in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Eddie was active in everything there – band, athletics, student government, church youth, managing the town swimming pool and serving as church organist. Eddie always loved the people and memories of Tucumcari.

Eddie began his music career during high school as organist of Center Street Methodist Church in Tucumcari, NM. He studied organ under the direction of Robert Parkins, University Organist at Duke Memorial Chapel, earning a degree in Psychology and Music from Duke in 1987 and continued in repertoire and church music during his time at Baylor Dental School in Dallas. Eddie furthered his music studies for several years under the mentorship of Dr. David Heller, Professor and Chair of the Music Department and University Organist at Trinity University, San Antonio.

Eddie served as organist at Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church in Dallas from 1990-1997, at First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque from 2002-2009, and at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Santa Fe from 2017-2019. In between his permanent positions, Eddie substituted at a variety of other churches. He was an active member of AGO during his years in Albuquerque, served as Treasurer of the local chapter, attended multiple national and regional conventions, and helped organize the regional conference held in Albuquerque and Santa Fe in 2009.

Eddie died on August 25, 2019, in Santa Fe. He loved people and people couldn’t resist loving him back. He had a passion for helping the underprivileged in the community. Eddie was a gifted musician on organ and piano and he shared his gifts generously. He also enjoyed traveling, swimming, running, and being out in the sun, especially at the beach. He is survived by Kristin Potter of Santa Fe, Donna Saltz and her children, his beloved grandsons Donovan and Salvatore, Eddie’s mother, sister and brother, five nieces, and his aunt, uncle and cousins.

NEWLY PUBLISHED ORGAN CD



One of our own members, **Dr. Maxine Thevenot**, has recently made a CD of organ music, called *Prairie Sounds*. It was recorded on the beautiful McGuigan organ (1930/1999 Casavant) in the Holy Rosary Catholic Cathedral, in her home Province in Canada, Saskatchewan. Several of the tracks are first recordings of that particular piece. Samples of the music recorded on the CD, can be heard on the [AGOABQ website](#):

- ~ **Track 1** (first recording) *Joyfully* by David L. McIntyre
- ~ **Track 4** *Variations sur Sine Nomine* by Denis Bedard
- ~ **Track 7** (first recording) *Celebration* by Ruth Watson Henderson

Copies of the CD may be obtained from the Raven label at www.RavenCD.com

AUGUST HUYBRECHTS

During a brief visit with 99-year old and previously active chapter member August Huybrechts, I learned fascinating facts about a life overflowing with musical contribution. August's family in Belgium were all expected to be organists. When he was 9 and the church had no organist one day, August's father sent him to play. While August was of an age to study for years with Flor Peeters, his older brother competed with Peeters, hoping for the appointment that Peeters got, probably as first organist in 1925 at the cathedral in Mechelen. Failing to achieve a juicy post in a small world, the brother emigrated. August followed and spent most of his life as music educator and organist in Wisconsin. In Albuquerque he was, for many years, organist at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. As in so much of our classical music culture in the US, we are indebted to European musicians like August for bringing us high standards and good music.

Visit August and hear some great stories! If you are interested in going for a visit, please contact either Pamela at pjm1952@aol.com or August's son Paul at 293-0464 (he's very friendly).

Pamela McClain

<http://www.bach-cantatas.com/Lib/Peeters-Flor.htm>



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: JANUARY 18 – 25, 2020

The 2020 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is “*They Showed Us Unusual Kindness*” (cf. Acts 28:2). As we gather annually throughout the world to pray for the unity of Christians we are reminded of the importance of the need for “unusual kindness” in the dialogue that leads to growth in unity. We do this in a world where separation and division hinder the quest for Christian Unity. In 2020, we are being called to show unusual kindness towards one another.

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Churches of all faiths are called together to form a vibrant and prayerful witness for Christian Unity by heeding Jesus’s prayer “that they all may be one.” This is an open invitation for all Christians to pray together at any of the following ecumenical events:

Sun, Jan 19 at 12:15 pm

*Immaculate Conception, 619 Copper Ave., NW ABQ 247.4271
St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 9500 Constitution Ave, NE-ABQ, is hosting a musical evening featuring 3

choirs including their own choir, **First United Methodist Choir**; and the **Albuquerque Catholic Women's Choir**. Event benefits Family Promise with a free will donation. Call 298.5596

Tues, Jan 21 at 5:15 pm

United Church of Santa Fe is hosting a Prayer Service with **Santa Maria de La Paz Catholic Church** and **St. Bede's Episcopal Church** at 1804 Arroyo Chamiso Road, Santa Fe. Potluck 505.988.3295

Wed, Jan 22 at 6 pm

Taizé Service at **Sanctuario de Chimayo** in the Santo Nino Chapel, 505.689.2404

Fri, Jan 24 at 7pm

Evening of Prayer-**Our Lady of the Annunciation**, ABQ, 505.298.7553

*Immaculate Conception has been feeding the homeless and hungry for eleven years. Volunteers for the Bread and Blessings ministry come from many of the parishes in the city and surrounding areas. The United Church of Christ has been instrumental in providing bottled water and sack lunches for carry out after the meal. The meal is supported by in-kind donations. Please call 505-247-4271 for information. Pastors at **Cathedral Basilica, First Presbyterian** and **Church of the Holy Faith Episcopal** will have a panel discussion regarding their faith traditions. Please call the Cathedral 505.982.5619 for date/time. For more information, please call Rose Garcia at 505.831.8243.

They Showed Us Unusual Kindness

(cf. ACTS 28:2)



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **2020**

Hallelujah!

A FESTIVAL OF PSALMS

Featuring the choirs of
Congregation Albert
St. Luke Lutheran Church
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
and special guests!

A free will offering will be collected in support of
HopeWorks and their work to end homelessness
in Albuquerque.

January 26th, 2020 | 3pm
St. Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque

For more information, please contact Clara Byom at
sttimsmusicdirector@gmail.com.





IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE

Love songs through the centuries

FEBRUARY 14 | 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 15 | NOON

FEBRUARY 16 | 3:00 PM

Arwen Myers, soprano

Sarah Nickerson, mezzo soprano

Edmund Connolly, baritone

Maxine Thévenot, continuo & conductor

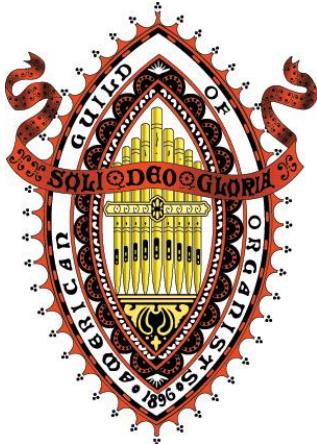


“Crystalline tone &
delicate passagework

*-San Francisco Chronicle
(Arwen Myers, soprano)*

Refreshments available for purchase from Hartford Square.

Tickets: \$10/person, Limited to 60 tickets per concert. For tickets, visit www.fcmabq.org



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HAVE YOU USED THE CHAPTER WEBSITE LATELY?

The whole year's calendar is on the Calendar page (use Agenda tab). Please notify the webmaster (editor@agoabq.org) of local events you would like to have advertised. Also, paid "Positions Vacant" or requests for volunteer musicians and singers can be advertised free of charge. Our website gets about 400 views per month.

NOTE: our Facebook page has 125 followers and can be used for posting notices about events, vacancies, etc. If you "Like" our page, you will receive new postings in your own News Feed.

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter due to be published for March and April (includes Easter), will be **February 15, 2020**. Please email news, articles, or photos, upcoming events or reports, plus any other website items to the Editor, Evelyn Henson, at editor@agoabq.org

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