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Deadline for the January / February 2025 Newsletter is December 15, 2024

NOTES FROM THE DEAN



Dear members and friends,

Thank you so much for your commitment to our AGO Chapter.

November and December can be busy months for those of us engaged in church music. Planning, practicing, and other preparations for Advent and Christmas can be demanding. Even for those not participating in church music these months are a mixed blessing, filled with glorious opportunities to experience music and the joys of the season, but also with endless demands on our time and attention.



I would like to highlight our **Santa Fe Preludes and Pies** event, which will be held Saturday, November 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. We will gather at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 550 W. San Mateo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Thank you to organist, administrator, and AGO Member Jerry Nelson for hosting.

The reason for the time, Saturday at 2:00, was our hope that organists could gather from all over Northern New Mexico to participate and make it back home before dark. We know there are organists in **Taos, Farmington, Los Alamos, Santa Fe** and many other smaller towns. We would love to have some new organists gather who have been unable to travel to Albuquerque for past events.

If you live in Albuquerque, I would ask you to consider making the drive to Santa Fe to participate. We ask our northern brethren to drive to Albuquerque for AGO events over and over and over. Those of us who live in Albuquerque should return the favor and help to build up the Northern New Mexico organ community. *If you know an organist living anywhere in northern New Mexico who has not participated in AGO in the past, please invite them to participate or pass on their information so I can invite them.*

If you plan to attend and would like to play a prelude or bring a pie, please let me ([Jeremy](#)) know.



Secondly, I would like to invite you to our next **Moveable Feast**, which will be **Sunday, January 12th at 5:00 p.m.** at **Starr Brothers Brewery North**, 5700 San Antonio Dr. NE, Suite B1, Albuquerque, NM 87109. This moveable feast will be an opportunity to just chat and to share stories of the holiday music we have made and experienced during the previous months.

SUB-DEAN: I am so grateful to the Board of our Chapter and especially to our Webmaster Evelyn, our Secretary Susan, our Treasurer John, and to our previous Dean, Nancy Granert. However, operating without a Sub-Dean is difficult. If you would be interested in being Sub-Dean or would like to suggest someone who could begin a term mid-year, that would be so helpful.

NEW MEMBERS: If you have suggestions of potential new members, please pass on their contact information to me so that I or another officer can offer them an invitation.

Best wishes for a glorious holiday season!

Sincerely yours,

Jeremy Wirth, Dean

USEFUL CHAPTER EMAILS

Dean: [Jeremy Wirth](#)

Treasurer: [John Homko](#)

Secretary: [Susan Eberlein](#)

Newsletter/Webmaster:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Fe Preludes and Pies: Saturday, November 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. We will gather at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 550 W. San Mateo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Members are invited to share a prelude that they find useful and think others would find useful. Each participant will briefly explain their piece and then play it. The preludes will be played informally, so there is no pressure to prepare for a "performance." Member Jerry Nelson from St. Bede's will be hosting. A reception, including pie, will follow. All styles, traditions, and difficulty levels are welcome. Don't feel self-conscious about bringing something easy; for many of us easy pieces are more useful than more complicated ones! If you are willing to share a prelude or food for the reception, please contact Jeremy Wirth at jeremyrw77@gmail.com.

Membership Campaign: During the fall we will be working to build the membership numbers of the Chapter. Our plan is to build a list of prospective members and then ask an active member in the same town or with similar interests to invite the prospective members to join. We need your help with the prospective member list. If you know a person who is an organist or an organ enthusiast, please send their name and contact information to jeremyrw77@gmail.com. We will not reveal who suggested them for the list so you can

tattle with immunity!

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL THROUGH THE SEASON

The following posters give the details of special music and special services throughout the season. More information (and tickets where necessary) may be found at fcmabq.org There's generally no charge for special music at normal Cathedral worship – but check! The Children's Messiah is a free event. Please share / print the posters with your church staff and congregation, or anyone you think might be interested.

TGIF CONCERTS – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SANTA FE

Thank Goodness It's Friday! (*Masks are optional.*)

Whether you're ending your week or starting your weekend, every Friday evening First Presbyterian Church invites our Santa Fe neighbors and visitors from all over the world to our sanctuary to enjoy a short concert (30-45 minutes) of music: organ, voice and piano, choral, chamber music, solo instrumental, jazz, and more.

If you would like to perform on the TGIF Concert Series, [please see our program submission requirements.](#)

November

- 1 — Black Mesa Brass Quintet
- 8 — Sin Nombre Brass Quintet
- 15 — Frederick Frahm, organ
- 22 — High Desert Harp Ensemble
- 29 — David Solem, piano

December

- 6 — First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir
- 13 — eternal Summer Symphony Orchestra
- 20 — Travis Bregier, baritone
- 27 — Luke Raffanti, piano

AGO-HQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM

The long-awaited change from the ONCARD system to the new iMIS program happened on October 15, 2024. It is now essential that every member has their date of birth in the system, or it will charge you the full \$120 renewal subscription. The new policy DOES NOT provide for any grace period of paying dues beyond the renewal date. So, if you have a renewal date of November 1st and do not make your payment by that date, your membership will be cancelled approximately two weeks later. This pattern of processing will occur every month at each renewal date during the year. The AGO accepts payments by both credit cards and personal check.

Members should have received instructions about the new login procedure. You will be required to have a valid email address, which will be verified during the first login procedure. If you're unsure, ask our Dean, [Jeremy Wirth](#)

Friends of Cathedral Music Presents



November 17, 2024 | 10:30 AM

CATHEDRAL COMMISSION: DR. DAVID J. HURD

10:30 AM - Guest speaker Dr. David J. Hurd discusses composing for the Sacred Space

11:00 AM - World Premiere performance of a new work by Dr. David J. Hurd



*Entry by donation.
Visit www.fcmabq.org for more information.*

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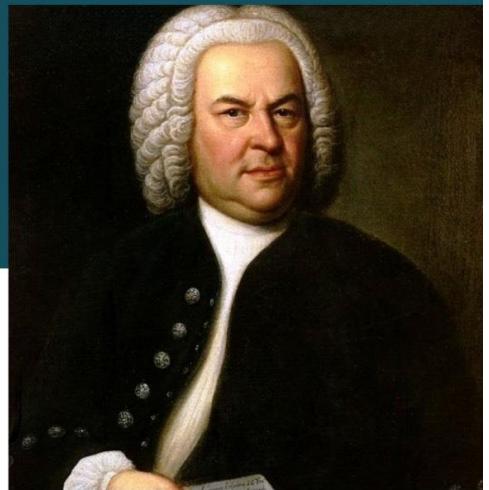


December 8, 2024 | 3:00 PM

J. S. BACH CANTATA SERIES: ADVENT

Schwingt freudig euch empor BWV 36

Bereitet die Wege, bereitet die Bahn BWV 132



ORCHESTRA:

Stephen Redfield, concertmaster (violin I)

Jeffrey Smith, violin II

Lisa Grodin, viola

Katie Reitman, 'cello

Kevin Vigneau, oboe d'amore, oboe

Rebecca Ray, oboe d'amore

Maxine Thévenot, organ

OCTET & SOLOISTS:

Hayden Eberhart & Jordyn Tatum, sopranos

Sarah Nickerson & Kehar Koslowsky, altos

Fred Graham & Curtis Storm, tenors

Alfredo Beltrán & Edmund Connolly, basses

Visit www.fcmabq.org for more information and to reserve tickets.

Admission is FREE for all full-time students; please bring your valid student ID for admission.



Friends of Cathedral Music Presents



2024-2025

EVENSONG & SPECIAL SERVICES



CHORAL EVENSONG: FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

October 4, 2024 | 6:00 PM

CHORAL EVENSONG: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2024 | 6:00 PM

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

December 6, 2024 | 6:00 PM

CHORAL EVENSONG

January 31, 2025 | 6:00 PM

CHORAL EVENSONG

February 28, 2025 | 6:00 PM

CHORAL EVENSONG

March 28, 2025 | 6:00 PM

CHORAL EVENSONG

May 30, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Visit www.fcmabq.org & stjohnsabq.org for more information.



9th Annual Children's Messiah

**FREE EVENT
for the whole family!**

**Saturday, December 14
10:30 AM**

**The Episcopal Cathedral of St. John
3rd and Silver Ave SW**



POLYPHONY:
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Friends of Cathedral Music Presents

December 22-25, 2024

CHRISTMAS *at* THE CATHEDRAL



Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 22, 2024

4:00 PM | A Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols
with harpist, Emily Levin

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 PM | Christmas Pageant sung by the Cathedral Cherubs & Choristers

7:30 PM | A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten with harpist, Emily Levin; Sung by members of the Cathedral Choir & select Choristers

8:00 PM | Sung Eucharist with the Cathedral Choir and harpist, Emily Levin

10:30 PM | Sonata da Chiesa by W. A. Mozart for organ and strings

11:00 PM | Sung Eucharist with the Cathedral Choir and strings featuring Franz Schubert's Mass in G'



Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

11:00 AM | A service of Christmas carols with organ



Visit www.fcmabq.org & stjohnsabq.org for more information.



HAVE YOU USED THE CHAPTER WEBSITE LATELY?

The whole year's calendar is on the Calendar page (use Agenda tab). Please notify the webmaster of 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 over 360 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.

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Website: agoabq.org
Facebook: [agoabq](https://www.facebook.com/agoabq)

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter due to be published for January / February 2025, will be **December 15, 2025**. Please email news, articles, or photos, upcoming events or reports, plus any other website items to the Editor, [Evelyn Henson](#), by December 15, 2025.

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