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Deadline for the March / April 2025 Newsletter is February 15, 2025

NOTES FROM THE DEAN



Dear members and friends,

I hope you all had wonderful Advent and Christmas seasons!

First, a word of gratitude to those who participated in our two **Preludes and Pies** events this fall. Both the Albuquerque and Santa Fe events were informative, well-attended and fun. I especially thank those who played and our hosts, Susan Eberlein and Jerry Nelson.

I would like to highlight for you our upcoming **Members' Recital**. The details of that will appear elsewhere in the newsletter, but I would like to encourage you to consider playing in the recital. The great fun of members' recitals is hearing people from a wide variety of traditions and levels of experience come and play their best. Please do not be deterred from playing because others have more years of education or experience. I will be formulating the program, so if you would like to play, please let me know. If you have questions about playing and feel unsure, please reach out by email or phone. I would be happy to explain how it would work and provide any help you might need.

As we move into the late winter and spring, we will need to begin to envision our 2025-2026 slate of workshops and recitals. Please consider jumping in to serve as **Sub-Dean**. Our chapter has a great team of leaders, but we are missing that crucial piece. If you would like to hear more about serving as Sub-Dean, please contact me or another chapter leader and we can talk it over.

Wishing you a happy and blessed 2025,

Jeremy Wirth, Dean

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REPORT – PRELUDES AND PIES 2024



Photo (above) from “Preludes and Pies” held in the Fall – Greg Hassold playing.



+UPCOMING EVENTS



From the Dean:

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.

MEMBERS' RECITAL AND LUNCH

Date: Saturday, March 8th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Place: Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque

Please email the Dean by **February 15** to **RSVP**. He needs to know (1) if and what you are interested in playing; and (2) whether you (+ guests) will be staying for lunch. Please let him know a.s.a.p. and in any case by Feb 15 so he can arrange the program and order meals. Email [Jeremy Wirth](#). Thanks.

ALBUQUERQUE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CHOIR

The Shrine of the Little Flower, St Therese, of the Infant Jesus, 3424 4th Street, N.W., will be hosting a prayer concert with reflective time and sacred music sung by the Albuquerque Catholic Women's Choir on **January 5th, 2025 @ 2:00pm**.

Join us as we reflect on Christ's birth! All invited. Free will offering. The Albuquerque Catholic Women's Choir is a nonprofit 501C3 organization

Gloria Robinson, Music Director

INAUGURAL ORGAN RECITAL & FUND RAISER FOR LOCAL INDEPENDENT MOUNTAINAIR PHARMACY

James Albert Yeager, Organist

with String Quartet : Ruxandra Marquardt, Nicolle Maniaci, Violins;
Laura Steiner, Viola; Melinda Mack, Cello

January 12, 2025, 2 p.m.

Manzano Mountain Arts Council Building, 101 E. Broadway, Mountainair NM 87036

(cont.)



Kilgen Petite Ensemble rescued from Kansas via Colorado (it's a good story).

Program:

Mozart, *Adagio & Rondo K.617*,

Daniel Pinkham *Sonata 1 for Organ & Strings*,

Handel, *Organ Concerto in G Op. 4 n.1 HWV 289*.

Plus, organ works by Couperin, Buxtehude, Bach.

NOTRE DAME ORGANIST RETURNS FOR THE CATHEDRAL'S GRAND REOPENING

December 7, 2024, 8:00 AM ET

Heard on [Weekend Edition Saturday](#)

Read the NPR Article and listen to a 5-minute excerpt.

<https://www.npr.org/2024/12/06/nx-s1-5220215/notre-dame-cathedral-organist-returns-for-grand-reopening>

Oliver Latry also played here in Richmond, VA on October 30, 2024, at the dedication of a new organ at the R.C. Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. <https://youtu.be/iFGzyPWIPQ?si=N2Lqi7c8opB2RGPa>

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN

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! Please share / print the posters with your church staff and congregation, or anyone you think might be interested.

Friends of Cathedral Music Presents

2025

**CHORAL
EVENSONG**

Jan 31, 2025 | 6:00pm

Feb 28, 2025 | 6:00pm

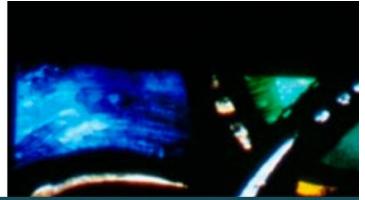
March 28, 2025 | 6:00pm

May 30, 2025 | 6:00pm



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

Friends of Cathedral Music Presents



March 2, 2025 | 3:00 PM

MUSIC FOR PIANO QUARTET



Elizabeth Baker, violin

Laura Chang, viola

Sally Gunther, cello

Debra Ayers, piano



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

TGIF CONCERTS – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SANTA FE

Thank Goodness It's Friday!

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](#).

January

- 3 — John Garlisch, organ**
- 10 — Atalaya String Quartet**
- 17 — Flutissimo! Flute Choir**
- 24 — First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir**
- 31 — Johanna Hongell-Darsee and Scott Darsee, Medieval Music**

February

- 7 — Christoph Wagner, cello, and Kristin Ditlow, piano**
- 14 — Santa Fe Flute Choir**
- 21 — Black Mesa Brass Ensemble**
- 28 — Jeong Hoon Lee, flute and Haewon Yang, piano**

March

- 7 — Michael Tortorella, piano**
- 14 — eternal Summer Symphony Orchestra**
- 21 — Linda Raney, organ: Bach's Birthday**
- 28 — Andrew Egbuchiem, countertenor**

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 January 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](#)



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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The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter due to be published for March / April 2025, will be **February 15, 2025**. Please email news, articles, or photos, upcoming events or reports, plus any other website items to the Editor, Evelyn Henson, by February 15, 2025. Thank you.

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