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***Deadline for the May / June
2025 Newsletter is April 15,
2025***

NOTES FROM THE DEAN



Dear members and friends,

For many organists, the time period covered by this newsletter will be the busiest months of the year. Ash Wednesday is only a few days away. Before the next newsletter is published all of Lent and Easter will be in the books. For those involved in academia, these are crucial weeks of the second semester, as students prepare for finals and juries. Many in our Chapter have added preparations for our **Members' Recital** on **March 8th** to their schedule, and I am grateful for that.

Several years ago, when I was a young full-time church musician in a busy Catholic parish in Dallas, I lamented to an older colleague over lunch the pressure I felt preparing so much music for Lent, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday. I remember telling him that I felt a little like a juke box, mechanically pumping out the hits for Lent and Easter.

My colleague gave me some sage advice that I have tried to follow over the years. He advised that each time I went to church during this time I should try to arrive 15 minutes early and spend those 15 minutes just playing music that I love and enjoy. No pressure, no deadlines, no fretting over wrong notes. Just time spent enjoying the beauty of music you love and being reminded of why you love playing the organ. It's not always possible to find the extra time, but I encourage you during this season to find a way to re-ignite and re-charge your love of music.

Best wishes for a meaningful Lent and Easter if you celebrate those seasons, and a beautiful spring to all.

Jeremy Wirth, Dean

USEFUL CHAPTER EMAILS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Members' Recital and Lunch

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

Place: Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque

All are welcome for the recital. All are welcome for the luncheon, with RSVP.

***Please RSVP for the luncheon by **March 1st**

Email [Jeremy Wirth](#). Thanks.

A \$10 donation will be asked of those eating lunch.

Workshop

Saturday, May 10th 10:30 - Workshop on the Basics of Organ Technique for Organists and Pianists at St. Luke Lutheran in Albuquerque, taught by Margaret-Mary Sauppé

ELECTION NOTES

In 2025 we will need to elect a new **Sub-Dean** and two **At-Large Members** of the Executive Committee of the Chapter. *Dean Jeremy Wirth, Treasurer John Homko, and Secretary Susan Eberlein* will continue to serve in their roles through 2026. Four members of the Executive Committee will also continue their terms through 2026 or 2027.

James Yeager has graciously agreed to stand for election to the role of Sub-Dean, to begin July 1, 2025. James will serve one year of the 2-year term that began in 2024 but has been vacant to this point. More information about James will be provided prior to the distribution of ballots.

We need two members to stand for election to serve **three years** on the **Executive Committee**. Serving on the Executive Committee is a relatively small commitment of about four meetings per year that can be attended in person or remotely via Zoom. If you would be willing to take a turn serving on the Executive Committee, **please contact Secretary Susan Eberlein or Dean Jeremy Wirth**.

Ballots will be distributed via email (or mail for those without email) on May 8, 2025 and the deadline for voting will be Memorial Day, May 26, 2025.

A TOUCH OF THEATER ORGAN FROM RICHMOND, VA

Our retired pastor played a concert of theater organ music on our Allen church organ. Here's a sample:

► [I got Rhythm – Gershwin](#)

► [Forgotten Dreams – Leroy Anderson](#)

Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church
presents



The Best-Sauppé Concert!

Jeremy Best, French Horn
Margaret-Mary Sauppé, Piano and Organ

Saturday, March 1, 2025
4:00PM

3600 Trinity Drive
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Freewill donations accepted to benefit the church music program
Reception to follow

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**





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.fcmaq.org for tickets and more information.

April 18, 2025 | 3:00 PM

J. S. BACH CANTATA SERIES: GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus nahm zu sich die Zwölfe BWV 22

Ich steh mit einem Fuß im Grabe BWV 156

Oboe Concerto in F major, BWV 1053r



ORCHESTRA:

Stephen Redfield, concertmaster (violin I)

David Felberg, violin II

Jeffrey Smith, viola

Katie Reitman, 'cello

Deborah Dunham, double bass

Kevin Vigneau, oboe

Maxine Thévenot, organ



OCTET & SOLOISTS:

Hayden Eberthart & Jordyn Tatum, sopranos

Sarah Nickerson & Mary Quinn, altos

Fred Graham & Curtis Storm, tenors

Alfredo Beltrán & Edmund Connolly, basses

Visit www.fcmaabq.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

April 27, 2025 | 3:00 PM

LYYRA



New ensemble Lyyra looks set to reach a glittering place in choral music's constellation. The group's sound combines velvety richness alongside starlike brilliance. With a broad texture and exhilarating range of sound, the group's members specialize in classical, jazz, pop, and folk music from diverse traditions and backgrounds. Lyyra is the only professional six-voice women's a cappella group in the US.



Visit www.fcmaabq.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.](#)

March

7 — Michael Tortorella, piano

14 — eternal Summer Symphony Orchestra

21 — Linda Raney, organ: Bach's Birthday

28 — Andrew Egbuchiem, countertenor

April

4 — Thomas Shoebbotham, cello and Sam Jacobs, piano

11 — Carol Redman and Baroque Instruments

18 — First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir: Good Friday

25 — David Solem

May

2 — Haewon Yang, piano

9 — High Desert Saxophone Quartet with Peggy Abbott

16 — First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir

23 — Greg Dufford, clarinet, and Peggy Lyon Bull, piano

30 —Folias Duo (Classical/Jazz) flute and guitar

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 May / June 2025, will be **March 15, 2025**. Please email news, articles, or photos, upcoming events or reports, plus any other website items to the Editor, [Evelyn Henson](#), by March 15, 2025. Thank you.

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