

AGO Chapter Message

August 30, 2021



Handbell Workshop and More Coming in 2022

After co-sponsoring a Fourth of July Concert and Reception at Church of the Redeemer, the Program committee reconsidered the year ahead with news of the Delta variant. As current events continue to unfold, the Board of the Sarasota-Manatee Chapter prioritizes the safety of all its members, especially the most vulnerable. For that reason, we are working on exciting Zoom programs for fall 2021 that will be as engaging as they are informative. Stay tuned for more information next month about those events.

In 2022, we eagerly anticipate a long-awaited handbell workshop from John Behnke. Mark your calendars for January 22 at St. Boniface. Then, on February 26, a noon lunch and reading session will introduce you to some of the great music at Morningstar Music available to Chapter members at a 20% discount.

Finally, March 12-13 will feature Dr. István Ruppert leading a workshop on Hungarian organ music and performing a recital, both at Christ Church. More details will come in future blasts, but in the meantime, we look forward to seeing you safely in person.

Despite the unexpected events of this year, music endures. Almost all of our churches are meeting in person again. Although many choirs have stopped and started, instruments such as handbells and strings still allow us to make music in community. We may not know exactly what the coming months will bring, but there are still many ways our Chapter can grow and connect during this time.

Peace,
Amy Cerniglia, Dean



Dr. Itvan Rupperts

Organizing Our Archives

In May, member Jim Hawkinson moved the donated legal file and archive boxes from Nancy Siebecker's home to the Youth Room at St. Boniface Episcopal Church in May. If you'd like to help with categorizing the archives, anyone can access this air-conditioned room during office hours (M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm) by calling the Church at 5615 Midnight Pass Road ahead of a planned visit at (941) 349-5616.

Dobson Op. 97

On Tuesday, June 16, the workshops and offices at Dobson Pipe Organ Builders of Lake City, Iowa were destroyed in a fire. Just months earlier, Dobson installed Op. 97 on the campus of The University of Dubuque, where Dr. Charles Barland serves as organist-in-residence.

While attending a two-week residency at The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Amy Cerniglia enjoyed the opportunity to play this new instrument with three manuals and 51 ranks.



AGO Celebrates the Year of the Young Organist

The Year of the Young Organist celebrates young talent and musicianship in the pipe organ field.

During the Year of the Young Organist, July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, any individual under the age of 30 can become a member or renew her/his membership for free as part of this program. The Year of the Young Organist will provide opportunities for both personal and professional development. Programs will include master classes and webinars on a wide variety of topics including:

- Organ Maintenance
- Insurance
- Retirement and Healthcare
- Conducting
- Video Recording
- Vocal Pedagogy

Read below for news of the latest upcoming events. These monthly events are open to all organists with special opportunities for young organists.

August 29: Gary Louie of Peabody Conservatory will present a masterclass on resume writing. A few students have had the opportunity to submit their resumes ahead of time to be worked on during the webinar.

September 19: Luke Stasiunas and Solena Rizzato will demonstrate and answer questions on basic organ tuning. Young Organist members will have the opportunity to submit their questions ahead of time.

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