

AGO Chapter Message

November 2021



An Exciting Weekend of Organ Improvisation



On October 23, organist John Schwandt presented a lecture and workshop on the art of organ improvisation that several of our members enjoyed. The following day on October 24 from 7:30-9:00 pm, Schwandt accompanied the silent film classic *Phantom of the Opera* for the public.

In the words of sub-dean Sam Nelson, “It was a pleasure to be a supporting partner for the masterclass at St. Boniface taught by Dr. John Schwandt on October 23. Ann Stephenson-Moe and I both played in the class which covered everything from French Romantic organ specifications, to how to spell ALAIN on the keyboard, to improvising alternate accompaniment to Happy Birthday.

“The improvised accompaniment to *The Phantom of the Opera* the following evening was absolutely top-notch, and kept the viewer engaged with the film for all 90 minutes. I am still shaking from the moment the phantom's face was revealed! You won't want to miss this when Schwandt comes to town again. Many thanks to Dr. James Guyer and St. Boniface for hosting this event and inviting us to partner with them.”

Another member remarked on how well Schwandt taught, and added, “I felt honored to play for him.”

See the next page for other upcoming Chapter events and **please respond to our poll** with a link in this newsletter as we plan our May banquet. With falling COVID-19 numbers, we look forward to more opportunities to gather in person in the New Year.

Peace,

Amy Cerniglia, Dean



2022 AGO Events

January 22, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Handbell Workshop with John Behnke at St. Boniface

This workshop will particularly focus on using handbells and organ together.

February 26

Dr. Mark Lawson of Morningstar Music at Church of the Redeemer

A reading session with Dr. Lawson will offer pieces at a discounted price to AGO members.

March 12-13

Dr. Istvan Ruppert at Christ Church, Bradenton

With both a workshop and recital free to AGO members, Dr. Ruppert will especially highlight Hungarian Organ Music.

March 19-20

Dr. Andrew Shenton at Church of the Redeemer

On March 19, Dr. Shenton will offer a workshop for choir directors, followed by Evensong on March 20 at 5:15 pm with music by Arvo Pärt.

April TBA

Virtual Carillon Tour

Help Us Plan Our May Banquet



Every year, we celebrate an annual banquet and installation of new officers. In the past, this has fallen on a Monday evening in May, and we'd like to choose the one that works best for you.

Please [click here](https://doodle.com/poll/smryeaimqrmtun5?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link) to make your voice heard in this Doodle poll:
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Advertise With Us

If your church is kicking off a concert series this fall, we'd love to spread the word on our website. On the "news" tab of our homepage, you can find a dropdown menu listing "concert series brochures" shared by churches in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Just contact billholt1952@gmail.com for more information about how to advertise with our website.

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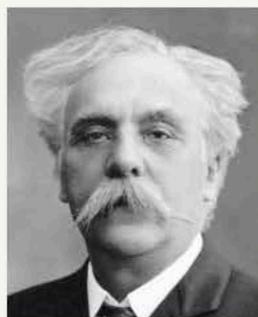
2021-2022

Oktoberfest

October 22 at 6 p.m. (concert: 6 p.m.; food and dancing: 7 p.m.)



Concert: \$25, Meal: \$35
 Concert and Meal: \$45
 (meal includes two beverages)
 Featuring the Redeemer choir
 and The First Brass of Sarasota



All Souls' Requiem: Fauré
 November 2 at 6 p.m., Free
 Featuring the Redeemer Choir
 and Key Chorale
 (in person and livestreamed)



Advent Lessons and Carols
 December 5 at 5:15 p.m., Free

**Chamber Orchestra of Sarasota:
 Sounds of the Season**
 December 7 at 5:30 & 7 p.m., \$25

**Annual Messiah Sing-A-Long:
 Memorial Tribute to Daniel Moe**

Brandenburg Concerto No. 5

December 12 at 7 p.m., \$25

**Choral Artists of Sarasota:
 What Sweeter Music**

Bring your score!

December 19 at 5 p.m., \$35

Harpsichord Dedication Concerts:

Peter Sykes, January 23, 5 p.m., \$25

Mark Kroll and Carol Lieberman perform the Bach Sonatas for
 Violin and Harpsichord, February 6, 5 p.m., \$25

Two instruments built by Robert Brooke (1976 & 2018)



Peter Sykes



Mark Kroll



Carol Lieberman



Portraits and Landscapes
 February 13 at 5 p.m., \$25

Featuring Tania Moldovan on violin, William Winter on
 horn, and Christopher Goddard on piano and organ



Cameron Carpenter, Organ

March 8 at 7:30 p.m., \$40

Goldberg Variations –
 J.S. Bach, arr. Carpenter



**Chamber Orchestra of Sarasota:
 Mozart, Bartok, and More!**

February 15 at 5:30 & 7 p.m., \$30
 A Songful Cycle – William Dawson Jr.
 (World Premiere)



Julliard String Quartet

March 13 at 7 p.m.



Shrove Tuesday: Jambalaya and Jazz

March 1 at 6 p.m.

Evensong, 5:15 p.m. (in person and livestreamed)

November 21: *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C* by Craig Philips
 Anthem: *Oculi Omnium* by Eric Whitacre

January 16: *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D*
 by Leo Sowerby

Anthem: *The Spirit of the Lord*
 by Edward Elgar

February 27: Featuring music of Black composers
Norfolk Service by David Hurd
Sing Unto the Lord by Ulysses Kay



Ulysses Kay

March 20: Featuring the music of Arvo Pärt with guest
 conductor and Pärt scholar, Dr. Andrew Shenton
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Arvo Pärt
The Beatitudes by Arvo Pärt



Arvo Pärt



Dr. Andrew Shenton

May 22: *The Second Service* by Kenneth Leighton
I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes by John Rutter

Advent Organ Recitals, 12:15 p.m.

December 1: Dr. Ann Stephenson-Moe (Organist-Choirmaster
 Emeritus, Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota)

December 8: Dr. Richard Benedum (Christ Church, Bradenton)

December 15: Sam Nelson (Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota)

December 22: Peter Madpak (St. Mark's, Venice)