

AGO Chapter Message

January, 2022



Dear Chapter members,

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season and a happy new year. In December, an exciting anniversary for the American Guild of Organists also took place on December 17, when the organization celebrated its 125th anniversary. Receiving a charter from the Board of Regents of the State University of New York on December 17, 1896, the AGO became the second professional music association in the U.S.

With that in mind, we look forward to a new year advancing organ music in Sarasota-Manatee and beyond. One of our exciting upcoming events includes the handbell workshop on January 22 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. Boniface led by John Behnke. **“Using Handbells and Handchimes in Worship”** will be a hands-on workshop showing creative ways to use bells and chimes in worship, particularly with the organ. **Sign up by January 14 to reserve your spot. This deadline allows for music to be ordered.**

Register [here](#) by the January 14 deadline to reserve your spot for the handbell workshop free to AGO members. Due to recent concerns about the Omicron variant of COVID-19, St. Boniface does require masks at all church events, and a large room will allow for distancing. If you're available to help set up bell tables on Friday or take down bells on Saturday after the event, many hands will make light work!

Looking ahead to our reading session from Morningstar Music at Church of the Redeemer on February 26, the Chapter appreciates all the responses we've received to our survey so far. If you haven't taken it yet, this very short, three-question survey will help us provide music most relevant to YOU and your church choir! Take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXBSRZ5>.

Peace be with you,

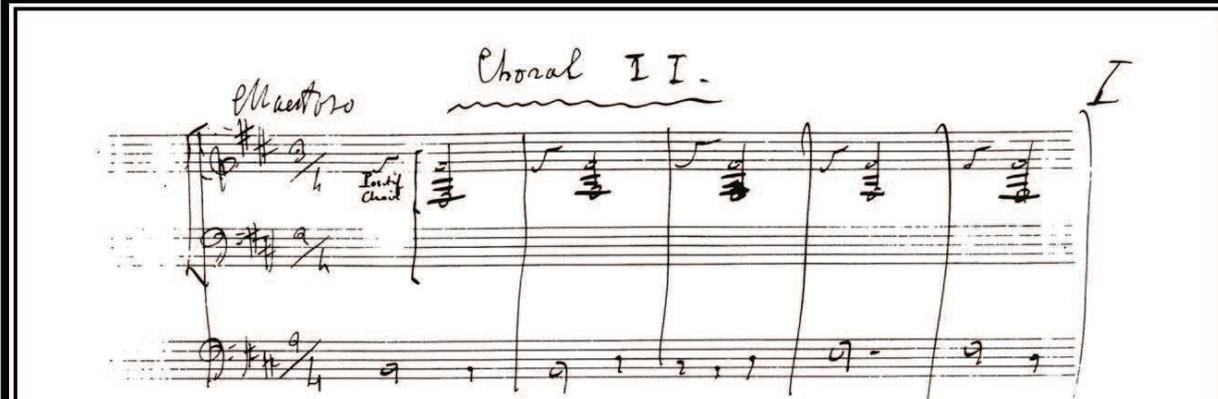
Amy Cerniglia, Dean



Remembering Robert Reeves



We were sorry to learn that a longtime Chapter member, Dr. Robert Reeves, passed away in Sarasota on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Robert contributed a great deal to our chapter and for music in the Sarasota area. In addition to working at St. Boniface Episcopal Church, he was responsible for revoicing the church's Möller organ in 1977. He has served on our chapter's Board and in other leadership positions, supporting our chapter for over two decades. Keep an eye out soon for another news blast soon with details about the upcoming service celebrating his life.



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After the 125th anniversary of the American Guild of Organists in 2021, there are also other organists celebrating a milestone in 2022. December will mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of César Franck. His few pieces composed for organ include the *Three Chorales for Organ* beloved by many organists. The second organ chorale in B minor is available as a facsimile of the original autographed manuscript from Dr. Emory Fanning, Professor Emeritus of Music at Middlebury College. Contact notices@music.org or see the image above for more info.

Florida State Handbell Festival

Handbell Musicians of America, Area 4, holds an annual Florida State Handbell Festival every Spring. This is open to full groups, partial groups and individual ringers. The 2022 State Festival will be held February 25-26, 2022 at the Warren Willis Camp & conference Center in Fruitland Park, FL. The clinician will be Stephanie Rhoades, who has served as clinician and guest conductor for numerous workshops and festivals across the country, including the Presbyterian Worship and Music conferences at Mo-Ranch and Montreat, Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska, Distinctly Bronze East 2020, Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar, and the Greater Dallas Handbell Association Spring Festival.

Registration forms and other information can be found at: <https://area4handbells.weebly.com/fl-state-festival-22.html>

2022 AGO Events

January 22, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm — deadline to sign up January 14 at www.agosm.org

Handbell Workshop with John Behnke at St. Boniface
This workshop will particularly focus on using handbells and organ together.

February 26

Reading Session with Morningstar Music at Church of the Redeemer
A reading session 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

May 9

Annual Chapter Banquet