

AGO Chapter Message

December, 2022



Dear members of Sarasota-Manatee,

I hope you're having a blessed and meaningful Advent season. Whether you are a choir director, organist, some combination, or happily retired, this is still a busy season and full of many beautiful church services across our Chapter. Many of us are substituting for one another or collaborating on programs over the holidays, highlighting the importance of our work together as colleagues.



An internationally renowned clinician, recitalist, and hymn festival leader, Michael Burkhardt is in high demand for his inspiring, innovative hymn festivals. So many musical events and concerts land during the first three weeks of the month, and you'll want to make sure to sign up now for our own choral festival on January 27-29th.

You may recall that, before the pandemic, we celebrated a similar festival that was musically and spiritually led by Tom Trenney, 130 singers from various church choirs, and a brass quintet from the Sarasota Orchestra. Let us "sing and make music to the Lord" with one another once again, lifting our voices under the baton of a top-notch director.

[Click here to sign up](#) or read below for a message from our sub-dean about this exciting event.

Peace,
Amy Cerniglia, Dean



A snapshot from our 2020 Sarasota-Manatee Festival of Sacred Music

Dear members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to strongly encourage you to attend the upcoming Michael Burkhardt choral festival on January 29th, and to encourage you to bring your own choirs to participate in the festival which includes rehearsals on January 27th and 28th.

As members of the American Guild of Organists, we are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in choral music. This festival presents a unique opportunity to learn from and be inspired by one of the greatest choral conductors of our time, Michael Burkhardt. His innovative approach to choral music has garnered accolades and admiration from musicians around the world, and I have no doubt that attending this festival will be a valuable and enriching experience for each and every one of us.

In addition to the opportunity to learn from Maestro Burkhardt, this is a chance for us to hear and be inspired by the work of our peers, and to network and build connections with other musicians in our field. I strongly encourage you to consider signing up your own choir to perform at the festival. This is a unique opportunity for your choir to gain exposure and to share their talents with a wider audience.

I am writing to also ask for your support in the form of donations to help pay for a brass quintet to perform at the festival. The cost of hiring a quintet of this caliber is \$1,500, and any contribution you can make towards this expense would be greatly appreciated. Your support will help ensure that this festival is a truly exceptional and memorable event for all who attend.

I urge you to make the time to attend this festival, to consider bringing your choir to participate, and to consider making a donation to support the brass quintet. It is sure to be a memorable and enriching experience for all who attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Sam Nelson, Sub-Dean

Where: St. Boniface Episcopal Church

When: January 27, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. -- Open rehearsal

January 28, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Rehearsal

January 29, 3:00 p.m. - Festival

All music for the festival can be ordered by calling Cliff Hill at 800-819-8772
Ask for the music for the Michael Burkhardt festival in Sarasota.

Please sign up using the link below:
<https://forms.gle/VQDRUz4XCeUHPQSG6>

A Festival of Sacred Music

with Michael Burkhardt

ANTHEMS

Bright Canaan

Early American

Arranged by Robert Shaw-Alice Parker

SATB Voices, a cappella

Lawson Gould 919

Come Thou, Lord, Creator Spirit

Jeffrey H. Rickard

SMP No. S-3272

SATB Voices + 5 Handbells

Psalm 139

Michael Burkhardt

SATB divisi Voices + Piano or Organ with opt. Handbells and Oboe

MSM-50-3098

<https://youtu.be/r3-5Nr5QUe8>

MB prefers organ accompaniment (MSM-50-3098A) with opt. instruments

Rejoice in the Lord

John Behnke

SATB Voices + Organ

CPH-98-3771

The Lord Is Beautiful

Arranged by Michael Burkhardt

SATB Voices + Shakers, Claves, Drums and Opt. Keyboard

MSM-50-6207

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

SATB Voices + Organ

G. Schirmer 8103

HYMNS

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Festive Hymn Setting

Arranged by Michael Burkhardt

Congregation + Choir Soprano Descant (reproducible),

Brass Quintet, Timpani and Organ

MSM-20-713

Only two copies needed for director, organist and instrumentalists

Beautiful Savior

(SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU)

Manuscript

Arranged by Michael Burkhardt

Congregation + Choir Soprano Descant (reproducible),

Brass Quintet, Timpani and Organ

This a companion hymn to the anthem, "The Lord Is Beautiful"

MB will send reproducible descant, instrumental parts and full score

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

(ENVIADO)

Hymn Anthem

SATB Voices and Congregation + Piano and Percussion

MSM-50-5412



Another snapshot from our 2020 Sarasota-Manatee Festival of Sacred Music

2022-2023 Upcoming Events

January 27-29

Choral Festival with Michael Burkhardt

St. Boniface (5615 Midnight Pass Rd, Sarasota, FL 34242)

January 27, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm: Rehearsal with Michael Burkhardt

January 28, 10:00 am-12:00 pm: Rehearsal for choral festival

January 29, 3:00 pm: Choral festival

March 4-5

Master class and concert with Felix Hell

March 4, 1:00 pm: Master class for organists in all walks of life, from student to retirement and beyond.

March 5, 6:00 pm: concert

May 15

Annual meeting and officer installation at St. Boniface