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February 2025 Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

Happy February! We had a great time at our recent event, Kids 'n Pipes + Orgelkids. The kids were super engaged and many laughs were had. You can check out a gallery of the photos on our website by [clicking here](#).

Coming up next, I am pleased to announce that we have contracted the international concert organist James Kennerley to give a concert at Christ Church, Bradenton, on February 10 at 6 pm. As AGO members in good standing, you are entitled to a free ticket for you and your spouse or significant other or friend or whoever! It is a bit of a last-minute addition to our schedule, but we didn't want to miss an opportunity to have an event in our northern territory.

James will give a varied concert of traditional repertoire and transcriptions, as well as giving an improvised accompaniment to the film *Liberty* (Laurel and Hardy) from 1919.

Please sign up for free tickets by [clicking here](#). Tickets for non-AGO members will be available only at the door, \$20 cash-only. People under 18 will also get in for free.

I had the honor of giving the dedicatory recital on the Oberlinger organ at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice on Sunday, January 26 (I found out it was the dedication recital after I was finished playing!). That organ is one that teaches you many lessons! I encourage you to try and play it if you haven't yet. Bill Wagy filmed the event and I will share it with you all when it is available.

Please see below for some other upcoming events in our chapter that you won't want to miss. If you have upcoming musical events that you would like shared with the chapter, please send them to me or Secretary Bryan Cordell so that we can share them in this newsletter. The newsletter typically comes out as close to the first of the month as possible, so make sure to submit before then. Bryan will also post your event to our website.

"BaroqueFest" is this coming weekend, a partnership with Redeemer and Key Chorale. One of the concerts will be an organ recital followed by a lunch. If you'd like to attend that, there is limited availability so please buy a ticket sooner than later. AGO members can use the code COR10 to get 10% off their ticket purchase.

I hope to see you at one of these upcoming events...do say hello if you're there!

-Sam Nelson, Dean

Use code **COR10** when you check out online or call the box office and you'll get **10% off your tickets.**



February 7 & 8, 2025

All concerts & Biergarten take place at Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota

Baroque and Beer – a perfect combination!

Key Chorale Chamber Singers and Church of the Redeemer present a 2-day festival celebrating music of the Baroque – and Beer!

Three amazing concerts feature a star-studded cast of performers and chamber orchestra; plus, a pre-concert reception on Saturday night and an opening night Biergarten Experience with German food, beers from Calusa Brewing, and dancing to Bill Milner's Oompah Band.

Featuring Guest Artists Yulia Van Doren, Thea Lobo, Ryne Cherry, Daniel Jordan, Sam Nelson, Milene Moreira, Nicole Estima

**SAVE 10%
on Fri & Sat
night concert
tickets**

Friday, February 7, 2025

5:30-6:45 PM Biergarten Experience
7:00-9:00 PM Opening Concert – Titans of Baroque

Saturday, February 8, 2025

11:30 AM Organ Recital & Bach's Lunch
6:00-7:15 PM Pre-concert Reception
7:30 PM French Baroque Chamber Concert

**To purchase tickets to individual concerts,
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PIPE ORGAN PERFORMANCE

Riveting Recital by Master Improviser

James Kennerley

Monday

February 10, 2025

6 p.m.

**Christ Episcopal Church
Bradenton FL**



- *Majestic and magical program featuring classical repertoire and original transcriptions*
- *Silent movie accompaniment: "LIBERTY" with Laurel & Hardy*



TICKETS: **FREE:** AGO Members + 1 Guest
FREE: Students under 18
\$20/ticket Non-AGO Members

James Kennerley is the Municipal Organist at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland Maine where he plays the Kotzschmar Memorial Organ, a 102 rank, 7,000-pipe Austin organ.

Mr. Kennerley received his training from Cambridge University and The Juilliard School, studying with David Sanger, Thomas Trotter, and McNeil Robinson. He also holds the prestigious Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists diploma.

Thank you for the music

**CLASSICAL & SACRED
ORGAN CONCERT**

FEATURING

RICHARD BENEDUM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

3:00 PM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 NORTH INDIANA AVENUE

ENGLEWOOD, FL 34223

LITE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



30th Annual
CHOIR
Festival

March

Sunday | **2** | 2025

4:00 pm

Church of the Palms

Rehearsals:

February 11, 18, and 25, 7:00 - 9:00

Dress rehearsal:

March 1, 9:30 - 11:30

Sign up by Jan. 10, 2025

Register at HunderJane@gmail.com

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