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Newsletter of the Sarasota-Manatee Chapter  
of the American Guild of Organists

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## FROM THE DEAN

"Jove speed your pistons, couplers and stops as in the new year blithely hops." I do not know who penned these words, with apologies to Thomas Hardy. However, I suspect it was Charlie Peaker of the RCCO, up in Canada. Years ago, this verse was one of several suggestions that we organists could send to each other.

The Season of Epiphany has begun, and with it hopefully new insights for ways we can plan our respective schedules. On Jan. 29 our chapter event will be a hymn festival led by organist David Cherwien at Pine Shores Presbyterian, 6135 Beechwood Avenue in Sarasota. Both the event and a Jan. 28 rehearsal begin at 7 p.m. Because many of us will be coming from some distance and avoid driving at night, car pooling is always a good suggestion.

*Please note that the deadline for signing-up for this event is past.*

This is an excellent opportunity for those of us with choirs to sing with a large, combined choir. Dress is white shirts and black pants or skirt. Many thanks to Sub-Dean Dwane Grace for ordering the music,

which will be paid for by our chapter. There is no charge for participants, although donations of cans of soup are asked for a "Souper Bowl of Sharing."

Our executive committee plans to meet more frequently, and our next meeting is Jan. 19. Among other things, we need a nominating committee so they can find candidates for board positions and officers. Chapter elections are slated for April. Additional details will be announced.

Best wishes for success throughout this new year.

*Carl Parks, Dean*

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

**Join us in welcoming the following new members to our chapter.**

### **Rev. Charleston D. Wilson ■**

Father Wilson is the Priest Associate for Evangelism and Parish Development at Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. He is the Chaplain of our Chapter.

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### **Dr. Glen Olsen ■**

Dr. Olsen in the Minister of Worship Arts at Venice Presbyterian Church. In addition to being organist and directing the music choirs, he is developing programs for music drama and fine arts at the church.

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***Many thanks to Peg Smith for her assistance with membership.***

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### David Cherwien Hymn Festival ■

Friday, January 29, 2016 at 7 p.m. Pine Shore Presbyterian Church, Sarasota.

This is another AGO-sponsored opportunity for you and your choir members to participate in making glorious music.

Nationally known conductor, composer, and organist David Cherwien will lead the service. Cherwien is music director of the National Lutheran Choir and Cantor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, a parish known for its passion for creative high quality liturgy and music.

Rehearsal, Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m.

Hymn Festival, Friday, January 29 at 7 p.m.

*(with a choir warm-up preceding it.)*

## FUTURE CHAPTER EVENTS

**From the Sub-Dean:** As Sub-Dean and Chair of the Events Committee of our Chapter, I am pleased to announce the lineup of programs for the 2015-2016 year. A few months ago many of you graciously responded to a survey about what you wanted in the way of programs. The Events Committee looked carefully at your suggestions and planned the upcoming season accordingly. Here's what is scheduled for you. We hope that you will mark your calendar and attend as many events as possible. Additional details on these events will be forthcoming. **Dwayne Grace, Sub-Dean**

### Chapter "Ask the Experts" Dutch Lunch ■

Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 1 p.m. Madfish Grill, 4059 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota. Casual get-together for members, spouses, friends and colleagues. Bring your questions. Choral answers will be provided by Dr. Jim Culver, and organ answers will be provided by Dr. Ann Stephenson-Moe. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by Friday, February 19. E-mail Dwayne Grace at [cdgrace62@gmail.com](mailto:cdgrace62@gmail.com) or call him at 941.484.4198.

### Thomas Murray, Yale School of Music ■

Saturday, March 19, 2016. Meet Tom Murray who will talk about his recital career and his view of the future of classical organ training. Lunch will be available for a small fee.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by Monday, March 14.

E-mail Jim Johnston at [langiwj@earthlink.net](mailto:langiwj@earthlink.net) or leave a message at 941.795.4232.

Sunday, March 20, 2016, Recital at Christ Church, 4030 Manatee Ave. West, Bradenton.

### A Musical Visit to Boston: 1870-1910 ■

Tuesday, April 11, 2016. James Johnston presenting "A Musical Visit to Boston 1870 to 1910," a members recital, at First Congregational UCC Church, 1031 S. Euclid Ave, Sarasota (BYO teatime nibble).

## OF LOCAL INTEREST

### Ca' d'Zan Organ Restoration ■

The Ringling recently announced plans to restore the pipe organ in Ca' d'Zan, the winter home of John and Mabel Ringling in Sarasota. Built by the Aeolian Company of New York City and installed in 1925, Opus 1559 (III/36) is equipped with a Duo-Art player. Ringling reportedly paid \$25,000 for the instrument. Generators, wiring, console shell and installation were extra!

John Ringling also had a pipe organ installed in Gray Crag, his Palisades, New Jersey, home. That instrument (Austin Opus 858, 1919, III/24) was relocated and survives today.

Once restored, the Ca' d'Zan organ will be used for concerts, recitals and demonstrated during docent-led tours of the mansion. Plans also include the digitization of the paper player rolls.

## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

### Zachary Johnson, Guitar ■

Sunday, February 21, 2016, at 4 p.m.

Christ Church Episcopal  
4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

**Solemn Evensong,****Service in G – Herbert Howells ■**

Sunday, February 21, 2016, at 5:15 p.m.  
Church of the Redeemer  
222 South Palm Ave. Sarasota

**Barbary Coast Dixieland Band ■**

Sunday, February 21, 2016, at 4 and 7 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
603 11th Street West, Bradenton

**Lenten Organ Recital,****Cynthia Roberts-Greene ■**

Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 12:15 p.m.  
Christ Church Episcopal  
4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

**Acoustic Eidolon ■**

Friday, February 26, 2016, 7 p.m.  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church,  
513 Nassau Street South, Venice

**Sarasota/Manatee Bach Festival. Mark Kroll:****The Art of the Harpsichord-Part II ■**

Sunday, February 28, 2016, at 5:15 p.m. Tickets \$20.  
Church of the Redeemer,  
222 South Palm Ave. Sarasota

**Lenten Organ Recital, Nancy Donaruma,****Cello and James Johnston, Organ ■**

Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 12:15 p.m.  
Christ Church Episcopal  
4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

**Barbary Coast Dixieland Band ■**

Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 3 and 7 p.m.  
Tickets: [www.venicecommunityconcerts.com](http://www.venicecommunityconcerts.com)  
Venice Presbyterian, 825 The Rialto, Venice

**Choir of All Soul's Episcopal Church****Dr. Benjamin Hutchins, Conductor ■**

Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 7 p.m.  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
513 Nassau Street South, Venice

**Sarasota/Manatee Bach Festival. Mark Kroll:****The Art of the Harpsichord-Part III ■**

Sunday, March 6, at 5:15 p.m. Tickets \$20.  
Church of the Redeemer  
222 South Palm Ave. Sarasota

**The Ditchfield Family Singers ■**

Sunday, March 6, at 4 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
603 11th Street West, Bradenton

**Singspiration V:****If Music Be the Food of Love ■**

Sunday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Tickets \$10.  
First United Methodist Church  
104 S. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota

**Lenten Organ Recital,****Julane Rodgers, Harpsichord ■**

Thursday, March 10, at 12:15 p.m.  
Christ Church Episcopal  
4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

**Chris Westfall, Organ and Piano ■**

Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m.  
Christ Church of Longboat Key  
6400 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key

**Dr. Tim Schmidt, Concert Pianist ■**

Sunday, March 13, at 6 p.m.  
St. Boniface Episcopal Church  
5615 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota

**Eckerd College Choir ■**

Sunday, March 13, at 5 p.m.  
Pine Shores Presbyterian Church  
6135 Beechwood Avenue, Sarasota

**Musica Sacra Cantorum,****Music from Film and TV ■**

Sunday, March 13, at 5:15 p.m. Tickets \$20.  
Church of the Redeemer  
222 South Palm Ave. Sarasota

**The Jazz Trio****with Jeff Lego on trombone ■**

Sunday, March 13, at 4 and 5:30 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
104 S. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota

**Duke University Chorale** ■

Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets \$10.

First United Methodist Church  
104 S. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota

**Lenten Organ Recital,****Nancy Siebecker, Organ** ■

Thursday, March 17, at 12:15 p.m.

Christ Church Episcopal  
4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

**Solemn Evensong,****Service in B Minor, Herbert Howells** ■

Sunday, March 20, 2016, at 5:15 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer,  
222 South Palm Ave. Sarasota

**Requiem – James Culver** ■

Sunday, March 20, 2016, at 10:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church  
603 11th Street West, Bradenton

**Thomas Murray, Organist** ■

Sunday, March 20, 2016, at 4 p.m.

Christ Church Episcopal  
4030 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton

**Organized Rhythm****Organ & Percussion Duo** ■

Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at 7 p.m. Tickets \$15.

First United Methodist Church  
104 S. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota

**ORGAN MUSIC ONLINE**

There is yet another way to experience great organ music online. The Organ Media Foundation has rolled out its third Internet streaming audio station, The Organ Experience. This station broadcasts classical organ music 24 hours a day via its website at [www.organexperience.com](http://www.organexperience.com). A built-in web player automatically handles connecting listeners to the stream, and complete information about each work being played is displayed on the site.

This station is automated, and generates its own creative playlists. The music is grouped into 30-minute, 1 hour, or 2 hour blocks. The music of each block is chosen based on a specific theme. To give

you an idea, a few randomly chosen themes one might hear are:

- German Music on French Organs
- Music from Canada
- Baroque Music
- American Music on Aeolian-Skinner Organs
- Organs by Casavant
- French Music on North American Organs
- Music of Dieterich Buxtehude
- Romantic French Music on Cavallé-Coll organs
- Recordings from the Pro Organo Label

Some themes are broad, others very specific, there are currently more than 80 different themes up for selection. The information about each block of music can be found on the website, as well as a listing of upcoming blocks.

For each work, the listener is presented with the work title, the composer and dates with a link to the composer's biography, the performer with a link to his or her biography, the length of the work, the organ being played and a link to its specification, the album title and artwork, label and catalog, and links to purchase the album online either as a CD or as MP3 if available. In addition, there are frequently links to purchase the sheet music of the work, and often a link to a free PDF score if the work is public domain.

All of the music heard is from the ever growing broadcast library of the Organ Media Foundation, which currently holds just shy of 20,000 tracks from more than 1500 albums. The Organ Media Foundation is a listener-support non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All of its broadcasts are free to hear, and are commercial-free.

This newest station joins the Organ Media Foundation's other two outlets, [Organlive.com](http://Organlive.com) and [PositivelyBaroque.com](http://PositivelyBaroque.com). All of these stations have their own web players, but are also available on internet radio devices, AppleTV, Roku, Iphone, Ipad, and Android devices. For more information about the Foundation and it's projects, visit [organmedia.org](http://organmedia.org), and to tune in to The Organ Experience, visit [organexperience.org](http://organexperience.org).

## TIPS AND TRICKS

### How to Update Your Online AGO Profile ■

The new ONCARD system for membership in the AGO helps maintain a single point record of each member. However, many people put only the minimum of information into the ONCARD system when the system was started.

The Sarasota-Manatee Chapter would like to pull all of our roster information from the national database, but need each member to complete their profile with that information.

To help:

- 1) Go to [www.AGOHQ.org](http://www.AGOHQ.org). Click ONCARD Login/Renew at the bottom of the page.
- 2) Login with your Username (first initial + lastname) and Password (5 digit member number found on your TAO magazine label above your last name).
- 3) Click Update Personal Information. Update your degree information in Other Credentials, and make any other corrections needed.
- 4) Click View/Edit Address Information. Here you can update all of your information and add missing items.
- 5) Scroll down to Address 2: Add the information about your primary Music Employment and Position(Job) Title.
- 6) Scroll down to Address 3: Add any secondary information here.
- 7) Click View/Edit Chapter-specific Data. As with any volunteer run organization, we can always use lots of help. Select as many areas as you are comfortable working with. Be generous; you won't be inundated with requests. Be sure to make suggestions on programs and locations; we welcome your input.
- 8) Be sure to click the Post Changes button at the bottom of the page.

Thanks for helping make the Sarasota-Manatee Chapter even Better!

**Susan Crumpler, Registrar, Membership, Treasurer**

## PUBLISHING EVENTS

If you would like to publish an event on the website, please email our Community Events Chair, Dwane Grace, at least two weeks prior to the event. You may also leave a follow up-message at the chapter email below. Posting your event flyer link is also available for a small charge. Note that all events posted on the website will automatically be included in the Montre.

Please refer to the Events section at the Chapter website: <http://agosm.org/community-events.html>

## CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Website ■** [agosm.org](http://agosm.org)

Here you'll find the full chapter calendar of events the Deans' message, as well as the other concerts and events of interest planned for the wider Manatee and Sarasota county areas.

We have added links to a map of all the posted event sites for the convenience of our members and guests. Just click on the address link below the event description and Google Maps will take you there. Once the map software takes you there you can easily get directions to the event site by typing in your address. It's simple and easy to use, especially if you are using Google Chrome for a browser.

I encourage you to take time to explore all it has to offer.

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