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

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FROM THE DEAN

What a great time we all had listening to the sounds of a Wurlitzer theatre organ presented by guest artist Bill Vlasak at our opening meeting on September 19. Our thanks to the Manasota Theatre Organ Society (MTOS) President John Fischer and Norm Arnold for making this experience possible.

My enjoyment and appreciation for theatre organ music harks back to my teens when I purchased an LP of Christmas music played by Dick Leibert on the Wurlitzer at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. I was mesmerized by the beautiful and unique sounds. Although I've since exchanged the LP for a CD, I still enjoy that album every Christmas season.

The September meeting also brought forth another memory from my high school days. A friend and I would go to a downtown theater on Saturday mornings and play the 12 rank Wurlitzer housed there. We still laugh about the fact that the theater manager would not turn on the house lights, so the

only light source for our music was the lights on the stop rail and whatever light might reach the orchestra pit from the entrance doors at the back of the theater. We had to lean to one side to let the light from the rear of the theater reach the music rack. After that initial visit we took flashlights along!

If you want to know more about MTOS you can visit them on the web at www.mtos.us. The history and specifications of the Grace Church Wurlitzer are there.

Another site you might want to visit is that of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) www.atos.org. Check out the link to performances that you can listen to on your computer, tablet or smartphone. The July 2017 ATOS National Convention will be headquartered in Tampa with a full day at Grace Church in Sarasota, so you might want to visit the ATOS website occasionally to check on convention details. I heard that it might be possible to register for a single day!

Missed the first chapter meeting? No problem! There are still six great programs for you to attend this season!!

Dwane Grace, Dean

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Gary Guyon, Susan Brehms, Dr James Walton

OUR THANKS

To Susan and Dan Crumpler for the publication of our membership directory. And thanks to Central Music for its sponsorship of the directory.

DEMONSTRATION ORGAN PIPES

For many years Mary Mozelle, a former chapter member, presented a program that was an introduction to the pipe organ. For that program she had commissioned the Reuter Pipe Organ Company to build several sample demonstration pipes of various types – a diapason, string, reed, etc., along with a stand to hold the pipes. She gave them to Christ Church and St Stephen's School, but also expressed the wish that they should be available to chapter members. To borrow them, please contact Richard Benedum or Bill Holt.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of October 1, our chapter membership is at 84.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Choral Techniques and Literature ■
Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
Venice Presbyterian Church
825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34285

Enliven your choir season at this two hour choral event at Venice Presbyterian Church to share techniques and sing favorite anthems. Eight presenters will lead a total of 8 -16 anthems in a variety of styles and voicings, from unison to SATB.



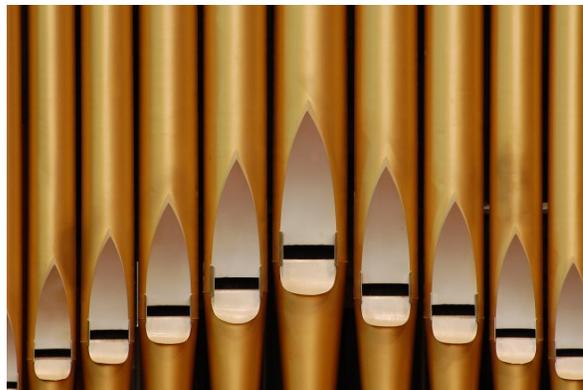
Reservation deadline is Friday, Oct. 21st. Contact Jim Hawkinson at (jhawkinson@tampabay.rr.com, or by calling 941.794. 8757 or 941.524.8633. Please leave a message with your name and the number of singers attending.

Invite your choir members and enjoy the morning with us!

Young Organist Competition 2017

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Columbia, S.C.



Sponsored by
the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter

Open to grades 8–12

First Prize \$1,500

Second Prize \$1,000

Third Prize \$750

Hymn Playing Award \$250

FUTURE CHAPTER EVENTS

Organ/Piano Concert, Jeremy Fisell ■
Friday, January 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Boniface Episcopal Church
5615 Midnight Pass Rd, Sarasota

Members admitted free.

Organ Concert, Dexter Kennedy ■
Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
Christ Church of Bradenton
4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

Kennedy recently won the Chartres competition.
Members admitted free.

New Schantz Pipe Organ Introduction ■
Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Siesta Key Chapel
4615 Gleason Avenue at Ocean Blvd, Sarasota

Cynthia Roberts-Greene will present the new Schantz followed by Cynthia and your officers

playing useful preludes/postludes. Program to be followed by dessert bites.

Bach Concerti for 4 Harpsichords ■

Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Christ Church of Bradenton
4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

Exciting program with rarely performed concerti... for 4, 3, and 2 harpsichords at Christ Church, Bradenton. Members admitted free.

Organ Concert, Ken Cowan ■

Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer
222 S Palm Ave, Sarasota .

Members admitted free.

Organ Concert, Vincent Dubois ■

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
1031 S Euclid Ave, Sarasota

Vincent Dubois was recently appointed titular at Notre Dame, Paris.

Members admitted free.

Annual Chapter Banquet ■

Monday, May 22, 2017

St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church
40 N Adams Drive, Sarasota

PUBLISHING EVENTS

If you would like to publish an event on the website, please contact or email Bill Holt (wholt2@tampabay.rr.com) 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

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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