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

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## FROM THE DEAN

**Advent.** A time of expectant waiting and preparation.

**Advent.** A season of only four Sundays with so much beautiful music that ought to be heard, played and sung.

**Advent.** A liturgical season that dramatically competes with the popular celebration of Christmas that begins the day after Thanksgiving.

**Advent.** Musically, my favorite season of the liturgical year.

If asked, I would be hard pressed to single out a particular Advent hymn as my favorite. But this year I've "discovered" a new hymn that has to be close to the top of the list of my favorites – *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*, text and tune (OSOSÖ) by Geonyong Lee. I was not familiar with this hymn until listening to a new CD, *Hymns from First-Plymouth* (ProOrgano CD 7260). The hymn is now beginning to appear in new hymnals including *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal*. It can also be accessed at

[www.hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org).

So, as we lead our congregations this Advent season, I leave you with the text of the first stanza of *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* – a text that seems highly appropriate for these times:

*Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.*

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*Dwane Grace, Dean*

## NOT TO BE MISSED

England-born **Jeremy Filsell**, widely recognized as one of the few virtuoso performers who concertizes equally as organist and pianist, will present a concert Friday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Boniface Episcopal Church, 5616 Midnight Pass Rd, Sarasota. Chapter members admitted free!

With piano concerti repertoire from Mozart and Beethoven to Rachmaninoff, solo piano repertoire from Schubert to Howells to Gershwin, and a vast organ repertoire including the complete works of Marcel Dupre, Filsell's program will offer great variety, interest and an elegant British "pomp."

*"Jeremy Filsell is a gifted performer, as a pianist and also*



*as an organist, and he is a most convincing and persuasive guide to this repertoire. He has an especially pleasing colour at softer dynamics ..... when necessary he is inwardly*

*brooding ..... or outwardly ebullient .... imaginatively and expressively played...."* (Gramophone, London)

**Please note our other upcoming chapter events on the next page.**

## UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION OF THE AGO

Unless you happened to read AGO Executive Director James Thomashower's column in the October issue of *The American Organist*, you were probably not aware that the Federal Trade Commission began questioning some of our practices and procedures in 2015. Specifically the FTC felt that certain provisions in our Code of Ethics, and the publishing of salary guidelines and model contracts were not only anticompetitive but may be illegal under Section 5 of the FTC Act and under Section 2 of the Sherman Act because they interfere with the competition that should naturally occur between two organists.

At the national level, the AGO has agreed to make changes that address the FTC allegations. The salary guidelines and model contracts have been removed from the AGO website. And the Code of Ethics and Code of Professional Standards have been revised and adopted by the National Council. You should take time to read these revised documents. They can be accessed on our chapter website ([agosm.org](http://agosm.org)) under the Members category.

The agreement with the FTC also requires that AGO chapters comply with changes that address the FTC allegations. To that end, we have removed our local recommended/suggested substitute rates from our chapter website.

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### Lunch with Jeremy Filsell ■

Thursday, January 12, 2017 at Noon.  
St. Boniface Episcopal Church  
5615 Midnight Pass Rd, Sarasota

There will be a small cash charge for lunch. Please RSVP with Janet Davis by Friday, January 6 at 941.209.5275 or [janmato10@icloud.com](mailto:janmato10@icloud.com).

### Organ/Piano Concert, Jeremy Filsell ■

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.

## 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  
Bach Playing Award \$250

Rules and application at [www.columbiaago.org](http://www.columbiaago.org)

## FUTURE CHAPTER EVENTS

### 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

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS****Solisti de' Oneco - Woodwind Quinte ■**

*The First Brass of Sarasota*

Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 4 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran  
2256 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota

**Messiah ■**

*The First Brass of Sarasota*

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church  
603 11th Street West, Bradenton

Choir and Soloists with Orchestra

**Lessons and Carols for Advent ■**

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Christ Church  
4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

**50th Christmas at Faith ■**

*The First Brass of Sarasota*

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church  
7950 Beneva Road, Sarasota

**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year ■**

*Ring Sarasota Handbell Ensemble*

*with Brass and Organ*

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Community Presbyterian Church  
405 S. McCall Road, Englewood

**Advent Organ Recital, James Culver ■**

Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 12:15 p.m.

Christ Church  
4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

**Sarasota Young Voices ■**

*Genevieve Beauchamp, Director*

Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Christ Church  
4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

**Brass We Have Heard on High ■**

*The First Brass of Sarasota*

Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Palma Sola Presbyterian Church  
6510 3rd Ave. W. Bradenton

**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year ■**

*Ring Sarasota Handbell Ensemble*

*with Brass and Organ*

Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Pine Shores Presbyterian Church  
6116 Crestwood Avenue, Sarasota

**Advent Lessons and Carols ■**

*Church of the Redeemer Combined Choirs*

Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer  
222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota

**Advent Organ Recital ■**

*Richard Benedum and William Holt*

Sunday, December 15, 2016 at 12:15 p.m.

Christ Church  
4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

**Annual Christmas Concert & Carol Sing ■**

Sunday, December 15, 2016 at 12:15 p.m.

Christ Church  
4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

**Messiah Sing Along ■***Tribute to Daniel Moe*

Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer

222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota

**Music for the Holiday Season ■**

Sunday, December 24, 2016 at 10:00 p.m.

Christ Church

4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

**Solemn Eucharist & Feast of the Epiphany ■***featuring "Amahl and the Night Visitors"*

Sunday, January 6, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer

222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota

**Horns-a-Plenty ■***The First brass of Sarasota*

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 4 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

2256 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota

**Solemn Evensong in G ■***by Herbert Sumsion*

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer

222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota

**Piano Recital, Andrew Lapp ■**

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

104 South Pineapple Ave, Sarasota

**ORGAN TEACHER DIRECTORY**

The AGO Committee on the New Organist is creating a list of organ teachers to be posted on their web page. If you would like to be included please provide the following information and email or snail mail it to Dwane Grace.

Only include information that you feel comfortable sharing (for example, listing your work phone number or email if you are concerned about online privacy):

1. Name:
2. Affiliation (work, AGO chapter):
3. Brief vitae (education, work):

4. Contact info (email, phone):
5. Preferred level (beginner, intermediate, advanced):
6. Are you willing to offer a few (3) pro bono lessons to beginners?
7. Are you comfortable teaching using Skype, Facetime, or other new mediums?

**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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