# AGO Chapter Message September, 2022

Dear members of Sarasota-Manatee,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the end of the summer months, whether you've spent them here in Florida or somewhere cooler. Last spring, your chapter colleagues were thrilled to see you at our spring events in person for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, we're excited to invite you to our kickoff event for the fall:



Happy Hour/Meet and Greet: Monday, September 26, 5:00 pm Appetizers and drinks at Marina Jack (Dutch Treat) 2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota, FL 34236.



Marina Jack in Downtown Sarasota

On the next page, you'll see a variety of other events this year with opportunities to study with organists like Felix Hell, hear the latest in choral music from Hal Leonard and Concordia, and join voices in a choral festival with Michael Burkhardt. An internationally renowned clinician, recitalist, and hymn festival leader, Michael Burkhardt is in high demand for his inspiring, innovative hymn festivals. Remembering the great success of the last choral festival in this Chapter in 2020, one of the last live music events before the pandemic, we hope you'll make plans to join us in February 2023.

At the Chapter happy hour in September, I'd love to hear more about what you've been doing and what you're looking forward to in the fall. Let us know if you'll be joining us at:

Amycerniglia@gmail.com, and we'll see you soon!

Peace, Amy Cerniglia, Dean



Michael Burkhardt



Felix Hell

## 2021-2022 Events

## Monday, September 26, 5:00 pm

Happy Hour/Meet and Greet at Marina Jack's (2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota, FL 34236)

## Saturday, October 15

### Choral music reading session with Hal Leonard and Concordia

More details forthcoming.

#### Sunday, October 23, 6:00 pm

Simon Johnson in concert at St. Boniface (5615 Midnight Pass Rd, Sarasota, FL 34242)

Tickets free to AGO members.

#### February 3-5

#### **Choral Festival with Michael Burkhardt**

February 3, 7:00 pm: Workshop with Michael Burkhardt February 4, 9:00 -11:00 am: Rehearsal for choral festival

February 5, 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.

Watch our news blasts for more updates on our November hymn festival and other information for the above events.



Sarasota-Manatee officers for 2022–23: (back) Sam Nelson, Craig Ramberger; (middle) Rev. Charleston Wilson, Richard Benedum, Linda Petersen, and Glen Olsen; (front) Ann Stephenson-Moe, Cynthia Roberts-Greene, Amy Cerniglia, and John Behnke (photo: John Behnke)

Sarasota-Manatee, Fla. May 9, the chapter held its members' recital, installation of officers, and annual banquet at Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota. Officers for 2022–23 are Amy Cerniglia, dean; Sam Nelson, sub-dean; Cynthia Roberts-Greene, secretary; Glen Olsen, treasurer; Craig Ramberger, Richard Benedum, Linda Petersen, Ann Stephenson-Moe, and John Behnke, board members; and Rev. Charleston Wilson, chaplain.

John Behnke

Writeup of Annual Banquet in TAO)