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"The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of every month!"

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to our new chapter newsletter! As a chapter member, you'll receive an e-newsletter each month that gives you the latest local and national AGO news. We want everyone to feel connected to what's happening in the AGO, and we definitely don't want anyone to miss out on any events! Here, you can find the latest on community events of interest, as well as the AGO programs that we have been working hard this summer to plan for you.

Don't miss the first big event- our annual pot-luck kick-off party on August 28th at 6pm at Roger Ponder's house, 1703 Semalachee Dr, Tallahassee. Bring a friend, and help us spread the word about AGO!

Looking forward to a great year...

Elizabeth LaJeunesse, dean

WEB NEWS: Websites of interest to Organists

Spotlight: Free E-mail Subscriptions

In addition to receiving a monthly copy of "The Tallahassee Organist" in your e-mail inbox, you might be interested in some of these other helpful internet newsletters.

Organ Notes from Pipedreams

Beyond the radio and streaming internet radio program we all know and love, "Pipedreams" also produces a weekly e-mail newsletter. It includes links to listen to the current week's radio program online, listings of future programming and selections from previous programs. Often additional music not included in the week's program is featured in the weekly newsletter.

To go to the free subscription webpage, click or cut and paste this link to your internet browser:

http://mail.publicradio.org/content/506927/forms/apm_signup.htm

Composers Datebook: "Reminding you that all music was once new"

"Composers Datebook" is a daily e-mail newsletter. It is a transcript of the two minute long American Public Media radio program by the same name hosted by John Zech. The program's website describes the program as "designed to inform, engage, and entertain listeners with timely information about composers of the past and present--with appropriate and accessible music related to each."

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Robert G. Farrell Prelude of the Month

Robert G. Farrell, a composer of sacred music, sells his music through his blog:

<http://sacredsoundworks.blogspot.com>. If you subscribe to his e-mail list, you will receive one organ prelude a month for free. Many of his preludes are based on familiar hymns or not-so-familiar hymns, but all of them are applicable to the liturgical season at hand. To visit Robert's Blog, [click here](#). To subscribe to his free monthly e-mail, write farrell39@comcast.net

Hey!!! It's the Organ Performance Internet Video of the Month!

What better way to start than with some Johann Sebastian Bach?

Here is a performance (with a rather lengthy spoken introduction) of the first movement, Sinfonia in D, from Bach's from Cantata 29 "Wir danken dir Gott, wir danken dir"

[Click here](#)

or cut and paste: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hczd6WKMBUc>

Here's something lighter from the large floor piano of the FAO Schwartz Toy Store in New York City: (unfortunately, the performers are not credited here)

[Click here](#)

or cut and paste: <http://pipedreams.publicradio.org/FAOSchwartzbigPiano.wmv>

NATIONAL NEWS

From the National AGO Website: www.agohq.org

NCOI 2010- NATIONAL COMPETITION IN ORGAN IMPROVISATION

The National Competition in Organ Improvisation seeks to further the art of improvisation by recognizing and rewarding superior performances in the field.

The competition is open to all organists regardless of age or citizenship. Each competitor will complete the official application form and submit it along with the \$75.00 application fee, a photo, and biography to AGO national Competition in Organ Improvisation at the AGO headquarters. **The entry must be postmarked by September 15, 2009.**

Prizes: First Place - \$3,000, funded by McNeil Robinson; Second Place - \$2,000, funded by Dobson Pipe Organ Builders; Third Place - \$1500, funded by Pamela and Steven Ruitter-Feenstra; Audience prize - \$1000, funded by David and Robin Arcus. Further details are published in *THE AMERICAN ORGANIST*. You may also request information from National Headquarters by email, fax, mail or phone.

More information can be found on the two attached documents: "NCOIRules2010" and "NCOI2010ApplicationForm".

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT ANNOUNCED BY THE AGO

NEW YORK CITY—The **American Guild of Organists** is pleased to announce an exclusive benefit of AGO membership. Effective Monday, December 15, 2008, job listings posted online at www.agohq.org will only be accessible by AGO voting members. Individuals wishing to view these pages must first validate their membership using their AGO membership number, found on the mailing label of *The American Organist Magazine*. This policy decision, to deny the general public access to the job postings, was approved unanimously by the AGO National Council at its meeting in October 2008.

"Membership has its privileges," remarked AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. "By limiting access to our online job postings, we are increasing the value of membership to our voting members by providing priority access to job information not available to others. Employers can rest assured knowing that their job postings are being seen by the members of the world's largest organization devoted to the organ and choral music. These individuals have pledged to abide by the AGO Code of Ethics and Code of Professional Standards."

AGO MEMBERSHIP ENJOYS NEW GROWTH

18,409 Individuals Renewed Membership or Joined the American Guild of Organists
During the 2008–2009 Membership Year

NEW YORK CITY — The **American Guild of Organists** (AGO), the largest organization in the world dedicated to organ and choral music, is pleased to announce the first increase in membership in more than a decade, as reported by AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. At the close of the 2008–2009 membership year, AGO membership totaled 18,409 voting members, an increase of 167 over the 2007–2008 membership year. "Independent Membership is our fastest growing category," declared Thomashower, "while chapter membership remains our largest and most vital membership segment."

LOCAL NEWS

Happy Trails!

The Tallahassee Chapter is bidding a fond farewell and Godspeed to two of its members, Ryan Kasten and Jason Hobratschk. Ryan will be moving to south Florida, and Jason will be moving to Munich, Germany. Jason is the recent recipient of a Fulbright grant which will allow him to carry out his dissertation research.

Job Opportunities

Please e-mail apiatek@jpiichs if you have information about an organist, music director, or organist/music director position open in or around Tallahassee. The following information must be included in the write-up about the position: yearly salary, number of weekly rehearsals and services, and organ specifications.

TALLAHASSEE AGO MEMBERSHIP: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The E-board of the Tallahassee Chapter of the AGO (individual members listed on the front page) invite you to take a brief survey about our chapter's sponsorship of the radio show *Pipe Dreams*, a show broadcasted nationally by American Public Media through local radio stations. Please [click here](#) to take the survey or cut and paste this website onto your web browser:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=oWwngA4WfHAXF9fmaTMKPQ_3d_3d

Thank you, on behalf of the e-board for your cooperation. By offering your opinion, you are helping us represent you! We will be collecting surveys until September 1st.

TALLAHASSEE AGO EVENTS:

We will print a list of all of the 2009-2010 AGO events in next month's e-newsletter. Here are the next two Tallahassee AGO events for your calendar:

AUGUST: Open House Kickoff Potluck on August 28th at 6pm at Roger Ponder's house: 1703 Semalachee Dr, Tallahassee

SEPTEMBER: David Higgs masterclass at Trinity Methodist Church, Saturday September 26th from 10am-12pm. David will give a recital on Saturday, September 27th at 4pm, also at Trinity.

August Concerts & Musical Events

August 14th Sacred Harp Singing

A Sacred Harp Sing is held every Friday before the third Sunday in each month, except June, at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2015 Fleischmann Rd, Tallahassee. Please call to verify, as there are rare changes in location. Info: Alice and Tor Bejnar (850)-656-2027, atbejnar@earthlink.net. Visitors are welcome.

August 15th and 16th Let the Spirit Flow Concert Event

Let the Spirit Flow Concert Tour has put together a two day concert event in Tallahassee featuring Latin, Jazz, Blues and Christian performers. The concert will be held over August 15th and 16th at the Tallahassee Fairgrounds. For more information, visit the concert tour website: <http://www.letitflow.tv/>

August 28th  Open House Kickoff Potluck on August 28th at 6pm at Roger Ponder's house: 1703 Semalachee Dr, Tallahassee

If you're heading South this August...

Ongoing Saturdays Summer Dance Night at Roaring 20's Pizza and Pipes Restaurant

Roaring 20's Pizza is a gourmet pizzeria located in Ellenton, FL which houses a 3,000 pipe Wurlitzer organ played every evening 4:30-8pm (Sundays to 8:30pm) and Saturdays and Sundays for lunch 12pm-2:30pm. Saturday nights during the summer are Dance nights: "Bring your family to watch or dance the night away to the beautiful sounds of our Wurlitzer Organ." Restaurant website: [click here](#) Organ Specifications: [click here](#)
This restaurant will be closed for renovations late August to Early October.



Don't see YOUR recital or concert listing?

Be wise, advertise by sending the date, time, location and description of your musical event to Ashley Piatek at apiatek@jpiachs.org. Plan ahead-- the deadline for submissions is the **25th** of each month.

Name that Organ:

♪It is one of the world's largest pipe organs. ♪It has 270 ranks, 31 digital ranks and more than 16,000 pipes. ♪It has a five manual console. ♪A design of Virgil Fox, its construction combined a 94 rank Ruffatti organ with the 100 rank Aeolian-Skinner built in 1962 for New York's Avery Fisher Hall with an additional 29 new ranks installed by Ruffatti. ♪Fredrick Swann played it as organist from 1982-1998. ♪It is located in Garden Grove, California. Give up? Have an answer? E-mail apiatek@jpiichs.org!

Summer Organ "Reed"-ing List

Check out these award winning compositions!

Holtkamp-AGO Award in Organ Composition

2008

Prelude and Fugue in F Minor

By: Rachael Laurin

2006

Six Sketches on Children's Hymns, Op. 481

By Barrie Cabena

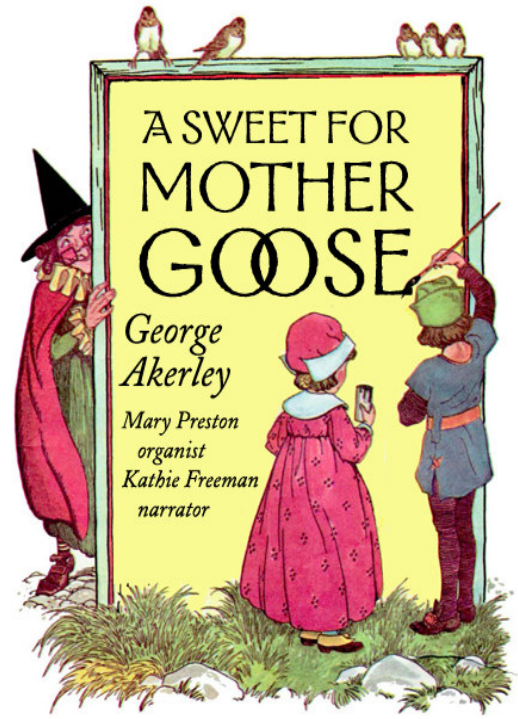
1. Cradle Song: Away in aManger
2. Providence: God Sees the Little Sparrow
3. Shipston: Tender Shepherd, Hear Me
4. Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves Me
5. Oriental Partibus: Loving Shepherd
6. Royal Oak: All Things Bright and Beautiful

2004

A Sweet for Mother Goose

Organ and Narrator

By George Akerley



HUMOR: The Inflatable Church

The following ad is reprinted from an advertisement for an *inflatable* church: (grammatical errors intact)

"Inflatable Church Brings New Meaning to Mobile Wedding

One of the world's very first inflatable churches is here to allow couples to marry wherever their hearts desire. The attention to detail is heavenly complete with plastic 'stained glass' windows and airbrush artwork which replicates the traditional church.

Inside it has an *inflatable organ*, altar, pulpit, pews, candles and a gold cross. Even the doors are flanked by air-filled angels. The church can be built in two hours and disassembled in less than one."