

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—December 2017

Clearwater Chapter

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Chapter Members and Friends

Christmas Dinner

Bon Appetit Restaurant

148 Marina Plaza, Dunedin

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Order individually and pay by separate check.

There is a wide menu that can be viewed in advance if you wish.

Go to <https://www.bonappetitrestaurant.com/menus/>



From the Dean:

Happy New Year!



No, I am not a month too early. I am referring to the beginning of the new liturgical year in Advent. This will be my 22nd Advent at my current church. Whether it's your first December in a new job or your 41st, it is always the busiest time of year for all of us. Far too often, I must confess, it gets the best of me. I'm sure I'm not the only one who gets upset when important rehearsals have members missing because of office parties, school programs and holiday family events. "How can all these people have all these conflicts that are more important than church?" I'll bet you have had that thought many times, just as I have. Breathe in, breathe out, say a prayer for patience and forgiveness, and then most importantly, a prayer of gratitude for all those in our music ministries who give of their time week after week.

The best part of Advent is pulling out all the organ and choral music that is so special to each of us. Just as Advent is a time of waiting, these pieces have been waiting all year to be brought out of their hibernation just in time for Advent. The Bach settings of *Savior of the Nations, Come* (BWV 659) and *Wachet auf* are two favorites that always bring me such joy year after year. Dan Forrest's setting of *The Work of Christmas* is a new favorite of mine and the choir. I'll bet you also have several favorite organ carol settings by Paul Manz or Wilbur Held. December would not be complete without including these musical gifts we give to ourselves and our congregations.

I wish you all a successful and joyful Advent. May the words we sing and the music we play transform us and prepare us for Christmas, and to be Christmas for others.

Bradley Swope, Dean

Calendar of Area Events 2017-18

(Clearwater Chapter events)

Sunday, December 3 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.	Holiday Concert Sykes Chapel, University of Tampa
Sunday, December 10 3:00 p.m.	"Holiday Magic" Singers from St. Petersburg Opera Company Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, December 10 4:00 p.m.	"Ring, Sing, Mingle" Five Handbell Choirs of Northwood Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, December 10—6:00 p.m. Monday, December 11—7:00 p.m.	Handel's <i>Messiah</i> (Christmas portion) Tampa Oratorio Singers Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa
Saturday, December 16 2:00 p.m.	Tom Hoehn Christmas Concert Kirk of Dunedin
Sunday, December 17 3:00 p.m.	A Renaissance Christmas with Florida Pro Musica Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
December 21,22,23	Handel's <i>Messiah</i> —FL Orchestra and Master Chorale
Wednesday, December 27 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Dinner Bon Appetit, Dunedin
January 14, 2018 2:00 p.m.	Young Artist's Recital: Jacob Hofeling, Organist Church of the Ascension, Clearwater
Saturday, January 20 2:00 p.m.	Ron Carter, Organist Kirk of Dunedin
Sunday, February 11 2:00 p.m.	Paul Jacobs, Organist Sykes Chapel, University of Tampa
Sunday, February 11 5:00 p.m.	Concert Artist Series: Michael Hey, Organist Cathedral Church of St. Peter, St. Petersburg
February 17 9:00-Noon	Saturday Handbell Workshop with Rick Holdsworth Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
Saturday, February 17 2:00 p.m.	John McCall, Organist Kirk of Dunedin
February 18 3:00 p.m.	Sunday concert by <i>Ring Sarasota!</i> Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Monday, March 5 6:00 p.m.	Dinner and Sharing Time (rescheduled September event) Calvary Episcopal Church, Indian Rocks Beach
Sunday, March 11 3:00 p.m.	Greg Zelek, Organist Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Tuesday, April 17 7:00 p.m.	Tri-Chapter recital/dinner "Pedals, Pipes and Pinot" Palladium, St. Petersburg
Sunday, May 6 6:00 p.m.	Chapter Banquet and Installation of Officers Alfano's Restaurant, Largo

Young Artist Concert
Jacob Hofeling, Organist



Sunday, January 14, 2018
Church of the Ascension, Clearwater
2:00 p.m.

The *Kansas City Metropolis* wrote that Jacob's playing, "had a wonderful variety of registers and colors and displayed a secure sense of control." A native of Arizona, Jacob has a Bachelor of Music degree from Arizona State University in Organ Performance, where he studied with Kimberly Marshall. He holds a Masters Degree in Organ from the University of Kansas. Currently, he is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ and Music Theory with Dr. James Higdon at KU. Jacob has had experience in organ competitions and recently competed as a finalist in the Mikhael Tariverdiev Organ Competition in Kaliningrad Russia, and he was awarded second prize in the Fort Wayne, IN National Organ Competition. Jacob has lived for a number of years in Eastern Europe. He is fluent in four languages and enjoys learning to speak and understand others. Currently Jacob is organist at Barry Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Jacob has ambitions to be an Organist at the historic Salt Lake Tabernacle, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Handbell “Master Class” Workshop

In conjunction with the Sunday, February 18, 2018 concert by Ring Sarasota!, the chapter will host a Saturday workshop on Saturday morning, February 17 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater.

Ring Sarasota’s founding artistic director and conductor, Rick Holdsworth will be with us from 9:30 to Noon to work with and gently critique our bell choirs. Rather than our choirs learning new numbers to play in a massed ring event, each choir participating will ring with the others as the audience. Mr. Holdsworth will then offer suggestions and work with each choir individually.



Rick Holdsworth

There will be one 5-octave set of bells set up so there is no need for each group to bring bells. Just play a piece that your choir already knows.

This is a different concept but should be valuable and certainly less work for the groups attending—plus no special music to purchase.

If you are willing to bring your choir, or have any questions, contact Tom Huffman (727) 409-8726 or hufftom@aol.com

Rolander Retires from Prince of Peace



Don Rolander, long-time Parish Musician at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo, played his last service there on All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2017. Don has always been active in the AGO, serving several terms as dean and holding other offices. The church’s music program under Don’s leadership has been one of the finest in the area for many years—he’s been there for 42 years! Congratulations to Don as this phase in his musical career comes to a close and allows time for new

paths and adventures. A front page article appeared in the *Tampa Bay Times* on November 16. Check it out: http://www.tampabay.com/news/Prince-of-Peace-Lutheran-s-music-director-retires-after-42-years_162616329

SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

(O=Organist only; O/D=Organist/Director; D=Director only; V=Vocalist)

Please send updates or corrections for this list to Placement Coordinator Priscilla Ortoski by call (727) 845-4745 or emailing tap.tortoski1@verizon.net. Inclusion in the lists below does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with prospective substitutes. Those listed must be a member of The American Guild of Organists.

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Next Board Meeting: December 13, 2017

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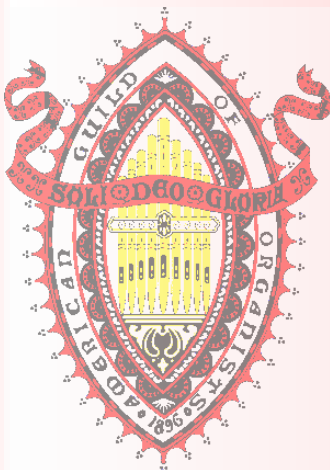
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