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Windline—February 2020

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Three-Organ Spectacular!

Sunday, February 16

3:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



(L-R) Seth Bott (St. James Episcopal , Midvale UT), Peter Kinzie (Church Organ Concepts, Inverness FL), John Lowe (Holy Trinity Episcopal, Gainesville FL), Shawn Thomas, (Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo)

The program will feature organists Seth Bott, (Provo UT), John Lowe (Gainesville FL) and Shawn Thomas (Largo FL). In addition to music for one, two and three organs, the Prince of Peace Festival Choir will perform Louis Vierne's *Mass for Choir and Two Organs*. Hear favorites like:

Toccata and Fugue in d Minor (J.S. Bach),
Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals (S. Karg-Elert),
Organ Concerto in F—*The Cuckoo and Nightingale* (G.F. Handel)
and *The Stars and Stripes Forever* (J.P. Sousa)

Dean's Message

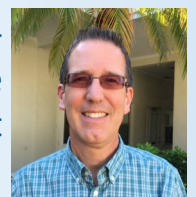
Workshop Earns Praise from National AGO Staff Member

On Saturday, January 25, our Clearwater Chapter workshop, led by the exceptionally talented conductor, Dr. Lei Ray Yu, was informative, fun, challenging and filled with great music – from chant to Rutter and Britten. Time went quickly during the four hour workshop which covered many topics. A special guest that morning was Elizabeth George, the AGO Director of Member Engagement and Chapter Development. Afterward, she told us she hoped Ray would be able to lead a conducting workshop at a regional or national AGO convention in the future. We are fortunate to have such an experienced conductor as a new member of our chapter.



This picture (taken by Elizabeth George) shows 15 of the 22 persons who attended the workshop. I am happy to say that we had both public school choral directors and church choral directors who are non-AGO members attend the workshop. Events like this that raise our visibility with other musicians in our area and help promote the value of the AGO.

Our next three chapter events are ones where we can just enjoy wonderful music. Don't miss the Three Organ Spectacular, the Concordia Choir performance or the Rising Star recital by Audrey Thomas. These are great opportunities to get better acquainted with your colleagues in our chapter.



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CHORAL WORKSHOP

with Dr. Lei Ray Yu



About 25 chapter members and others participated in a four hour workshop on choral conducting lead by Dr. Lei Ray Yu on January 25. Dr. Linda Pointer served as accompanist. After some warm ups and discussion of basics, Dr. Yu demonstrated how the line and accents of chant relates to later music and particularly in the anthems “If Ye Love Me” by Thomas Tallis and “Set Me as a Seal” by René Clausen which we all sang and conducted. We did some more complex examples with mixed meter and after a break came back to a masterclass with volunteer conductors Bradley Swope, Bobbie Hoopes and Bill Renfro. Some very valuable tips regarding shaping the musical line and emphasizing the text were demonstrated. Many thanks to Trinity Presbyterian Church along with Bobbie Hoopes and Cheryl Brouette for hosting and preparing the snacks and drinks.

Chapter Programs 2020

February

Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Three-Organ Spectacular at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo

March

Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The Concordia Choir from Moorhead MN conducted by René Clausen in his final tour before retirement.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo (free tickets required)

April

Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Rising Star **Recital by Audrey Thomas** from University of Notre Dame

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

May

Sunday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Closing Banquet and Installation of Officers. Catered dinner at St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor. Kevin Johnson, Host

HERE AND THERE

- Chapter Member and colleague, Matthew Burke, recently had a serious accident, a fall in his home. Please keep him in your thoughts.
- Free choral scores: Mozart 's *Coronation Mass*, K. 317, G. Schirmer edition. Forty-four unused copies (the only marks are the church name stamp on the cover). Call Tom Huffman (727) 409-8726

Calendar of Area Events

(Clearwater Chapter events highlighted)

Sunday, February 9 3:00 p.m.	"Cupid Does Jazz" Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Saturday, February 15 6:00 p.m.	Dinner and Hymn Sing! (tickets \$15) call (727) 585-9969 Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, February 16 3:00 p.m.	Three-Organ Spectacular! Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo Music for three organs plus Vierne's <i>Messe Solennelle</i> for choir and two organs
February 21,22,23	Florida Orchestra Beethoven's Violin Concerto
Sunday Feb 23 Tuesday, Feb. 25 Sunday, Mar. 1	Tampa Bay Symphony 3:30 pm., St. Pete College Tampa Bay Symphony 8:-00 p.m., Palladium Tampa Bay Symphony 2:30 p.m., Ferguson Hall, Straz Center "Land and Sea" Music of Copland, Debussy and Young Artist Winner
Sunday, March 1 4:00 p.m.	Composer/Pianist Mark Hayes Northwood Presbyterian, Clearwater Composer Weekend closing concert with Northwood choirs
Thursday, March 5 7:00 p.m.	The Concordia Choir from Moorhead MN conducted by René Clausen in his final tour before retirement. Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo (free tickets required)
March 6,7,8	Florida Orchestra Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3
Sunday, March 8 3:00 p.m.	"Honoring Ludwig" Con Brio String Quartet and Sheng-Yuan Kuan, Piano Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
March 20, 21, 22	Florida Orchestra Bach's St. John Passion
Sunday, March 22 3:00 p.m.	Shawn Thomas, Organist Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

The Concordia Choir

Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs perform Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Conductor René Clausen, celebrating his 34th and final year at Concordia, conducts the 73-voice a cappella choir in a varied concert, including works by Alexandre Gretchaninoff, Shawn Kirchner, Stephen Paulus, Felix Mendelssohn, J.S.

Bach, and René Clausen. The final set includes a number of hymns, folk songs and spirituals. This concert is sponsored by the Art For Faith's Sake Concert Series. A free ticket is required - call (727) 585-9969, [click here](#), or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ConcordiaTicketsLargoFL> for tickets.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. Anne of Grace Episcopal

Part-time Organist needed immediately at Episcopal church in Seminole. The organist has retired. One traditional service on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Contact Fr. Rob Crow at (229)881-5303 (cell) or (727) 392-4483 (office). Church is located at 6650 113th Street North, Seminole FL.

Grace Church Tampa Palms (Episcopal)

Interim organist needed for Tampa church February through May. One Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. with choir rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. Fee, plus mileage. Content organ, 2 manual. Contact Fr. Benjamin Twinamaani, Rector at (813) 500-0970 (cell) or (813) 971-8484, ext 11 (office). The church address is 15102 Amberly Dr, Tampa FL

Dueling Piano Dinner and Hymn Sing

Prince of Peace Lutheran
Saturday, February 15
6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person in advance and includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert. Tickets may be purchased in the Church Office. Be sure to provide the titles of your favorite hymns when purchasing your tickets, and as many of your requests will be honored as time permits. call (727) 585-9969



Audrey Thomas Organist

Sunday, April 19, 2020
3:00pm
Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church
110 South Ft. Harrison Ave.
Clearwater, FL

A native of St. Louis, Audrey received her Bachelor of Music from the University of Kansas and is currently a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame. In 2018, she won 2nd prize in the Fort Wayne National Organ Competition.

Free Admission
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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:

Wednesday, Jan. 8—9:00 a.m.

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