

The American Guild of Organists

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Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Pipescreams!

The annual Pipescreams event will happen this year the last week in October. Our spooky music will take the form of a video produced by Clearwater Chapter members and friends that will be accessible on our chapter website (clearwaterago.org), Facebook and other platforms as well. The premiere of the video will be Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. but it can be watched or re-watched any time after that as well.

Watch on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 pm or any time thereafter. Go to clearwaterago.org and click the tab.

Many thanks to the players who have already started recording and to Shawn Thomas who is doing the recordings and producing the video.



PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

Pipe Organ Encounters (POEs) offer teenagers and adults a rewarding opportunity to learn about the pipe organ and its construction, receive instruction from experienced faculty, visit, hear, and play outstanding instruments, and meet and interact with peers who share an interest in the King of Instruments.

The Clearwater Chapter together with the St. Petersburg Chapter is in the beginning stages of planning to host a POE in the summer of 2022. Timothy Belk and Shawn Thomas are doing the preliminary work toward a February 2021 application deadline, but it will take many of us chapter members to make this happen. Some of the faculty has agreed to serve, but beyond that we need help with chaperones, transportation, meals, housing, publicity and more. Further details will be shared in the future. For more specific information on Pipe Organ Encounters in general, there is a complete Handbook for POEs on the national AGO website. [Click here.](#)

CLEARWATER CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Clearwater Chapter has a long history of supporting young organ students through our two scholarship funds. Both the Grom Education Fund and the Peterson Scholarship Fund exist primarily to offer financial assistance to middle/high school students studying organ with chapter member teachers. A typical grant would cover half the cost of the teacher's normal lesson fee for a semester. Other requests are considered by the board and might include full fee coverage, printed music, organ shoes, costs for a student or chapter member/officer to attend a workshop, convention, Pipe Organ Encounter, or other educational event.

Grant requests are reviewed and teachers are notified of the board's decisions in advance of the semester of study. The application form, as well as the lesson log form, is available on the Chapter website clearwaterago.com. The application must be submitted to the Scholarship Chair, Tom Huffman, prior to the semester and the lesson log at the completion of the study. At that time the grant is paid directly to the teacher. Currently there is one student benefiting from the scholarship studying with Dr. Linda Pointer.

CONCERTS AT SAINT THOMAS FIFTH AVE. (NYC)

FALL 2020 DIGITAL SEASON

IMPORTANT NOTE: The events below are video presentations. Instructions for viewing each concert will be included in your ticket purchase confirmation email. Events are “premiered” at a specified time and available on-demand for a limited time after the premiere. All concerts are pre-recorded in Saint Thomas Church in compliance with recommendations from the CDC and Episcopal Diocese of New York at the time of the recording.

Les Compositrices Françaises: 20th Century French Organ Music by Female Composers

Saturday, October 3, 2020 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, Digital Presentation

AGO DISCOUNT: \$2.50

The German Chorale: Masterworks of Bach, Distler, and Reger

Saturday, October 17, 2020 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, Digital Presentation

AGO DISCOUNT: \$2.50

The Complete Beethoven Sonatas I: Early Gems and the Waldstein

Saturday, October 24, 2020 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Digital Presentation

FREE

The Complete Beethoven Sonatas II: Humor and Passion

Saturday, October 31, 2020 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Digital Presentation

FREE

Heroic Music of Handel and Purcell

Thursday, November 12, 2020 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Digital Presentation

AGO DISCOUNT: \$5

The Complete Beethoven Sonatas III: Fantasies and the Moonlight

Saturday, November 21, 2020 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Digital Presentation

FREE

Messiaen: La Nativité du Seigneur

Saturday, December 5, 2020 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, Digital Presentation

AGO DISCOUNT: \$2.50

BRIEF NOTES

- Remember as you become aware of open positions, please share that information with our Placement Coordinator, Priscilla Ortoski. Her contact information is (727) 845-4745 or tap.tortoski1@verizon.net. At the current time we have no listings to share.
- A year ago the Executive Board approved publishing ads in this monthly newsletter. Ads should be “copy-ready” and pertain to some aspect of our profession and relevant to the membership. Costs are \$10 per issue for a business card size or \$25 per issue for a half-page ad. Send to *Windline* Editor, Tom Huffman at hufftom@aol.com by the 20th of the month for the next month’s issue.


- Free to a good home: a 40 year old Everett piano in good condition. If interested contact Tom Huffman (727) 409-8726 to be put in touch with the owner in Tampa.



- There is now an easy way to make a donation to the chapter—either scholarship funds or general fund. When you go to the home page of the chapter website there is a button to click that takes you directly to a donation page.

- Highly recommended is a worship planning resource published by Abingdon Press prepared each year by David L. Bone and Mary Scifres. *Prepare! An Ecumenical Music and Worship Planner* is a lectionary based planner giving hymn suggestions from 18 different hymnals and includes the actual readings for each Sunday and special day. Also has some contemporary, vocal and anthems suggestions for each day. \$27.99 retail. Published yearly includes September-August. Available in NRSV or CEB scripture versions.



-  Remember our Facebook contact at [Facebook.com/clearwaterago](https://www.facebook.com/clearwaterago).

CONCERTS AT PEACE MEMORIAL



For many years Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clearwater has presented an annual concert series. That will continue again this year but with some changes due to the COVID 19 pandemic and guidelines set forth by the CDC. Tickets or subscriptions will need to be purchased and masks with social distancing

will be required. To reserve your seat(s) please visit [itickets.com](https://www.itickets.com) or telephone 800 965-9324. For help in navigating these new procedures, telephone Timothy Belk, Director of Music/Organist at 800 479-8846.

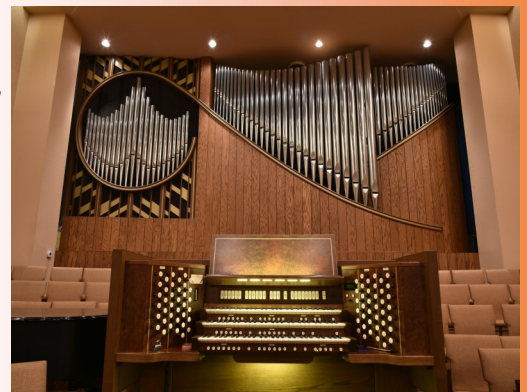
The first half of the season will include these 3:00 p.m. concerts:

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| Sunday, October 11 | Pietro Ianotti, Piano |
| Sunday, October 25 | Timothy Belk, Organ |
| Sunday, November 8 | Johnny Varro & Swing 7 |
| Sunday, December 13 | Suncoast Bronze Ringers |

ART FOR FAITH'S SAKE CONCERT SERIES

Prince of Peace Lutheran in Largo has announced three upcoming concerts in 2021 beginning in January, all at 3:00 p.m.

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| Sunday, January 31 | Astralis Chamber Ensemble
Music for Flute, Trumpet,
and Harp |
| Sunday, February 21 | Three Organ Spectacular!
Music for Choir, Handbells
and three Organs |
| Sunday, March 28 | Ring Sarasota
Florida's premier Handbell ensemble |



SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

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

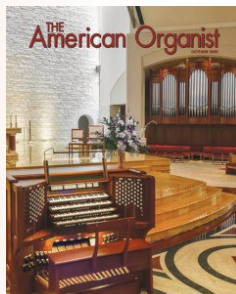
Please send updates or corrections for this list to Placement Coordinator Priscilla Ortoski by call (727) 845-4745 or emailing tap.tortoski1@verizon.net. Inclusion in the lists below does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with prospective substitutes.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

Peggy BeVille	(727) 726-8457 O (727) 403-8166 (cell)
Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317 O
Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025 O, O/D
Grayce Hillman	(727) 642-7322 O, O/D, V
Roberta Hoopes	(727) 442-8333 D
Matt Lancaster	(727) 313-5129 O
Mark Prater, AAGO, ChM	(727) 536-2698 O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 560-2376 O, O/D, V
Donald Rolander	(727) 392-4442 O, O/D (727) 804-6314 (cell)
Robert Shone, CAGO	(727) 789-6527 O, O/D rcshone@aol.com
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099 O, O/D
Herman G. (George) Fisher	(727) 339-3077 O (239) 398-4966 (cell)

AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

Stephen Allen	(813) 968-7095 O, O/D
Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726 O, O/D

Next Executive Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 4 at 9:30 a.m. Watch for the email notice if we meet in person or with Zoom.



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