

The American Guild of Organists

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Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Groundhog Day!

Today is Groundhog Day, and I must admit that I am already several days late writing this month's Dean's Message. The movie *Groundhog Day* is certainly one of my favorite movies of all time, but I will not get to watch it tonight as I am obviously behind on too many projects.

There have been some excellent accomplishments for the AGO during this difficult year. There is a wealth of new video resources on the national AGO website and YouTube pages. A brand new one is called: "Know Your Value: Introducing the AGO's New Employment Guide for Musicians." This replaces the Salary Guidelines, which had to be removed due to objections from the U. S. Labor Department. Here is the link for the webinar, which occurred just a few days ago.

[Know Your Value Webinar Presented by the American Guild of Organists - YouTube](#)

In other news, I just can't help myself from commenting on the price of Super Bowl tickets this coming Sunday at Raymond James. Perhaps in some alternate universe organists are commanding \$20,000 or more per ticket for a recital or competition, but that is certainly a pipedream here (sorry!). Nevertheless, I thank all of you for your tireless efforts on behalf of your churches, schools, students, families and neighbors. Keep up the good work even though it is not financially lucrative. The Kansas City Conference of the United Methodist Church challenged our Gulf Central Conference to a Souper Bowl Food Challenge, so you can drop off non-perishable food at your local United Methodist Church if you wish to help win that challenge for Tampa Bay this weekend.

If I wake up tomorrow and it's February 2 again, I guess I will just have to write a new article. Take care, everyone.

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CONCERTS AT PEACE MEMORIAL

The concert series at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clearwater continues. Some changes due to the COVID 19 pandemic are in place. 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 or telephone 800 965-9324. For help in navigating these new procedures, telephone Timothy Belk, Director of Music/Organist at 800 479-8846.

The season continues with these 3:00 p.m. concerts:

Sunday, February 14 **Qol Quartet**

3:00 p.m.

Fire up your Valentine's Day as the charming voices of the Qol Quartet bring you favorite love songs from Broadway and beyond.



Sunday, March 14 **Dexter Kennedy, Organ**

3:00 p.m.

Winner of the Grand Prix de Chartres d'Interprétation, lauded concert organist Dexter Kennedy performs an all-Bach program on the magnificent Casavant Organ. Co-sponsored by the Clearwater AGO Chapter.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We were looking forward to bringing you another season of excellent music in our Art for Faith's Sake concert series, featuring concerts by the Astralis Chamber Ensemble, the Three-Organ Spectacular, and Ring Sarasota.

Unfortunately, however, we have had to make difficult decisions that have resulted in the cancellation of our 2020-2021 season. The amount of positive coronavirus cases has spiked since the holiday season, and we have suspended all in-person worship services here at Prince of Peace.

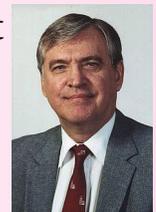
We are very fortunate that all of the musicians mentioned above have enthusiastically agreed to re-schedule for next season (2021-2022). ...we will (also) be announcing an additional three concerts taking place this fall. The concert series season will kick off in October 2021. Those details are forthcoming.

—Shawn Thomas, Pastoral Musician and Director of “Art for Faith’s Sake”

Sacred Classics

Sacred Classics is a weekly two-hour radio show originating from WBVM-FM (90.5) and features choral and organ music from around the world. The host and producer of the program, Jim Howes, shares from the thousands of recordings in his personal collection gathered from his travels. The show is livestreamed as well as broadcast on the radio station at these times:

6:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday
6:00-8:00 a.m. Sunday
10:00-Midnight Sunday



Jim Howes

Jim writes to let us know that the program scheduled to air February 20-21 will feature two local organists, Jack Rain, organist at First Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg and Rick Nay, Organist at First United Methodist Church, St. Petersburg.

Jack plays: “Entrée” and “Sortie” from *Dix Pieces* by T. Dubois
“Grand jeu” by duMage
BRADBURY arranged by Hughes
“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” by Pachelbel

Rick plays: “Song of the Bells” by Rasley
“Postlude in C” by Rinck

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
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 560-2376 O, O/D, V
Donald Rolander	(727) 392-4442 O, O/D (727) 804-6314 (cell)
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