

# *The American Guild of Organists*

## *Windline—February 2022*

### **Clearwater (FL) Chapter**

[www.clearwaterago.org](http://www.clearwaterago.org)

**Dr. Shawn Thomas, Dean**  
**Thomas D. Huffman, Windline Editor**

### *From the Dean:*

After two successful seasonal series (*A Musical Twelve Days*), your AGO chapter will be offering an in-person Lenten recital series. Our members will present thirty-minute programs at noon on Tuesdays in Lent (schedule listed below). You are invited not only to attend, but to participate. This is an excellent opportunity to present your favorite seasonal preludes. If you are interested in performing, please let me know ([shawn@poplargo.org](mailto:shawn@poplargo.org)). Programs may be shared by two performers. Funds collected will support the mission of our chapter.



- March 8: St. Jerome Catholic Church, Largo
- March 15: Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin
- March 22: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo
- March 29: St. Alfred's Episcopal Church, Palm Harbor
- April 5: First United Methodist Church, Clearwater

A quick look at my own personal calendar reveals so much to look forward to both in the coming weeks and in the months ahead! Allow me to highlight just a few.

**February 13, 3pm:** *The Keith Rasmussen Memorial Organ Recital* at St. Mary Catholic Church in St. Petersburg features our own Tom Hoehn accompanying the Buster Keaton silent film *COPS*. Keith Rasmussen served briefly both the Clearwater and St. Pete AGO boards and passed away in 2021. The St. Petersburg AGO established this annual recital in his honor.

**February 13, 6pm:** Organist Aaron Tan at Palma Ceia Presbyterian. I had an opportunity to hear Aaron at the 2018 AGO National Convention in Kansas City. His performance of Vierne's Sixth symphony was a highlight of the week.

**February 20, 3pm:** *Three Organ Spectacular* at Prince of Peace Lutheran (see p. 3 for more info)

**March 2, Noon:** Ash Wednesday recital at Peace Memorial Presbyterian featuring music for organ and cello.

As you can see, all three chapters are off to a busy start in 2022. I hope to see you at one or many of these events!

*Shawn Thomas, Dean*

# Calendar

(Chapter programs in **bold**)

- Sunday, February 13      Jazz pianist, Johnny Varro  
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 13      *The Keith Rasmussen Memorial Organ Recital*  
St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Petersburg —3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 13      Aaron Tan, Organ  
Palma Ceia Presbyterian, Tampa—6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 20      Three Organ Spectacular (see page 3)  
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo—3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 2    Ash Wednesday Recital**  
**Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater**
- Tuesdays in Lent      Lenten Recitals** (see Dean's letter for locations)  
**3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5**
- Sunday, March 13      Erik Wm. Suter, Organ**  
**Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—3:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, March 20      Ring Sarasota!  
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo—3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 30      Sacred Music Concert — featuring organ music of Zipoli  
Jesuit High School, Tampa—7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 2      Workshop with the Seipp/Sheets**  
**Trumpet and Organ Duo—11:00 a.m.**
- Sunday, April 3      Seipp/Sheets Concert—3:00 p.m.  
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
- Sunday, April 24      Members recital** (rescheduled from February 6)  
**St. Ignatius of Antioch RC Church, Tarpon Springs—3:00 p.m.**



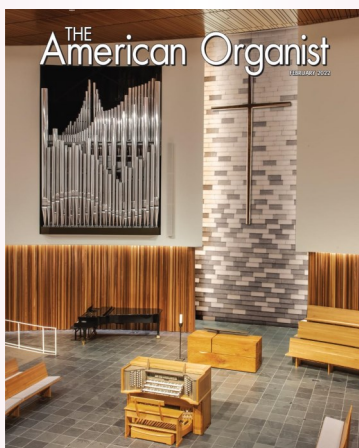


# Three Organ Spectacular!

**Sunday February 20, 3pm**  
**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**455 Missouri Ave.**  
**Largo, FL**



Seth Bott, John Lowe, and Shawn Thomas present an afternoon of music arranged for three organs including the *Toccata and Fugue in d minor* by J.S. Bach, *Concerto Gregoriano* by Pietro Yon, and a rousing rendition of Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received.



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# Seipp / Sheets Duo Trumpet & Organ

## Workshop

*Perspective: Success in Working with  
Professional and Amateur Instrumentalists*  
Saturday April 2, 2022  
11:00am-12:30pm

## Concert

*Music of Bach, Handel,  
Mussorgsky, and more!*  
Sunday April 3, 2022  
3:00pm



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
455 Missouri Ave.  
Largo, FL

Co-sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

## *Positions Available*

**Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin FL** would like to hire a bass section leader. One 10 a.m. service on Sunday and occasional feast days. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 4:30. Contact Tom Huffman, (727) 409-8726 or [tom@cogsdunedin.com](mailto:tom@cogsdunedin.com)

**Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, FL** is looking for a Tenor and a Bass section leader. Contact Gabe Irizarry, Director. 727-446-6210. [Trinityclearwater@gmail.com](mailto:Trinityclearwater@gmail.com)

**Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater FL** is seeking an Organist. A detailed position description may be viewed [here](#) or by visiting <http://northwoodpc.org/resources/career-opportunities/>. Interested candidates may send cover letter and resume to [northwoodsearch@yahoo.com](mailto:northwoodsearch@yahoo.com). Please place "Organist Position" in the subject line.



Celebrate the return of the American Guild of Organists National Convention and reunite with your friends and colleagues at THE WELL-TEMPERED FUTURE, July 3–7, 2022. Go to the convention website: <https://agoseattle2022.com> to see information on Registration, Hotel, Schedule, Exhibitors and more. New information will be added in the coming months.

Online convention registration is now open! Use the link above or the navigation menu for “Registration.” Discounted guestrooms at the convention hotel and airfare discounts with a major U.S. carrier are available now.



Chapter member and St. Petersburg Dean Michelle Thomas will be leading a workshop session on “Social Media Marketing for Chapters.”





## Chapter Officers—A Closer Look



*Each issue of The Windline will include a brief biographical sketch of one of our Clearwater Chapter Officers. This month's focus is on Executive Board member, Tom Hoehn. (2023)*

Tom Hoehn is a native of St. Joseph, Missouri where he began playing the organ at an early age and playing in church at age twelve. Tom studied classical and popular organ through high school and college.

He moved to Florida in 1974 and has been active in the church and theatre organ fields since his arrival. He has appeared as the organist for the Florida State Fair, Tampa Bay Rowdies Soccer Club, and Boston Red Sox Spring Training in Winter Haven, FL. He was one of the original four organists at J. Burns' Pizza & Pipes in Winter Haven, FL and remained there for four years.

Tom currently is board member of the Manasota Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society and the Clearwater Chapter of the AGO.

He has played for pre-shows at the Tampa Theatre in Tampa FL on the 3/14 Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ on Saturday afternoons and evenings, rising up on the lift out of the stage floor. He appeared at the pre-show of the ATOS convention in 2006 playing the Don Baker Memorial Organ at Lake Brantley High School in Orlando, FL.

He is currently the organist at First United Methodist Church in Clearwater, FL where he plays for one service every Sunday and accompanies the choir. He also rings in the handbell choir at the church and serves as audio/video technician for the Livestream services as well.



In an effort to grow the community of younger musicians in the pipe organ field, the American Guild of Organists has declared this year the “Year of the Young Organist”. Through the sharing of performances by young musicians and the publication of resources, we hope to bring more visibility to the new generation of musicians. Additionally, 1 year of free Guild membership is now available for all current, lapsed, and new members under the age of 30.



*The Tampa AGO Chapter  
and  
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church  
present*

# Aaron Tan

IN RECITAL



- 2018 AGO National Young Artist Competition Winner in Organ Performance
- Toronto RCCO Young Artists' Competition
- Osborne Organ Competition of the Summer Institute of Church Music
- The RCCO National Organ Playing Competition
- MMA Yale, currently pursuing a DMA at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester
- PhD Materials Science and Engineering, University of Michigan

Sunday, February 13, 2022 - 6:00 PM  
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church

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## Clearwater AGO 2021-2022 Officers

### DEAN:

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Carol Alexander (2022)

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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 calling (727) 845-4745 or emailing [tap.tortoski1@verizon.net](mailto: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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### AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

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Tom Huffman

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## In Memoriam



As we previously announced, Chapter member George Fisher died on October 14, 2021. His son, John has shared that a memorial service and celebration of his life will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive, Naples on February 24. His ashes will be interred in the memorial garden at Emmanuel and in the Fisher family plot in Faith, NC. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir Rhyne University, Attn: Liz Cox, Box 7467, Hickory, NC 28603 for The Reverend Herman G. Fisher Scholarship for Sacred Music. Phone 828-328-1741 for online donation instructions.