

# ***The American Guild of Organists***

***Windline—April 2023***

***Clearwater (FL) Chapter***

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

## ***From the Dean:***



As I write this at the beginning of Holy Week, allow me to be brief!

The Bach-a-thon was a huge success. Over 40 performers, 4 hours of music, and literally thousands of homemade cookies were enjoyed by approximately 500 attendees throughout the afternoon.

The Lenten midweek recital series raised over \$1,000 for the chapter. What a wonderful gift to our churches and our community. Thank you performers and hosts.

Later this month we will experience a unique private collection of mechanical musical instruments located in Tampa. Group transportation will be arranged as well as a lunch outing. See blurb on page 3 for more details. Space is limited to the first fifteen attendees. Send me your RSVP via email by Monday April 24.

We'll have more information next month, but be sure you have our June 2 banquet and officer installation on your calendar. Timothy Belk will prepare another of his exquisite dinners, and Elizabeth George from AGO National HQ will be offering an encouraging word and installing officers. If you haven't had a chance to meet our Chief Membership Officer, I really hope you will be in attendance! We're also inviting the Tampa and St. Petersburg chapters, so it will be a wonderful evening with colleagues from all over Tampa Bay.

Speaking of officers, Bobbie Hoopes and Tom Hoehn have finished their three-year terms on our board. Our incoming board members in the class of 2026 are Cheryl Brouette and Carl Gravander.

Happy Easter to you all!

*Shawn Thomas, Dean*

## **Calendar**—(Chapter events in **bold**)

- April 22 and 23  
3:00 p.m.  
A New Creation: Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Austin/Colby organ at Prince of Peace Lutheran. Music for organ, orchestra, and choir: Handel Organ Concerto, Sandresky *Dialogue for Organ and Strings*, and René Clausen cantata *A New Creation*.
- Saturday, April 29**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**Tour the Tampa Museum of Mechanical Instruments**  
**followed by lunch. (See page 3)**
- Sunday, April 30  
2:30 p.m.  
Tampa Bay Symphony: Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique*  
Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa
- Sunday, May 21  
6:00 p.m.  
Tampa Oratorio Singers: A Taste of Broadway Fundraiser, \$50.00  
Palma Ceia Presbyterian, Tampa
- Friday, June 2**  
**Officer Installation/Banquet with dinner provided.**  
**Elizabeth George, Chief Membership Officer, AGO National**  
**Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater**
- June 18-21  
Southeast Region Convention, Augusta GA & Aiken SC  
See more information on p. 4 or [click here](#)



**A NEW CREATION**  
CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE AUSTIN PIPE ORGAN, OPUS 2089

**MUSIC FOR ORGAN, ORCHESTRA, AND CHOIR**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 22 | 3:00PM**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 23 | 3:00PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

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## Chapter Event for April

### Tour of Mechanical Musical Instruments Warehouse

**Saturday, April 29**

**Tour is from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**



We will visit an interesting private warehouse collection of mechanical musical instruments in Tampa. These are fascinating items from all over the world, including some very large organs and various handcarved cases and other oddities. The owner will be on hand to explain, demonstrate, and answer questions. Transportation is available and we will have lunch together after the visit. Space is limited to 15 people, so reserve your place early by contacting Dean Shawn Thomas at [shawn@poplargo.org](mailto:shawn@poplargo.org). Lunch will be Dutch treat at a nearby restaurant for those wanting to go.

*Lenten Recital*  
*March 28*  
*St. Alfred's Episcopal*  
*Church, Palm Harbor*

*Kevin Johnson,*  
*Laurel Bennett,*  
*Scott Garrett,*  
*Recorders*

*Dr. Linda Pointer,*  
*Harpsichord*





### The Augusta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

looks forward to welcoming you to the Central Savannah River Area of Georgia and South Carolina for June's Southeast Region AGO Convention. Join us for three days and four nights of celebrated performers playing inspiring pipe organs in live acoustics with visible consoles. Take in workshops, reading sessions and music displays. Enjoy renewing friendships in the ambience of Augusta's Marriott Hotel located on the Savannah River. Visit historic sites, play a round of golf, and relax in the beautiful communities of Augusta and Aiken, South Carolina. Bask in our old South charm and new South hospitality. Here's hoping to see you in June! [Click here](#) to go to the Convention website.

—Keith Shafer, Convention Coordinator



### Jacobs Organ Academy, July 16-21, 2023

The Organ Department at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, Bloomington, is pleased to announce the Jacobs Organ Academy, July 16-21, 2023. JOA returns this summer, offering a musically enriching educational opportunity for pre-college and college-aged organ students. Designed along the lines of a European organ academy, each student will receive intensive instruction in organ performance while also having an opportunity to explore various other interests and related studies.

For more information, [click here](#).



*Indiana University Bloomington*

## ***Positions Available***

**Anona United Methodist Church, Largo** seeks an Organist and Traditional Worship Director. Full-time position, salary is \$50,000/year plus benefits and offers opportunities for additional income. Starting date is June 1, 2023. Email resume and links to video recordings including organ and piano work to [Jeremy@anona.com](mailto:Jeremy@anona.com)

**Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin** will need a cantor/choir tenor beginning September 2023. Compensation is \$75.00 per week. Contact Tom Huffman, Organist/Choirmaster at [hufftom@aol.com](mailto:hufftom@aol.com) or (727) 409-8726.

## **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.

Grayce Hillman	(727) 642-7322 O, O/D, V
Roberta Hoopes	(727) 560-3962 D
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099 O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 539-9903 O, O/D, V
Ron Turner	(727) 772-3268 O, O/D

### **AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING**

Stephen Allen	(813) 968-7095 O, O/D
Peggy BeVille	(727) 726-8457 O
	(727) 403-8166 (cell)
Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317 O
Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025 O, O/D
Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726 O, O/D

### **Clearwater AGO 2022-2023 Officers**

#### **DEAN:**

Dr. Shawn Thomas  
[shawnt@poplargo.org](mailto:shawnt@poplargo.org)

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Bobbie Hoopes (2023)  
Tom Hoehn (2023)  
Dr. Linda Pointer (2024)  
Brandon Vennink (2024)  
Bradley Swope (2025)  
Jan Highsmith (2025)

#### **GROM EDUCATION FUND**

#### **PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **FUND**

Tom Huffman, Chair  
[hufftom@aol.com](mailto:hufftom@aol.com)

#### **SUB-DEAN:**

Timothy Belk

#### **SECRETARY:**

Peggy BeVille

#### **TREASURER:**

Bob Booth

#### **PLACEMENT COORDINATOR**

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