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Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Special Concert and Workshop/Masterclass

by

Dr. Barbara Lister-Sink, Professor of Piano
Salem College (NC)



Piano recital Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Workshop/Masterclass Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Both events are free and sponsored by the Clearwater AGO Chapter.

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church

110 S. Fort Harrison Ave, Clearwater

Barbara Lister-Sink, EdD

Professor Lister-Sink is an Internationally-acclaimed pianist and pioneer leader in the field of injury-preventive keyboard technique. She has collaborated with some of the world's most renowned performers, composers and conductors and in numerous music festivals throughout North America, Europe and Australia.

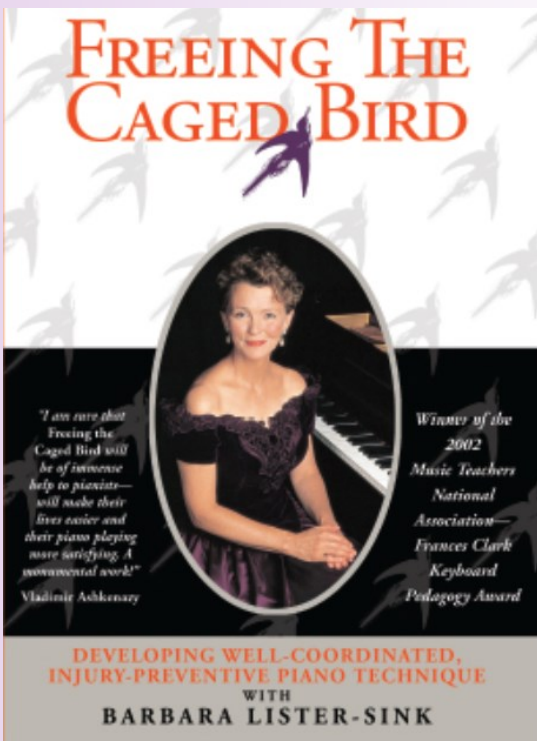
She was formerly keyboardist for The Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam as well as a member of the piano faculties at Eastman School of Music, Amsterdam Muziek Lyceum, Duke University and the Brevard Music Center. She is currently Professor of Piano at Salem College, Winston-Salem NC.

She is one of the world's great pedagogues and she has something extremely unique to offer, something that no one else anywhere is teaching. After many years of refinement, she has codified everything one needs for a solid technical and musical foundation into the Lister-Sink Method."

—Jack Mitchener, DMA

Director of the Townsend-McAfee Institute of Church Music, Associate Professor Organ—Townsend School of Music—Mercer University.

Dr. Lister-Sink is a global leader in injury-preventive keyboard technique. Her video/DVD, "Freeing the Caged Bird: Developing Well-Coordinated, Injury-Preventive Piano Technique," won the distinguished 2002 Music Teachers National Association-Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award. In her DVD, she demonstrates her step-by-step approach for teaching keyboard technique freeing the pianist's artistry from the "cage of physical obstacles."



At the Saturday workshop she will share with us her expertise in this area. There is no charge for this event—it is sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter. For further information about Dr. Lister-Sink, [click here](#) to go to the Salem College web page or go to her professional website [Lister-Sink Institute and Foundation](#).

Calendar of Events

(Clearwater Chapter events in bold)

- Friday, April 5** **Piano Recital, Dr. Barbara Lister-Sink**
7:30 p.m. **Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater**
- Saturday, April 6** **Masterclass/Workshop with Dr. Barbara Lister-Sink (*see info on pages 1 and 2*)**
9:00 am-Noon **Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater**
- Sunday, April 7 7th Annual International Composition Competition Finals (Tampa Bay Symphony)
2:00 p.m. Palladium Theatre, St. Petersburg (Free Admission)
- Fri., April 26—8:00 p.m. (Straz); Sat., April 27—8:00 p.m. (Mahaffey); Sun., April 28—2:00 p.m. (Mahaffey)
Florida Orchestra: Saint-Saëns' Organ Symphony with Fauré's *Requiem*
Chelsea Gallo, Conducting with Master Chorale of Tampa Bay
- Sunday, May 17 "From Broadway Lights to Prairie Skies"
6:00 p.m. Featuring Nancy Callahan and Dale Williams with the music of Bernstein,
Copland, and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue on dueling pianos
Palm Ceia Presbyterian, Tampa
- May 5, 7, 10, 12 "A British Fantasia"
The Tampa Bay Symphony
[Click here for venues and times](#)
- Sunday, June 2** **Tri-Chapter Banquet and Installation of Officers**
6:00 p.m. **St. Anne of Grace Episcopal, Seminole**

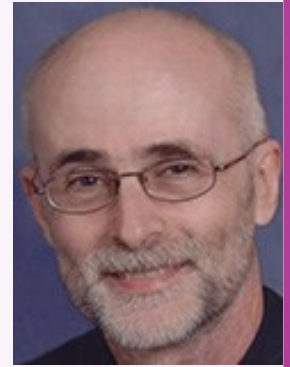
In Memoriam

Mark Alan Prater

December 28, 1957—February 22, 2024

Mark Prater, 66, of Clearwater, passed away on February 22, 2024.

Mark grew up in Memphis, TN and graduated from Memphis Catholic High School. He received the Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Memphis and earned the *Associate* and *Choirmaster* certificates from the American Guild of Organists. Since coming to Clearwater in 1982, he served in many positions of the Clearwater Chapter including Sub Dean, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Board Member, and nominating committee chair. He was also a member of the Tampa Chapter.



Mark served as Organist and Choir Director for 14 years at First Presbyterian Church of Brandon, FL. He also served at Lutheran, Roman Catholic, and Episcopal churches in Pinellas County. After retirement, he continued as a substitute organist/director at many churches in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. Mark was a published composer/arranger of music for brass and handbells.

He played trombone for 17 years with the Tampa Bay Symphony, Sunshine Brass and the Mostly Pops Orchestra. He also played with the Shreveport (LA) Symphony Orchestra and the Shreveport Summer Music Festival.

Mark is survived by his wife, Margi, of Clearwater, their daughter, Anne (Bruce Leckey) of Menasha, WI, father-in-law Francis Arnold of Clearwater, two brothers-in-law: Paul Arnold (Corinne) of Clearwater and Patrick Arnold of Tampa, and three sisters-in-law: Ruthanne Arnold of Seminole, Mary Sullivan of Clearwater, and Teresa Hill of Lantana. Mark was preceded in death by his parents, T.R. and Wilma Prater, his brothers-in-law: Brendan Liddell, John Arnold & Mike Sullivan.

He loved being outside with Margi, camping and hiking.

A memorial service was held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo, on Thursday, March 7. A recording is available by [clicking here](#).

Tri-Chapter Banquet and Installation of Officers

Sunday, June 2, 2024

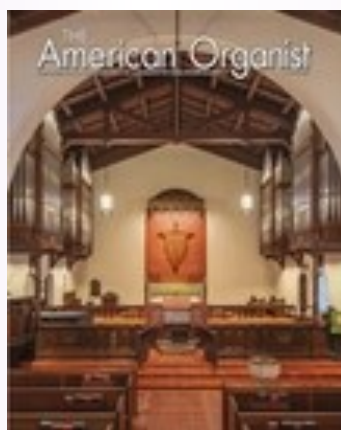
6:00 p.m.

St. Anne of Grace Episcopal Church, Seminole

Join us for a catered Carolina BBQ dinner as we welcome AGO Executive Director James Thomashower to Clearwater. Mr. Thomashower will offer a keynote address and install any officer present from the Clearwater, St. Petersburg, and Tampa chapters. Members are invited to bring one guest. RSVP details to come in next month's *Windline*.



Visit the convention website by [clicking here](#)



The April 2024 issue of *The American Organist* magazine is now available online.

Position Available

First United Methodist Church, Gulfport FL is seeking a musician to serve as organist, pianist and choir director. This is a part time position. For more information, [click here](#) or contact Reverend Tracie Ashley at tsa8651@gmail.com. or 2728 53rd Street, South, Gulfport FL 33707; 850-980-0291

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THE WINDLINE

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SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

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

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