

The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

October 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



My first word of strong encouragement to you this month is that you *read the newsletter and plan to attend our chapter events and the special events of our colleagues*. Set aside a few minutes to be informed and put the events on your calendar so that we can all build our community of musicians. With our attendance at programs, we are an encouragement not only to those who are presenting or performing, but also to other musicians who invest many hours of preparation for each program.

We announced the Treasure Coast Chapter AGO season in the previous issue. However, it is necessary to make ONE CHANGE TO THAT SCHEDULE. Please note that the Blessing of Musicians and 'Unveiling' of the new Austin organ at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Vero Beach is moved to SAINT CECILIA'S DAY, Saturday, November 22, at 10:30 AM. It is most appropriate that we bless the musicians on St. Cecilia's Day, for she is the patron saint of music, musicians and church music in particular. Plan now to attend this significant spiritual event and get a first hearing of the expansive tonal palette of the Austin organ in the sumptuously resonant acoustic of St. John's Church.

Therefore, the first program of the year will be the SPOOKTACULAR CONCERT at Christ by the Sea Church on Friday, October 24, at 7:00 PM. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Note that we avoid gory or very scary costumes for the kids, and we try to always dress appropriately for church.

First Wednesday Lunch: I apologize for last month's confusion. I found out at the last minute that the Ocean Grill was closed all week. I sent out an email to everyone on Tuesday evening, but I guess some of our folk didn't see it, and showed up on Wednesday. I am sorry for any inconvenience, and especially sorry if you went hungry!

We will meet for lunch on Wednesday, October 1, at Noon at Ocean Grill in Vero Beach. I need you to make a reservation with me in advance (by sometime Monday, preferably) so that I can reserve a proper size table for our group. Send me an email << GoetzMusic1@gmail.com >> by Monday, or text message: (832) 589-9864. I hope to see you there!

Faithfully and Musically yours,

Tom Goetz, DMus, CAGO
Treasure Coast Chapter Dean

TCCAGO EVENT SCHEDULE

For the 2025-26 Season

- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, AT 7 PM—SPOOKTACULAR CONCERT**

Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church. Note the new moniker for what we have known as Phantasies and Phuges for many years. We made a name change to give the uninitiated an immediate awareness of the Halloween nature of the program. Plan now what you might perform at this program which has become an annual favorite. This year it is exactly one week before Halloween. Costumes are always appropriate as we have some light-hearted fun at this family-friendly program. We ask that costumes be kid-friendly, with no gory blood or scary monsters. This program will make good use of the beautiful Steinway concert grand piano and the (nearly) new Allen organ. Marcos Flores, host.

- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, AT 10:30 AM**

Blessing of Musicians and the first 'Unveiling' of the Austin Organ at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Vero Beach. You won't want to miss the very live acoustic in the renovated church, and see and hear the newest pipe organ on the Treasure Coast. We might even be able to peer inside the Universal Air chests, a unique and patented feature of Austin organs. Ryan Kasten, host.

- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, AT 4 PM— CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY EVENT**

St. Mark's Anglican Church in Vero Beach. Members are invited to play the Allen organ for this program. Reception to follow the program. Tom Goetz, host.

- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 4:00 PM - Concert Organist KEN COWAN**

KEN COWAN plays the DEDICATORY ORGAN CONCERT on the four-manual, 70-plus rank Austin Organ at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church. The Treasure Coast Chapter is Co-sponsoring this milestone event for the church and our region. Ken Cowan, head of the organ program at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music in Houston, Texas, is a phenomenal musician who consistently performs dazzling programs which appeal to modern audiences. Ken consistently receives rave reviews in major newspapers and magazines, including The American Organist and The Diapason. Ryan Kasten hosts.

- **SUNDAY, MARCH 1, AT 4 PM—THE ANNUAL MEMBER'S RECITAL
(TENTATIVE DATE)**

At The Community Church in Vero Beach. We look forward to our members playing the five-division, three-manual Lively-Fulcher organ. The organ is well-suited for performances of literature from the French tradition, though it can easily make music from any period or tradition come alive. We thank Jill Truax, Director of Music and Fine Arts, for hosting the event.

- **SEASON FINALE (Date and Time TBA)**

CHORAL READING AND TECHNIQUES presented by Ryan Kasten. This program of choral literature and techniques to improve singing will be held at First Baptist Church with Ray Adams as host. We encourage you to invite directors and/or organists who might not be TCCAGO members at present, but will find a choral program to be beneficial. We will read choral literature together and gain new insights into making the choral art effective and meaningful for our musicians and parishioners. This program will also include the installation of officers and a social event after the program.



**TCCAGO Chapter Lunch at the
Ocean Grill in Vero Beach
Wednesday, October 1st at Noon**

**RSVP with Tom Goetz at
goetzmusic1@gmail.com by 9/29**



Alao Emmanuel Boluwatife

**"It was a privilege to perform Dieterich Buxtehude's
Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137 at the Cathedral
Church of Christ during Festal Psalm"**

Christ by the Sea

2025-2026 CONCERT SEASON

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of our Concert Series

CHRIST BY THE SEA 2025-2026 CONCERT SEASON

Sunday, Nov 23, 2025 • 3 PM

Piano Concert

Pianist Marcos Daniel Flores will once again perform a brilliant solo piano program including the majestic Liszt's *Sonata in B Minor*, and other jewels from the piano literature such as Debussy's *Clair de Lune* and *Malagueña* by Lecuona. Don't miss the unique experience of an intimate solo Grand Piano on stage producing from the most introspective sounds to the most exhilarating sounds full of emotions and virtuosity.

Tickets available.

Saturday, Dec 13, 2025 • 4:30 and 7 PM

Christmas Cantata

Join us to celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ set to a full musical production with a mixed choir, a full orchestra, liturgical dancers, dramatic scenes, and uplifting narration! Featuring opera singers and musicians from Florida and other states.

Free will offering appreciated.

Sunday, Feb 15, 2026 • 3 and 7 PM

Eight Piano Monster Concert

Pianists Kelley Coppage, Jacob Craig, Marcos Flores, Becca Harrison, Joanne Knott, Andrew Miller, Rochelle Saltee, and Jill Truax will perform together on 8 pianos with their 16 hands and 80 fingers flying and dancing all over 704 ivory keys!

We'll have a commissioned "world premiere" of beloved Opera Themes! This concert is a rare sight and a powerful display of monumental and gigantic sonorities, which will for sure captivate all your senses in this fun program!

Tickets available.

Sunday, Mar 22, 2026 • 3 PM

Chamber Concert

Violinists Henry Hutchinson and Matt Stott, violist Viera Borisova, cellist Ana Ruth Bermúdez, and pianist Marcos Flores once again will delight our audience with beautiful and uplifting chamber music from genius composers. Internationally acclaimed Classical Guitarist Miguel Bonachea will be our featured guest. Do not miss this unique, vibrant and soul moving experience!

Tickets available.

Saturday, Apr 4, 2026 • 4:30 and 7 PM

Easter Cantata

Join us to experience the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ set to a full musical production with a mixed choir, full orchestra, liturgical dancers, dramatic scenes, and uplifting narration! Featuring opera singers and musicians from Florida and other states.

Free will offering appreciated.

**Cantatas are free admission with a free will offering appreciated.*

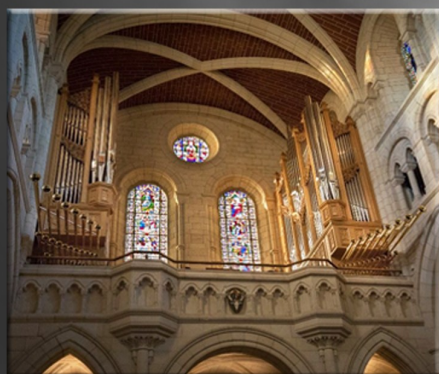
**Tickets for the concert series will be available starting on August 1, 2025 online at cbtsumc.org/concert-series, at the church office M-F 9am-4 pm, and at the door.*

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2025-2026

*All are welcome, no tickets required
An offering will be accepted
All events begin at 7:30 p.m.*

**OCT
17
FRI**

FELIX HELL, VIRTUOSO CONCERT ORGANIST

An exciting evening with the Basilica's world class Schoenstein pipe organ featuring Felix's own transcription of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony! *Sponsored by Erin and John Hytlin and the Central Florida Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*

**DEC
12
FRI**

CHRISTMAS WITH THE BASILICA CHOIR

Our most anticipated annual event with the Basilica Choir and Orchestra! Seasonal favorites and don't forget the sing-a-long! *Sponsored by Rock and Shasme Guarisco.*

**MAR
27
FRI**

TENEBRAE: A HOLY WEEK SERVICE OF DARKNESS

Join Basilica rector Fr. Ivan Olmo and the Basilica Choir as they lead a reflective evening of scripture and gorgeous a cappella choral music. The perfect preparation for Holy Week. *Sponsored by the Wideman Family, and Tim and Kimberlee Riley.*

**APR
17
FRI**

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

The Basilica Choir and Orchestra with Gabriel Preisser from Opera Orlando present an evening of exciting opera selections. This will be a fabulous evening. *Sponsored by Dr. Illena Antonetti and Larry and Christine Strain.*

**MAY
8
FRI**

A MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET

The Basilica Choir and Orchestra perform John Rutter's beloved "Magnificat" framed by settings of the famous "Ave Maria" text and more. *Sponsored by Alicia Torres-Aguilar, Teresita Mendoza, and Dr. Christina Chan.*

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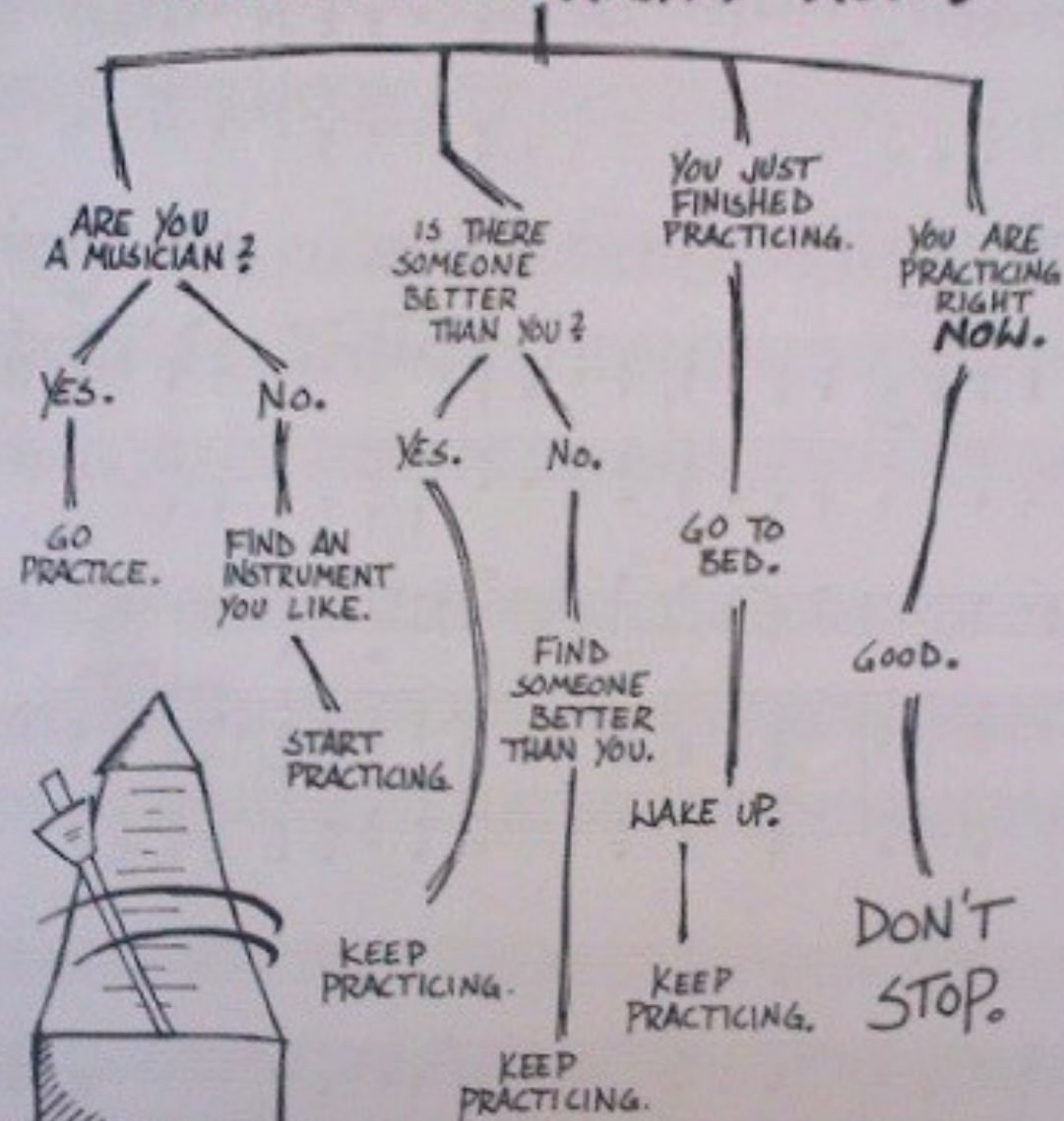
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