

The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

December 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



I was robbed at gunpoint. The year was 1973, and it was in a downtown Miami restaurant on Biscayne Boulevard when I was a college sophomore. A friend from work was with me and there were a number of other people in the restaurant with us, all out for a late evening dinner. My back was to the entrance door of the small restaurant. Suddenly, I noticed that my colleague's eyes widened considerably, and he was totally focused on whatever was happening behind me. I turned around just in time to stare down the barrel of a black revolver. It's not something that one forgets. Ever.

The robbers shouted to everyone: "Pull out your wallets and purses, empty them of cash, and put all your jewelry on the table." Everyone complied--thankfully--or there might have been gunfire, and someone might have died that evening. I was a college student of meager means, so all I lost was a little cash, a ten-dollar watch (it was 1973, after all), and my sense of confidence that downtown Miami was a safe place to be after dark. My co-worker was heartsick about losing a watch which he had bought in Switzerland.

In spite of some losses, I also gained something that day. I gained a profound attitude of gratefulness to God that we all were alive, unharmed, and could go about our lives after the police came and took our names and statements. Being thankful is possibly one of the most important things we can do in our daily lives. Even when the days are dark, and evil seems to be all around us, the Light of the World dispels the darkness. This is a central message of the Advent season, isn't it? God's light shines even when we don't see it burning brightly. We need to open our eyes and hearts to see it.

I remind you that we will gather around the table at Ocean Grill restaurant in Vero Beach on Wednesday, December 3, at Noon. RSVP with me. No guns, no threats of violence, just good times together. This is just one way that we "share the Light."

Finally, be thinking about what you will play (how you will share your light) for the Fifth Annual Christmas and Epiphany concert on January 4 at 4:00 PM at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Vero Beach. The church will provide a reception in the Parish Hall after the concert. There will be carol singing for all, so warm up your voice! Also, please NOTE THE SCHEDULE CHANGES for the season, as well as a very important announcement about Thomas Ingui, our guest artist in March. Read on!

Advent Blessings,
Tom Goetz DMus, CAGO
Chapter Dean

TCCAGO EVENT SCHEDULE

For the 2025-26 Season

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

St. Mark's Anglican Church in Vero Beach. Members are invited to play the Allen organ for this program. RSVP to Tom Goetz as soon as possible to reserve practice time and give your title and composer. Reception to follow the program. Tom Goetz, host.

- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 4:00 PM - MEMBER'S RECITAL**

St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ft Pierce (note the schedule and venue change)

Please arrange practice time with Dallas Gambrell. St Andrew's has a fine A. E. Schlueter pipe organ and a beautiful seven-foot Baldwin piano. Pianists and organists take note! Dallas Gambrell hosts.

- **SUNDAY, MARCH 1, AT 4 PM—Tom Ingui Recital at Community Church, Vero Beach**

We are thrilled to present Tom Ingui, a former TCCAGO Scholarship student, in a solo recital on the expansive Lively-Fulcher organ at Community Church. Tom was awarded third prize at the Saint-Maurice International Organ Competition in Switzerland this past August. This is a high honor and recognition of his outstanding skills as an organist. Tom was the only contestant from the US who made it to the finals in Switzerland. We congratulate Tom and look forward to his recital on his home turf, the Treasure Coast! Tom earned his bachelor's degree in organ performance at Stetson University, and his master's degree at the Yale School of Music at Yale University. He has performed recitals at notable venues such as Trinity Church Copley Square, Boston, and Bethesda by the Sea in Palm Beach. He is a collaborative artist with Southeastern University and the Bach Festival of Central Florida. He is currently organist at First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, FL. Mark your calendar now!

- **SEASON FINALE (Date and Time TBA in April or May)**

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 at Noon on
December 3rd

RSVP with Tom Goetz at
goetzmusic1@gmail.com by
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Join us for an evening of festive music sung by the Grammy-nominated choir



Thursday, December 18th , 7:00PM
Trinity Episcopal Church & School, 2365 Pine Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32960

Event is Free of Charge

The background of the poster features a golden, ornate border. In the center, there is a depiction of the Three Kings (Magi) in traditional attire, including turbans and robes, standing behind a large organ console. The organ pipes are visible in the background, and the overall color scheme is warm and golden.

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~ presents ~

King of Instruments

A Christmas & Epiphany
Organ Concert
with Carol Singing for All

Meets the Three Kings

Sunday, January 4, 2026
4:00PM

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concert is free - donations appreciated



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4:00PM

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2025-2026 CONCERT SEASON

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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.*

\$30 adults and \$10 youth.

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2025-2026

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**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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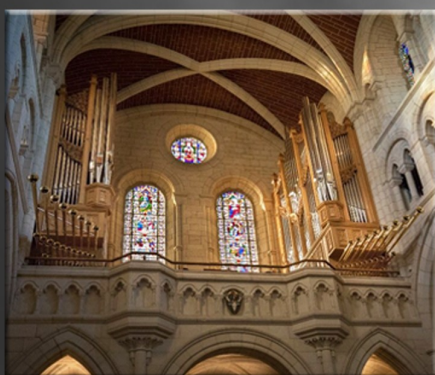
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CONCERT SERIES

- OCT 26** "Tricks & Treats" Masquerade Concert of Voice & Piano at 3 p.m. in Grace Chapel with Rachel Carter Murphy, soprano and Jacob Craig, piano | Costumes Encouraged
Tickets \$10
- DEC 7** "Sounds of Christmas" A Celebration Concert at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Hear the Music Ensembles of Community Church. With Handbells, Jazz Combo, small ensembles, soloists and some surprises along the way! *\$10 suggested donation*
- FEB 22** "Love Notes: Tales of Passion" Melbourne Municipal Band at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An exciting concert with some romantic favorites arranged for concert band, sure to knock your socks off and get your heart pumping! *\$10 suggested donation*
- MAR 8** "Astralis Chamber Ensemble: Flute & Harp" at 3 p.m. in Grace Chapel. This dynamic ensemble presents instrument pairings that are unique worldwide, inspiring expanded chamber repertoire through commissions and arrangements. *Tickets \$10*
- APR 26** "Atlantica String Trio" at 3 p.m. in Grace Chapel. This local ensemble features Adriana Stenvik, cello; Sasha Korzynski, violin, and John Korzynski, piano. *Tickets \$10*

SPECIAL EVENTS IN WORSHIP

- NOV 24** Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Members of the Treasure Coast Interfaith community come together in gratitude. Includes Combined Handbell Ensemble and Choir
- DEC 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons & Carols. 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary with Orchestra and Choir. *Free-will offering*
- APR 3** Good Friday Service of Music at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Featuring Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra. Featuring works by Samuel Barber, Heather Sorenson, Fauré and Mozart.

POETRY & MUSIC SERIES

- DEC 4-19** Thursdays in Advent at 11 a.m. Join us to hear the spoken word highlighted by music. Poets & Musicians include Sean Sexton, Sarah Carey, Rachel Murphy, Logan Koller Sasha Korczynsky
- FEB 19-26** Thursdays in Lent at 11 a.m. Join us to hear the spoken word highlighted by music. Poets include Sean Sexton, and Jen Karetnick.
- MAR 5-26** Thursdays in Lent at 11 a.m. Our series continues with the spoken word highlighted by music. Poets include Greg Byrd, Angela O'Donnell, M.B. McLatchey, and Robert Cording.

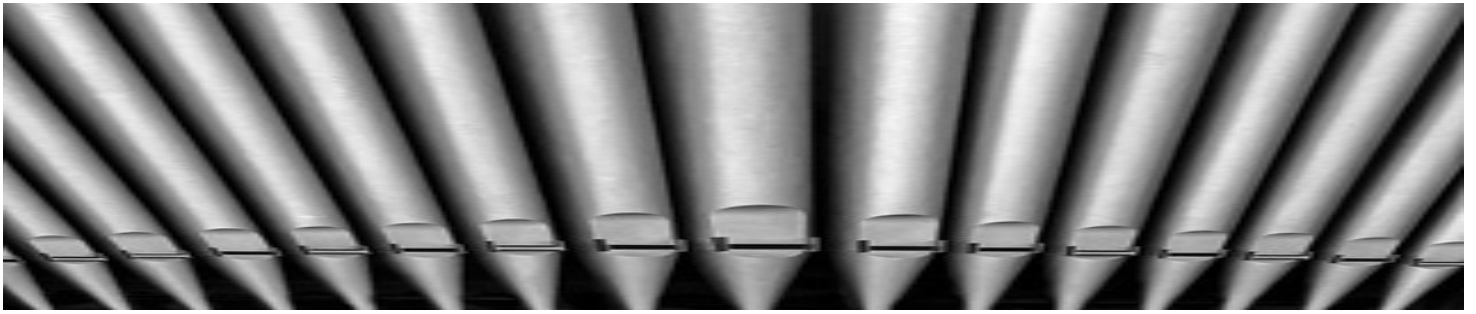
VINER SERIES FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

- OCT- JAN** **Steven Edgar Bradbury**, Florida-based pleinair landscape artist will show his works in graphite and pastels as our Viner Series opener.
- JAN 11-25** **Congregational Art Show** Members and Attendees of Community Church will display their art as a Celebration of Community Church Creativity.
- FEB- APR** **Jacquelyn Modesitt Schindehette**, Florida native and master painter of Florida's unique landscape will show her oil paintings in our Narthex Gallery.



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DECEMBER 4 IN THE SANCTUARY

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Logan Koller, organ



DECEMBER 11 IN GRACE CHAPEL

“Poetry in Song”
Rachel Carter Murphy, soprano
Sasha Korczynski, violin
Jill Truax, organ



DECEMBER 18 IN GRACE CHAPEL

Sean Sexton, poet
Michael Telesmanick, piano



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SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS A CONCERT CELEBRATION

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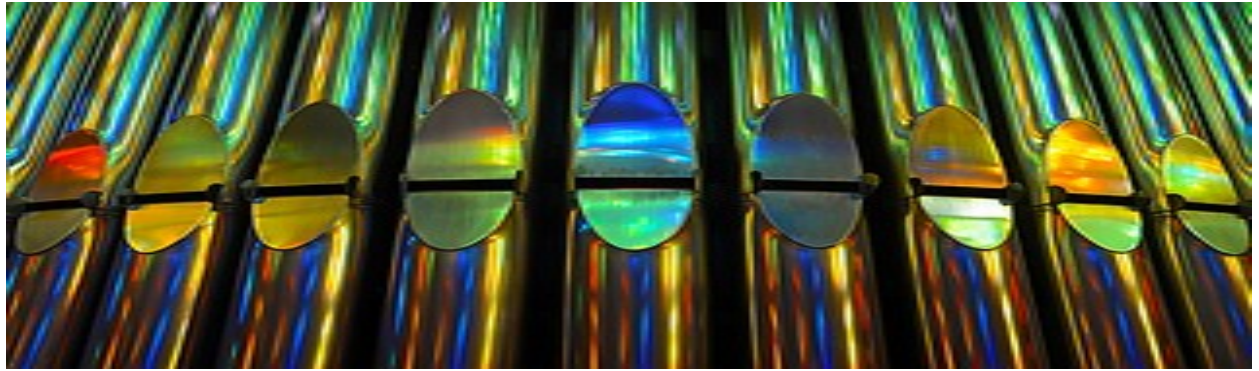
Holy Cross Catholic Church in Vero Beach is presenting a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14th at 3 pm in the Parish Hall. They are presenting the Cantata: The Road To Bethlehem, a Sing-a-long and an unforgettable 12 days of Christmas. Light refreshments will be served.



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