

The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



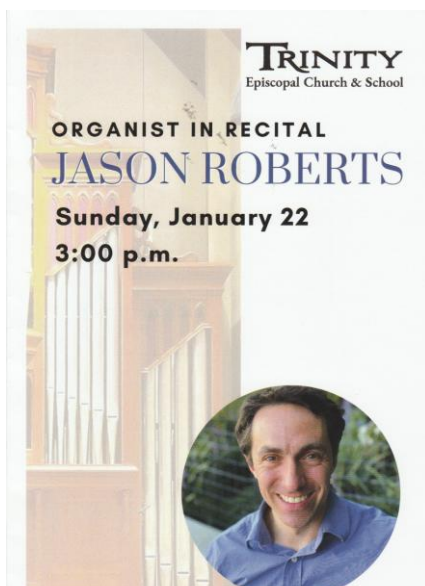
Monthly Newsletter

February 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



If you missed the Jason Roberts event on January 22nd, you missed the most amazing performance this area has seen in some time. Trinity Episcopal Church got off to a flying start to their "Music at Trinity Series".



(TCCAOG members with Jason Roberts in the top center)

Next up is February 11th at 4:00 pm at Christ Church Vero Beach. Christ Church will be dedicating their new Ahlborn-Galanti / Hauptwerk organ, and Brady Johnson's will discuss and demonstrate the organs of the Hauptwerk with various recital pieces. Please make an effort to support Brady and see this extraordinary event. Mark your calendars.



Now we are moving toward Lent and then Easter, and preparing for the Holy Days means we will be extremely busy. Easter is April 9th this year, so take a breath...

... and get ready for an amazing event on April 30th at 4:00 pm at St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Pierce on the new A.E. Schlueter pipe organ. Our board member, Tom Goetz (organist and choirmaster at St Andrew's), is inviting us to attend the inaugural performance of the instrument with Dr. David Hurd performing. Michael Barone, host of "Pipedreams" will be there providing expert commentary.



(Tom Goetz at the console of the new Schlueter pipe organ at St. Andrew's)

This event is not without expense for the church, so Tom is asking for publicity and financial support. Our chapter has limited funds, and the amount we might offer is yet to be determined. But I am willing to pledge \$100 towards this event. Will you match me? If you are unable to match me, I'm asking you to contribute what you can. If you were

to attend a concert in New York or elsewhere, you'd pay much more.

This is our chance to have important artists perform in our area.

Here is a little about David Hurd-



David Hurd is widely recognized as one of the foremost church musicians and concert organists in the United States, with a long list of honors and achievements, and immeasurable expertise in organ performance, improvisation, and composition. For 39 years David Hurd was on the faculty of The General Theological Seminary in New York City, as Director of Chapel Music, Organist, and Professor of Church Music.

He is the composer of dozens of hymns, choral works, settings of the liturgy, and organ works published by a number of major houses. His music appears in hymnals and choir libraries in churches of nearly all religious denominations.

In 2010 he became the fifteenth recipient of The American Guild of Organists' Distinguished Composer award. Dr. Hurd is now Organist/Choirmaster of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City.

As a concert organist, David Hurd

enjoys instant recognition having performed throughout North America and Europe, and featured at conventions of the American Guild of Organists. He was invited to perform at the Internationaal Orgelfestival Haarlem where he was awarded the diploma for improvisation at the Stichting Internationaal Orgelconcours.

He studied both at the Preparatory Division of the Juilliard School and at Manhattan's High School of Music and Art. Later he attended Oberlin Conservatory, and went on for further study at the University of North and at the Manhattan School of Music. His organ teachers have included Bronson Ragan, Garth Peacock, Arthur Poister, and Rudolph Kremer.

Now the ball is in your court. Don't let this opportunity to host events in the area go without support. I will be sending out an email blast to all of you as to how we contribute. It will be worth every penny.

Finally, I want to tell you that I worked very hard at St Andrews in Ft Pierce to raise money by catering events for the church to make this pipe organ a reality. We have a tentative agreement to hold our members recital there later in the year. To have an opportunity to play this instrument is a dream come true. Let's do this.

Keep practicing!

Steve Giddens
Dean TCCAGO

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MEET YOUR FELLOW TCCAGOers: Kathleen Knott



Kathleen Knott grew up as the only child, a PK (preacher's kid) in a Methodist home. Her grandmother predicted she would play the piano one day since she was blessed with long fingers. And sure enough, she had a wonderful piano teacher during her adolescent years, and began filling in on the organ at her father's church.

After graduating high school Kathleen attended Mary Washington College in Virginia and graduated with a Music major. After being married and having 2 children, she received a Master of Music Education degree from University of Colorado (Boulder). It was there that she took organ lessons, and loved playing on the University's Casavant organ. Kathleen also achieved Orff Level 3 certification at the University of Nevada at Los Vegas.

Kathleen held organist/choir master positions at many churches, and

discovered that she felt most at home in playing in churches with a liturgical tradition.

She also taught music at various elementary schools. A highlight of her career was taking a group of students to perform at the National Orff Convention in Tampa in the 90's. The Orff approach emphasizes process and creativity.

Kathleen has been a member of the American Guild of Organists since early college years, and has served in several offices and positions. These include teaching adult novices the organ, orchestrating a "Pedals, Pipes & Pizza" event, and serving as both secretary and dean of our local Treasure Coast chapter.

Highlights of her tenure as chapter dean include putting on an Orff workshop and hosting Adam Brakel as guest organist at Evensong.

Kathleen feels blessed to know a multitude of wonderful church families. Most especially, she appreciates her church family at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Vero Beach where she has been employed since the doors opened on the new building in 2005. She especially loves and appreciates the beautiful and meaningful hymns that are part of the Anglican tradition.



Kathleen's hobbies include playing recreation golf. She has hit two holes in one, an accomplishment not many golfers ever experience even once! She also enjoys attending karaoke with her husband.

We appreciate and value Kathleen as a part of our Treasure Coast Chapter. We thank her for all the work she has done in the chapter, especially as a part of our new annual event, "The Music of Christmas" held at St. Mark's. We are happy to know you as a colleague and a friend, Kathleen.



ORGAN DEDICATION AND DEMONSTRATION

On Saturday February 11, at 4:00 pm, Christ Church (Anglican) will host the Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (TCCAGO) in a program to bless and dedicate their new Ahlborn-Galanti organ to the worship of Almighty God.

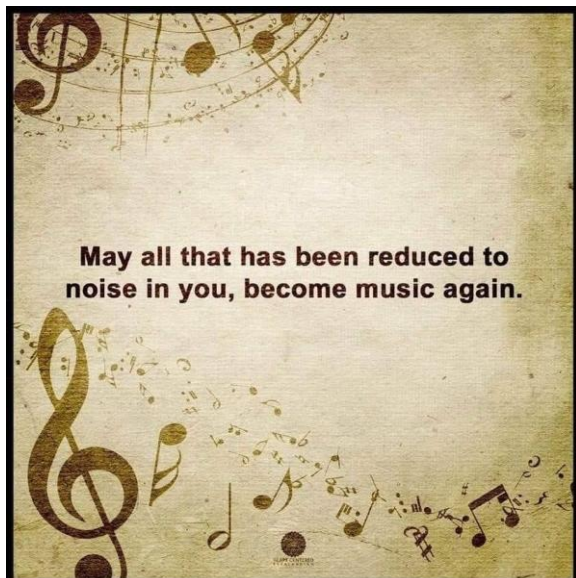
Immediately following and flowing from the dedication ceremony the donor of this wonderful gift, Mr. Baden Griffin (a member and former

dean of TCCAGO), will give a background to his purchase of the organ and the unique addition of the virtual organs, which are accessed through the computer software known as *Hauptwerk* (German word for the Great organ division).



Interspersed throughout Baden's talk, Christ Church's organist, Brady Johnson, will perform organ works demonstrating the flavor of each virtual organ, as well as the original sound of the Ahlborn-Galanti instrument. The entire program should be 90 minutes.

For more information, please contact Brady through the Church office at (772) 562-8670. Christ Church is located at 667 20th St, Vero Beach, FL 32960.



TREASURE COST JOINS SPACE COAST CHAPTER FOR ORGAN CRAWL

On Monday, January 16, members and friends of our two chapters visited St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Vero Beach to experience their new A.E. Schlueter pipe organ.



Crawlers also had an opportunity to visit the Lively-Fulcher organ at The Community Church of Vero Beach, and the Harrison and Harrison organ at Trinity Episcopal of Vero Beach.

We value and appreciate the collaboration we enjoy with the Space Coast Chapter!

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Space Coast Chapter Invites us to their annual Members' Recital. The recital will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 3:00 pm. The church is located at 1053 Pinetree Dr, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

The concert is free, but donations are of course welcomed. Reception to follow.

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Concert Series 10th Anniversary

Sunday, February 12, 3:00 p.m. - Free Concert

Enchanting audiences worldwide with a "virtuoso technique always in the service of the music," organist and conductor Weston Jennings is one of America's leading young concert artists. Highlights include:

- * Eastman – Bachelor of Music; Performer's Certificate
- * Canterbury Cathedral and Chelmsford Cathedral Organ Scholar
- * Royal Festival Hall, London – first Organ Scholar
- * Yale School of Music/Institute of Sacred Music – Master of Music
- * Performance venues:
 - The Kennedy Center (Washington, DC)
 - Westminster Abbey (London)
 - St. Paul's Cathedral (London)
 - Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue (New York)
 - Chapel of the Queen's College (Oxford)
 - Royaumont Abbey (France)
 - Berliner Dom (Germany)
- Performances and interviews have been broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and American Public Media's Pipedreams.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH PRESENTS "The Queen's Six," an evening of vocal music "from early chants, to jazz and pop arrangements" with this resident ensemble from Windsor Castle.

The musical evening takes place on Saturday, February 18, at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$40, Students \$15 at the door.



**Saturday
February 18
7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$40.00**



MARCH 5 IS WOMAN COMPOSER SUNDAY

The AGO, the Society of Women Organists, and the Royal College of Organists will observe the second annual Woman Composer Sunday on March 5. Members are encouraged to highlight the music of women composers in their services that day.

On Monday, Jan. 30, at 7 pm the AGO Task Force for Gender Equity will host a webinar to discuss the history of the event, share organ and choral repertoire, and present ideas to mark the occasion in your church. AGO president Eileen Hunt will moderate the panel discussion. To register go to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I3xhow9ITxOjkBOnRDLtsg

CONCERT AND DISCUSSION from MIDNIGHT TOCATTA

On Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm, a festive concert and discussion premiering the winning entry of the Mader Fund's 50th Anniversary Composition Competition will be held at St. James'-In-The-City Episcopal Church (3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010).

Renowned concert organists Stephen Tharp and David Briggs will each perform their unique interpretation of "Midnight Toccatas for Solo Organ" by Aaron Travers, Associate Professor of Music Composition at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music.

"Midnight Toccatas" was the winning work from among 42 entries in the

Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund's 50th anniversary Composition Competition. The program will also include the organists' own transcriptions of "Ride of the Valkyries" (Wagner), "Carnival" (Dvorak), and "Daphnis et Chloe" (Ravel).

In addition, Dr. Frank Ticheli will interview Dr. Travers and moderate an audience Q & A following the concert.

The concert will be preceded by a Choral Evensong at 4:15 pm, featuring the choir of St. James', directed by Canon James Buonemani.

The concert is being live-streamed. The livestream link is available on the Mader Fund website:

www.maderscholarshipfund.org, as well as <https://stjla.org/greatmusic> Great Music at Saint James.



College Students Entering in 2023

2023-2024 Pogorzelski - Yankee Memorial Scholarship Deadline:
February 15, 2023

The Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee Memorial Scholarships are intended to support the education of talented young organists who will make significant contributions to the fields of organ playing and sacred music.

Applicants are expected to have existing talent and achievements in the field of organ playing and an expressed commitment post graduation to teaching, performing, or other serious endeavor with respect to the organ.

Applicants must also demonstrate financial need. The scholarship can be applied to any accredited school or conservatory in the United States. For more information go to:

<https://www.agohq.org/education/pogorzelski-yankee-memorial-scholarships/>

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