

# The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

November 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Members and Friends of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the AGO:

Let's do something different for our November luncheon—

TCCAGO Member Rachel Carter Murphy gave me a great idea for our November lunch. Instead of going to Ocean Grill in November, let's meet for lunch at The Community Church in Vero Beach on THURSDAY, November 6, at NOON (note that it's Thursday, not Wednesday).

It's a bargain--only a \$5 donation, or more if you wish, for a BOWL OF SOUP. Usually there is a good choice of homemade soups. Your donation supports Catholic Charities' Samaritan Center. We will plan to reserve a table for our group. Let me know if you are able to come, and how many are in your party.

I wish to express my thanks to the performers at our Spooktacular Halloween Concert at Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church: Jack VanderPlate, Amber Schichtel, Ryan Kasten, Gary Parr, Steve Giddens, Dallas Gambrell, Marcos Flores, Tom Goetz and Brady Johnson. We enjoyed seeing the variety of costumes, shenanigans, and hearing great music suitable for a program of Fright and Fun. We all are indebted to Marcos Flores and the people of CBTS Church who created the fantastic decorations and cleaned up the church to make it presentable for Sunday worship.

The offering from Friday's concert goes entirely to the Scholarship Fund. At the concert, we also received four "Chapter Friend" renewals. The membership renewals go to the Operating Fund. The Chapter Executive Board will meet via ZOOM on Tuesday, November 4, at 4:00 PM. If you wish to have any issues raised, please send me an email two days in advance of the meeting.

*LOOKING AHEAD.* . . Plan to attend the BLESSING OF THE MUSICIANS AND UNVEILING OF THE NEW AUSTIN PIPE ORGAN at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church on SAINT CECILIA'S DAY, Saturday, November 22, at 10:30 AM. A unique feature of Austin Organs is the patented Universal Airchest which ensures consistent and uniform air pressure, and it allows organ technicians to service the action from inside the chest. I think we will have a chance to peek inside to see how this unique design works. Michael B. Fazio, President and Tonal Director of Austin Organs, Inc., plans to be on hand along with St. John Music Director and Sub Dean Ryan Kasten.

Faithfully,  
Tom Goetz, DMus, CAGO  
Treasure Coast Chapter Dean



## **TCCAGO EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **For the 2025-26 Season**

- **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**

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.

Practice times **MUST** be arranged the week of February 16th (NOT the week of Feb 23rd).

Members should arrange practice time with Jill Truax, after the first of the year.

We thank Jill Truax, Director of Music and Fine Arts, for hosting this 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  
Community Church in Vero Beach

Thursday November 6th at  
Noon

RSVP with Tom Goetz at  
[goetzmusic1@gmail.com](mailto:goetzmusic1@gmail.com) by 11/3



Concert Series  
2025-2026

# Piano Concert

Marcos Flores

**SUN  
NOV 23RD  
2025  
3 PM**

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# Christ by the Sea

## 2025-2026 CONCERT SEASON

*Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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- Stay connected online.
- Access all AGO national membership benefits including: free webinars and workshops, certifications, a subscription to the monthly magazine *The American Organist*, and our job board.

**We are united in our passion for the organ.** Whether you're an organist, or organ buff; a concert organist, or a beginner; have an advanced degree, or are self-taught; play a traditional pipe organ, or electronic organ; are a choral director, or simply love the organ... **you are welcome at the AGO.**

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**2025-2026**

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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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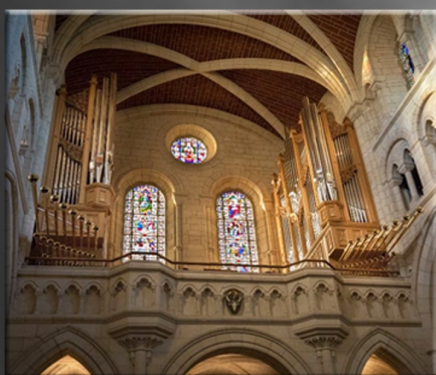
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# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH MUSIC & FINE ARTS '25-26 SERIES

## 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.

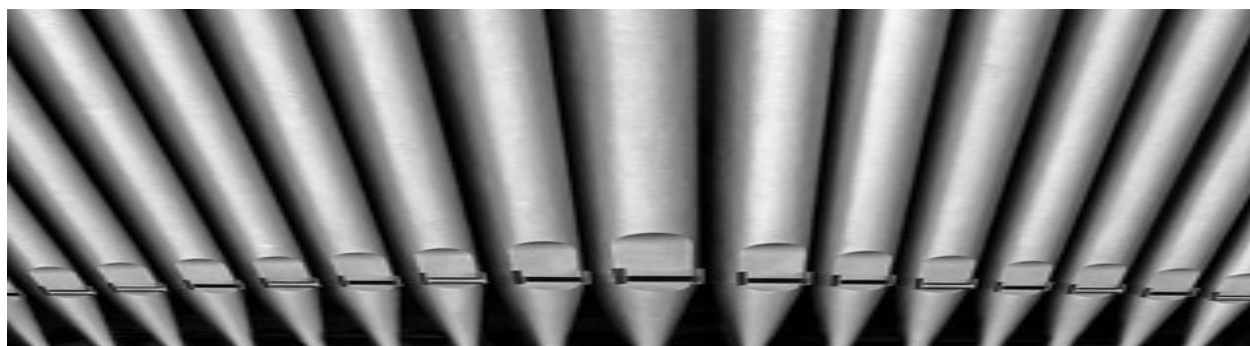
## VINER SERIES FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

- 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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**Amber Schichtel**



**Marcos Flores**



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# THE SPACE COAST CHAPTER AGO PRESENTS HARPSICHORD 101

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025 AT 7:00 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, COCOA BEACH

3300 N Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

The evening will begin with a short recital by Dr. Wm. Jean Randall on the 2018 Knight Vernon Franco Flemish Double. He will present works by Bach, Stevens Boismortier, Couperin, and Vernon. Following the concert we will have a demonstration of the inner workings of the harpsichord and plenty of time for attendees to play the instrument. Bring some music, students, children, friends and join the good people of the Space Coast Chapter in a fun evening exploring an important part of our legacy as organists!

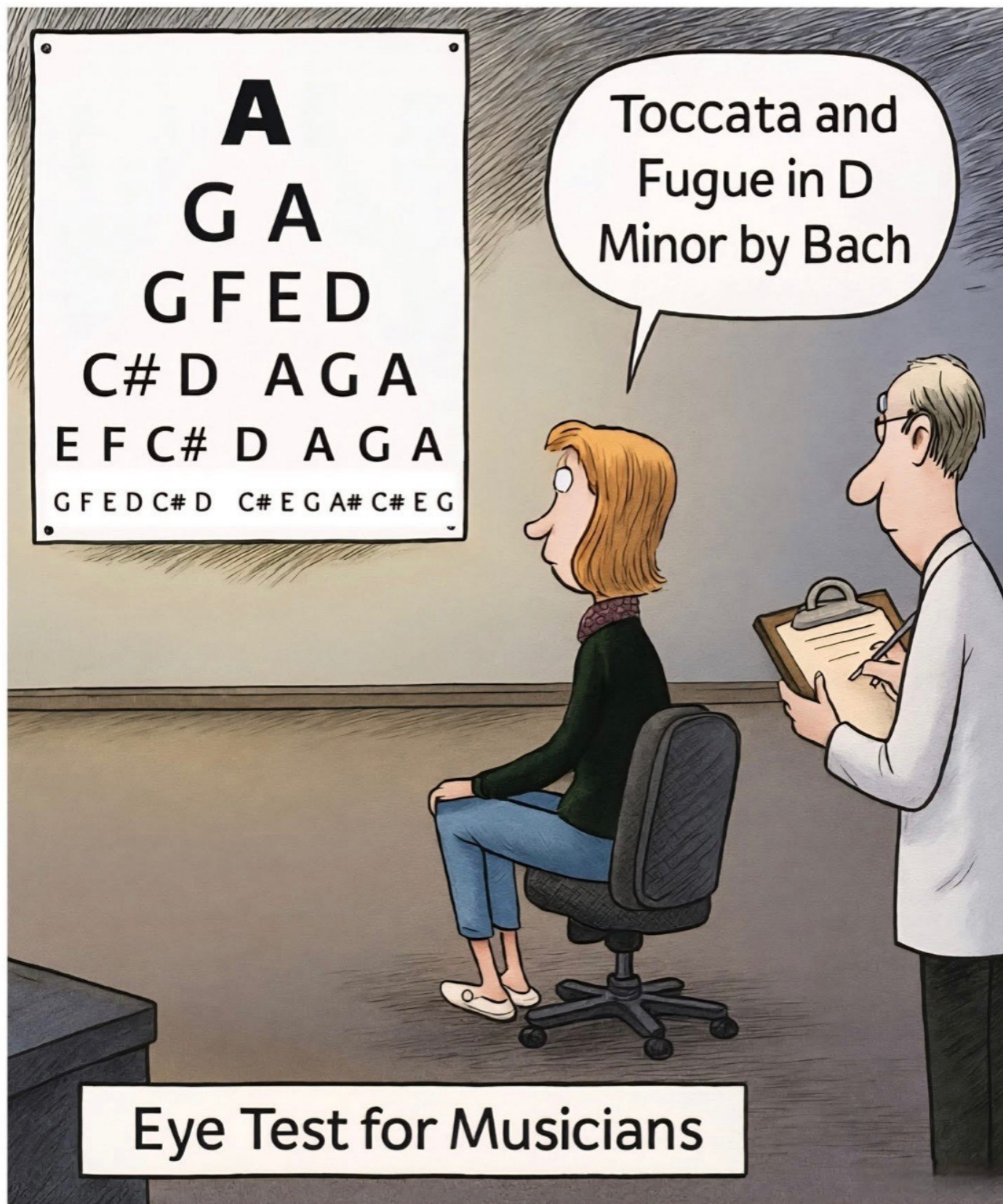




Concert artist Jan Liebermann playing the largest organ in the UK-at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral  
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