

# The Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

September 2026

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



*...to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ. (Mission of the AGO)*

*...to engage, support, and uplift every organist. (Vision of the AGO)*

Greetings to all AGO members who take the time to read this first message on my fourth go-round as Dean of this wonderful Chapter. I write to you in the afterglow of the dedication of the latest pipe organ on the Treasure Coast: the refurbished and restored 4000-plus pipes of the Austin Opus 2805 at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Vero Beach. I applaud Father Brian Campbell, St. John's Pastor, our colleague, Ryan Kasten, his associates, TCCAGO member Marg Putzke and Jacob Flaherty, and all the St. John's parishioners

who supported this major project. It was so encouraging that the Bishop of Palm Beach was present to bless the instrument, as well as to laud the place of music and investment made by the parish in their worship! Two of our programs will continue this inaugural year, including our annual Members' recital next April. What a way to start a new year!

I would be amiss, if I did not thank last year's outgoing Board members: Tom Goetz and Ryan Kasten. Serving as an officer in a modest-sized chapter often requires much hands-on time and effort, quite true with these wonderful colleagues. The new year for your new Board actually began a month ago, as we gathered for an in-person meeting at Trinity, sacrificing a Saturday morning! I began my remarks to them by quoting the AGO mission and vision excerpts that are the headers above. The AGO was initially chartered as an educational organization and we -both as a Chapter and the national Guild- need to continue to foster that goal. But it is so vital that we nurture our colleagues to encourage all of us in our various posts and artistic endeavors. Gathering at our events is part of that "fellowshipping" that builds us up in our calling. A wonderful example of caring for each other happened this summer, as some members alerted me that one of members had not been heard from for enough time that folks were concerned. The member had relocated to an independent facility, where he and his wife will have some assistance, Our Chapter is a family, and connecting monthly or more often, builds our esprit de corps.

Speaking of programs, we kick off early this year, as our Chaplain, Michael Carter, will host us for "Prepare the Way," a choral-reading session to give us ideas for the coming festival seasons of Christmas

and Easter. The session will be on Saturday, September 12, 10A-12N, at First Baptist Church in Vero.

I am excited that we have four experienced and dynamic colleagues as presenters:

- Dr. Anthony Baron, Director of Music, Trinity Episcopal Church
- Dr. Michael Carter, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church
- Dolores Mark, Parish Musician, Holy Cross Catholic Church
- Jill Truax, Director of Music and Fine Arts, The Community Church

Please invite your singers to attend this event. In order to effectively read through the anthems that our colleagues will lead us through, we need voices to sing them! Furthermore, I am presently inviting churches in Indian River County to invite musicians that are NOT part of the TCCAGO to join us at First Baptist to help them get ideas for their churches and choirs. Reach out to a church in your immediate area and extend an invitation to come. What an opportunity to reach out for the TCCAGO!

Finally, note that our monthly lunches are being shifted to Thursdays and that for September, we will gather at Michael's on 7th, 2217 7th Avenue, immediately adjacent to the Miracle Mile shopping area. Also, they asked us to come before the lunch crunch, so please arrive at 11.30A. Please send me a text or email (bjohnson@trinityvero.org) so I can give Michael's an idea of what to expect.

I wish all of you a strong start to a new program year in your churches and look forward to seeing you next month!

Brady Johnson,  
TCCAGO Dean

# The Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



P R E S E N T S

## “PREPARE THE WAY” CHOOSING MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS & EASTER

**Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 am to 12 noon**  
**First Baptist Church - 2206 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vero Beach, FL 32960**

This event is open to members and non-members alike (including choir members), who will sing through music as the presenters lead us. At the conclusion of this program will be a brief installation of Chapter officers and a prayer of dedication for the coming program/liturgical year, led by Rev. Michael Carter, our Chaplain.

**Our Presenters:**

Michael Carter - First Baptist Church  
Dolores Mark - Holy Cross Catholic Church  
Anthony Baron - Trinity Episcopal Church  
Jill Truax - The Community Church

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT  
OUR WEBSITE at [tccago.org](http://tccago.org)**



**THE CHAPTER LUNCHEON WILL BE AT MICHAELS ON 7TH, THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 3RD, AT 11:30 am**

**MICHAELS IS LOCATED AT 2217 7TH AVENUE IN VERO BEACH**

**VALIDATED PARKING**

**RSVP WITH BRADY JOHNSON OR REPLY TO THIS EMAIL**

**THE OCTOBER LUNCHEON WILL BE BACK AT THE OCEAN GRILL**

***(SEE BELOW and please note that we're back to Thursdays)***



**TCCAGO Chapter Lunch at the  
Ocean Grill at Noon on Thursday,  
October 1st**

**RSVP with Steve Giddens by the last  
week in September**

**TCCAGOnewsletter@gmail.com**

**(This restaurant is closed the first  
two weeks in September)**

# **TCCAGO EVENT SCHEDULE**

## **For the 2026-2027 Season**

+Saturday, September 12, 10a-12N **Prepare the Way**

First Baptist Church, 2206 16th Avenue, Vero Beach

As a new program year begins, four distinguished TCCAGO members present a choral reading session for the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons. Presenters: Anthony Baron, Michael Carter, Dolores Mark, Jill Truax Open to members and non-members, especially for choir members.

+Friday, October 30, 6.30p **Phantasies & Phugues**

First United Methodist Church Fort Pierce, 515 Avenue A, Fort Pierce

Our whimsical, only slightly scary Hallowe'en concert to raise funds for our Scholarship Fund. Wear your most outrageous costume!

+Sunday, November 15, 4.00p **Ken Cowan in Concert**

St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 7550 26th Street (at 74th Street), Vero Beach  
Acclaimed concert artist, Ken Cowan, will perform on St. John's newly-installed Austin instrument. Mr. Cowan is organ professor at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and has performed for AGO conventions, as well as throughout North America, Germany, and Korea.

+Sunday, January 3, 4.00p **Holiday Retrospective**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 210 South Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce

Music for the holidays, performed by members of the TCCAGO. Before we say farewell to the "most wonderful time of the year," listen once again to the glorious carols of the season.

+January/February **Pedal, Pipes, & Pizza**

Date and venue to be determined

This program, used by AGO chapters throughout the country, reaches out to local schools and home-school groups to promote the organ to local youth. Fun music of the organ is combined with educational features, visit to the organ chamber, culminating with a pizza feast for all attending.

+Friday, April 16, 7p **Annual Members' Recital**

St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 7550 26th Street (at 74th Street), Vero Beach

TCCAGO members continue the celebration of the Treasure Coast's newest pipe organ!

+May **Annual meeting & Dinner** TBA



*TOM INGUI PRESENTS*

# THE COMPLETE ORGAN WORKS OF J.S. BACH

**3:00 PM | FREE | FPC LAKELAND**

**AUGUST 9, 2026    The Little Organ Book and Other Little Pieces**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2026    Trio Sonatas**

**OCTOBER 25, 2026    Great Free-works, Part 1**

**DECEMBER 13, 2026    The Leipzig and Schübler Chorales**

**JANUARY 17, 2027    Chorale Partitas and Variations**

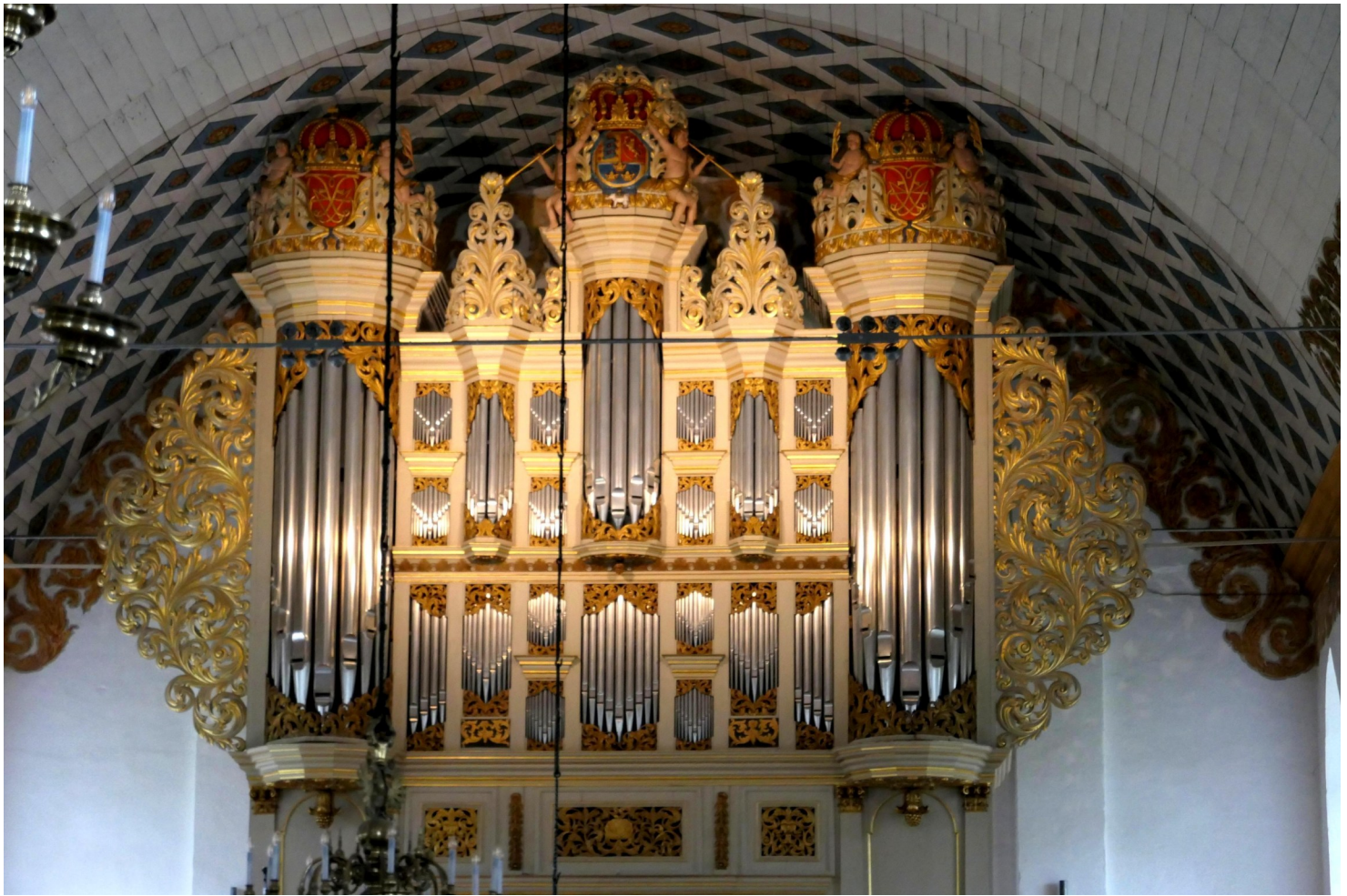
**APRIL 4, 2027    The German Organ Mass**

**MAY 16, 2027    Selected Chorale Preludes**

**JUNE 6, 2027    Great Free-works, Part 2**

**JULY 10, 2027    Everything Else  
10 am - 3 pm with lunch provided**





### TCCAGO *Members Substitution List*

| <i>NAME</i>                                         | <i>Phone Number</i> | <i>Saturday Service</i> | <i>Sunday Service</i> | <i>Weddings</i> | <i>Funerals</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dr. Ray Adams                                       | 772-713-4757        | X                       |                       | X Sat/Sun       | X Sat/Sun       |
| Dr. Anthony Baron<br><i>Catholic/Episcopal Svc.</i> | 248-563-9034        | X                       | X evening             | X Sat/Sun       | X Sat/Sun       |
| Bill Dake                                           | 772-370-6110        |                         |                       | X Sat/Sun       | X Sat/Sun       |
| Steven Giddens                                      | 561-236-9791        | X                       |                       | X               | X               |
| Dr. Tom Goetz                                       | 832-589-9864        | X                       |                       |                 | X               |
| Kathleen Knott                                      | 772-696-0806        | X                       | X                     |                 |                 |
| Jerry Myers                                         | 912-656-1041        | X                       | X                     | X               | X               |
| Jack <u>VanderPlate</u>                             | 772-579-7851        |                         |                       | X               | X               |
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## **THANK YOU FOR BEING AN TCCAGO MEMBER**

**Is your AGO membership current?**

**To manage your membership, renew, change your address, find an AGO member, and more, just go to the national website:**

**[www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org)**

**OR**

**To become “Friends of the Chapter”\***

**Send \$25 to TCCAGO, PO Box 643814, Vero Beach, FL 32964**

**\*this special membership does not include the AGO magazine or voting rights**





**Blessing & Dedication of the Austin Pipe Organ Opus 2805**

**At St John of the Cross Roman Catholic Church**

**August 16, 2026**

**Organist and TCCAGO member, Ryan Kasten**

**With Fr Brian Campbell, Marg Putzke and Jacob Flaherty**



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Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 4:00 pm

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

Saturday, December 19, 2026 | 7:00pm

Sunday, December 20, 2026 | 4:00pm

**LISTEN TO THE MUSIC**

Sunday, March 14, 2027 | 4:00 pm

**HERE COMES THE BRIDE - AGAIN**

Sunday, May 23, 2027 | 4:00 pm

Includes a Renewal of Vows Ceremony

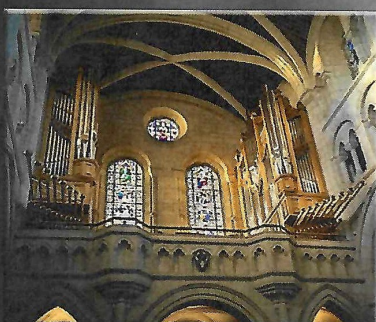
**ALL FREE CONCERTS ARE HELD AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH | 2206 16TH AVE | VERO BEACH**

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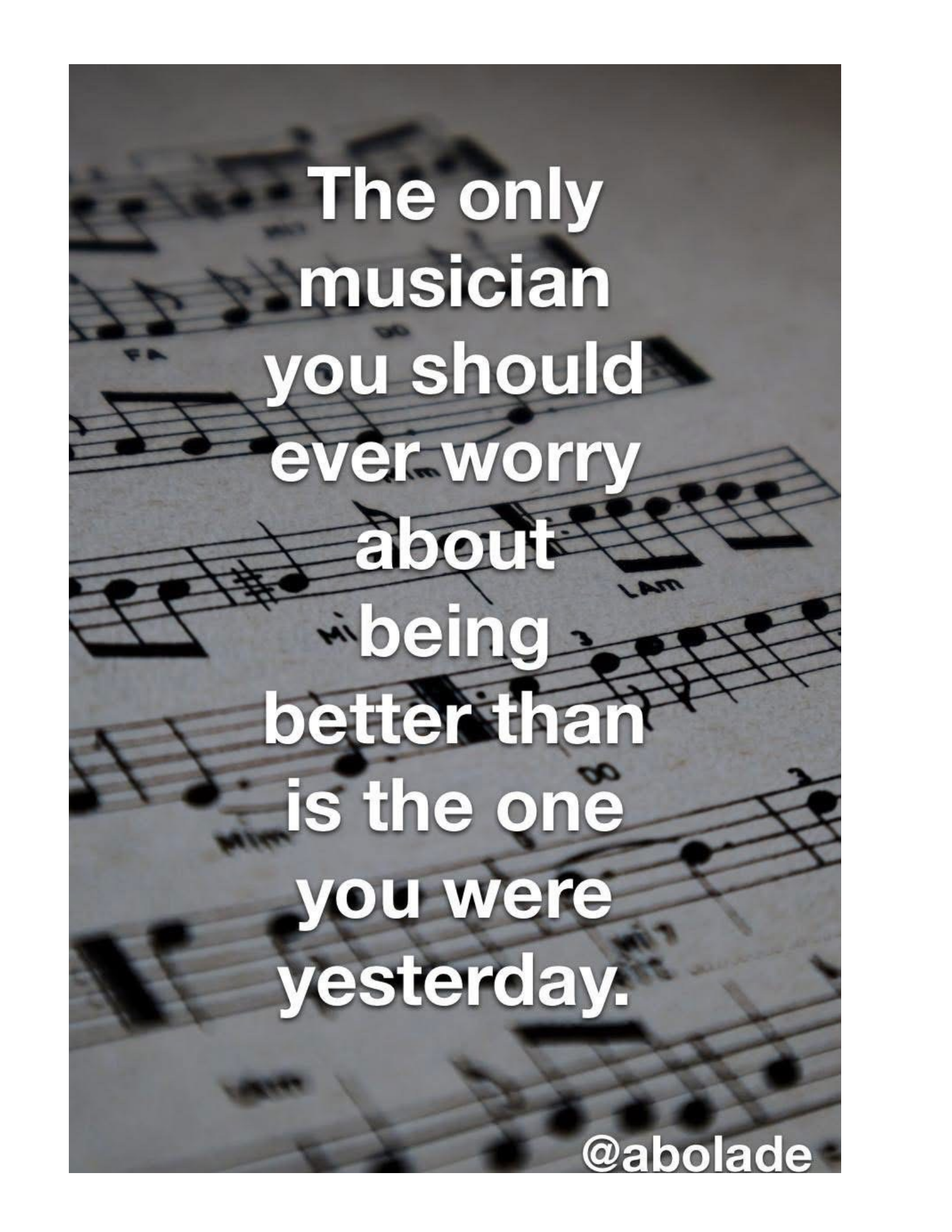
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| <b>Subdean:</b>           | <b>Steve Giddens</b>              |
| <b>Secretary:</b>         | <b>Dan Kroger</b>                 |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>         | <b>Neal Campbell</b>              |
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