

The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

September 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Members and Friends of the Treasure Coast Chapter-

In my second communication to you as Dean, let me welcome you to a new season and share with you our exciting plans for the coming season on page 2. Remember to add all of these events to your personal calendar so that you don't miss anything. It is always encouraging to see one another in person and strengthen our relationships.

It is with great pleasure and pride that we congratulate Thomas Ingui on being awarded Third Prize at the 12th International Organ Competition in Valais, Switzerland. Tom was the only American contestant who was invited for the final round of the competition. He was at one time a Scholarship Recipient of our chapter, studying with Brady Johnson. Tom is presently at First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL. We are very proud of Tom and his continuing growth as a phenomenal organist.



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**Third Prize Thomas Ingui
(Lakeland, FL)**

**First Prize Samuel Guidy
(Sydney)**

**Second Prize Bertalan Ablongzy
(Debrecen)**

The FIRST WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON will be the SECOND WEDNESDAY September 10th, 12 noon (due to the Dean's travel schedule) at the Ocean Grill in Vero Beach. Please make your reservation with the Dean via email by September 8 (or earlier if at all possible): GoetzMusic1@gmail.com.

Text message: 832-589-9864.

I hope to see you at every event this year!

Faithfully and Musically yours,

Tom Goetz, DMus, CAGO
Treasure Coast Chapter Dean

TCCAGO EVENT SCHEDULE

For the 2025-26 Season

- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, AT 4 PM—BLESSING OF THE MUSICIANS**

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 Airchests, a unique and patented feature of Austin organs. Ryan Kasten, host.

- **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.

- **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, September 10th at
Noon**

**RSVP with Tom Goetz at
goetzmusic1@gmail.com by 9/8**



**Brady Johnson begins
his tenure at Trinity
Episcopal Church in
Vero Beach.**

**Congratulations
Brady!**

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.*

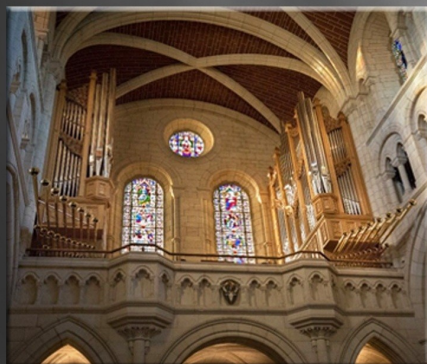
**Tickets for the concert series will be available starting on August 1, 2025 online at cbtsumc.org/concert-series, at the church office M-F 9am-4 pm, and at the door.*

\$30 adults and \$10 youth.

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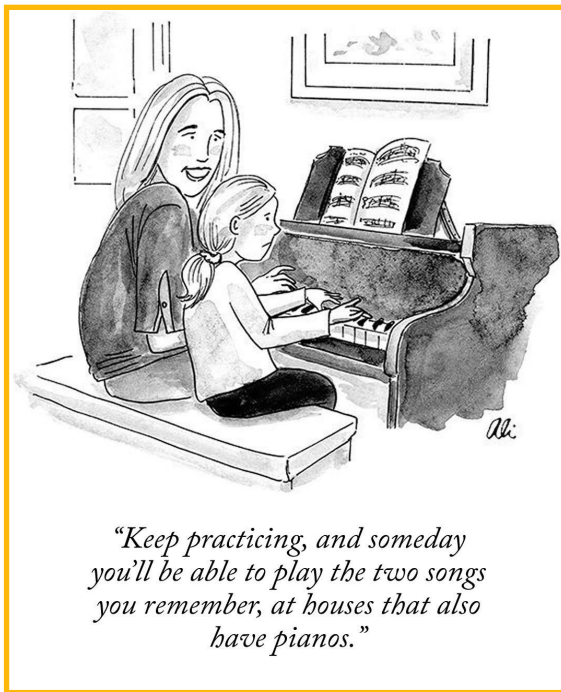
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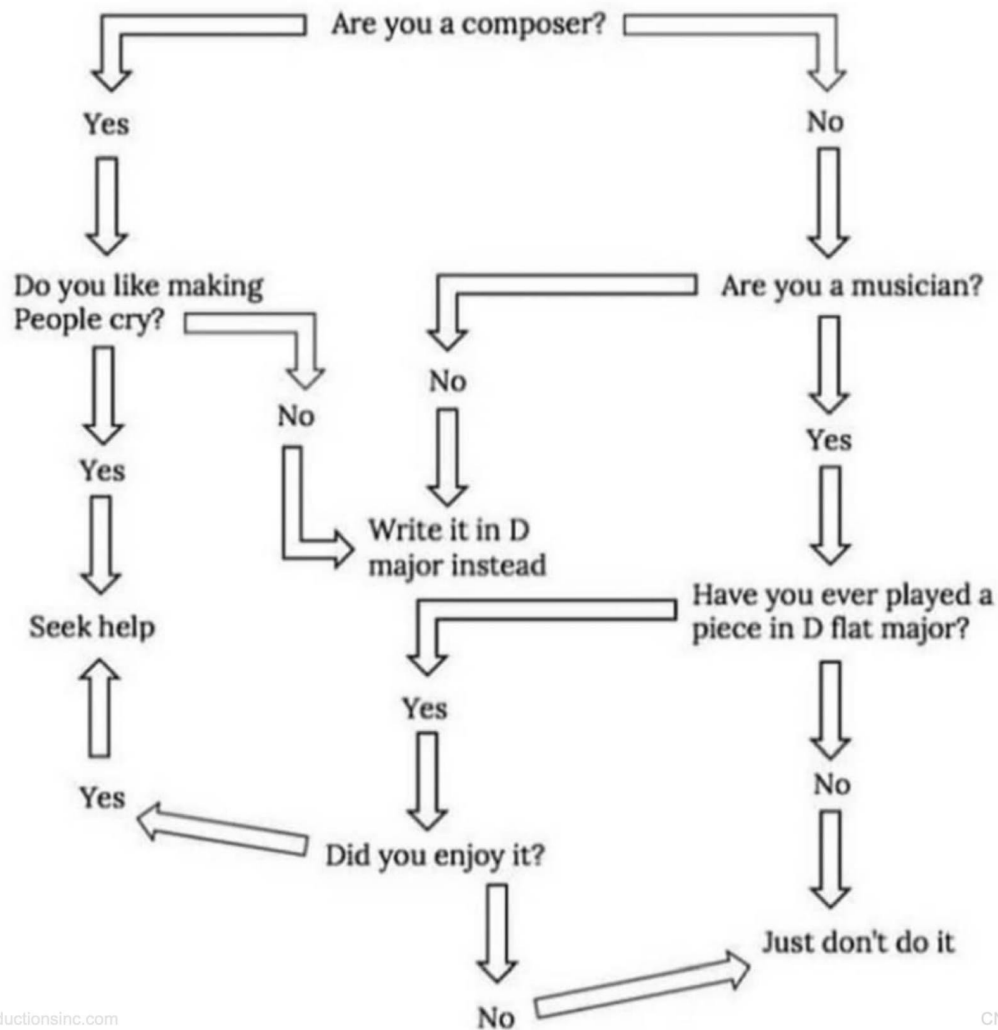
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Concert artist Jan Liebermann



SHOULD I WRITE A PIECE IN D FLAT MAJOR?



From the Wall St. Journal:

Baseball Organists Bring the Heat, Thanks to a 78-Year-Old Muse

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Nancy Faust and protégés draw inspiration from in-game mishaps, after-hours activities

BY JACOB BUNGE

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The Kane County Cougars were trying to rally against the Quad City River Bandits when bees started pouring from behind the visitors' dugout.

Umpires halted the game.

Players sprinted for the outfield.

Ushers hurried to shepherd panicky fans.

Curveballs and cutters perched above the fray in a suite, Nancy Faust sprang into action.

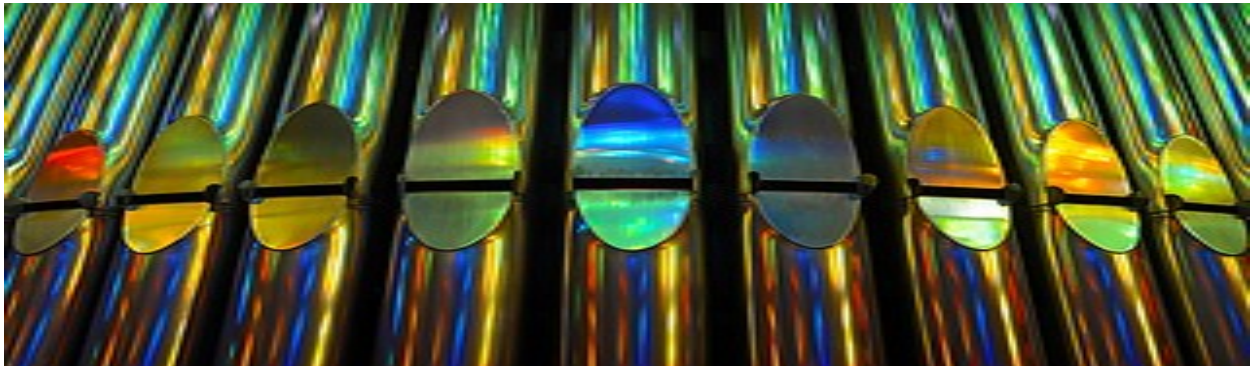
Placing her fingers on the keys of the ballpark's organ, she launched into "Flight of the Bumblebee," the frenetically paced number by Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. From there she segued into Jewel Akens' "The Birds and the Bees," Jimmie Rodgers' "Honeycomb," the Beatles' "Let It Be."

"I was in my glory," said Faust.

Organists have soundtracked baseball, hockey and basketball games for decades. Despite the rise of DJs and preprogrammed walk-up songs, they're still banging away in stadiums from Boston to Los Angeles.

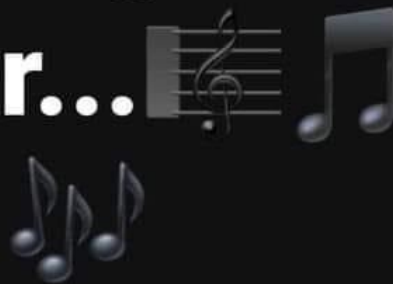
Faust, who spent more than 40 years playing for the Chicago White Sox, embodies the unique skills it takes a master organist to play.

Submitted by Gary Parr





**I just got my
musician friend
a 'get better
soon' card.
He isn't sick. I
just think he
can get
better...**





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