

The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

November 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Can you believe it's November already? Time to pull out Advent. Don't make the mistake I made several years ago at a prominent Catholic Church.

I had subbed going on three months, when I was told that the new music director was coming. It was my last Sunday, the end of November, everywhere were the sounds of Christmas. It was the first Catholic Church I had played and it was on the job training to say the least. Since I had the perfect arrangement of O Holy Night, I really wanted to share it. Well, let's just say, the colors hadn't changed yet. When the homily began, the priest

screamed, "When I heard the prelude, I thought, DON'T RUSH IT!". I was mortified to say the least. After the service, I ran to the priest and said "Father, did I do something wrong?" No Christmas music until we change the colors. It was beautiful, but don't play it at any of the other three Masses today. Sir, yes sir.

I went back to that church and subbed last weekend, and the priest and I laughed at that story. Or at least he did.

While the churches are playing Advent, I'm practicing Christmas for our event at St Mark's on January 2nd. Father Ward and Kathleen have graciously invited us back again this year. Remember why we have this event? It's to hear some of the great Christmas music that we never hear because we're so busy in our respective churches. Please email me your music selection, including a brief description of the piece by Dec. 15th so we can print the programs. We'll be serving refreshments again this year.

For those of you who missed the October 22nd event at First Baptist Church in Vero, Dr Ray Adams and our scholarship student, Joseph Rumberger, shared the spotlight with music and behind the scenes videos of their trip to Europe, called Notes from Noord Broek. This event is the reason we are so proud of our scholarship program. Joey's depth of knowledge, not only the music, but the workings of some of the great organs, is truly to be admired. Great things are in store for him.

Our TCCAGO'er of the month is Jerry Myers. He was featured in the August '22 newsletter, but great things have happened to Jerry and it's worth noting that he plans on hosting an event this season.

Keep sending things you'd like posted in this newsletter.

Keep practicing!

Steve Giddens
Dean TCCAGO

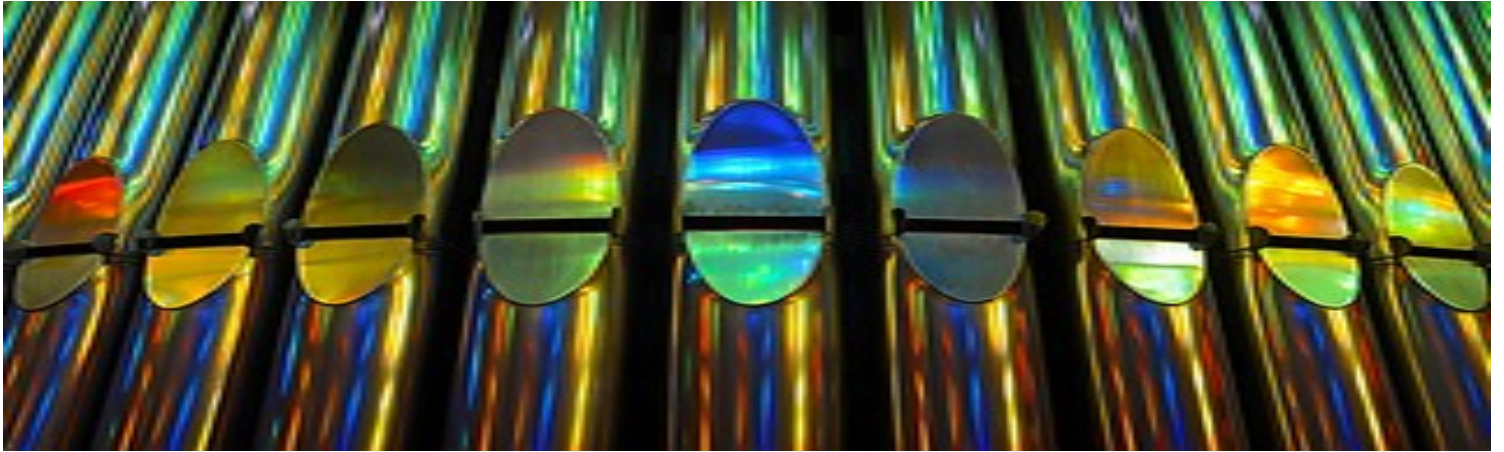


TCCAGO Chapter Lunch

Ocean Grill Vero Beach

Thursday, December 7th 12:00 Noon

RSVP to scgiddens@hotmail.com



The Blessing of the Musicians

St. John of the Cross

October 6, 2023



Left to Right:

Marcos Flores, Brady Johnson & wife Dana, Tom Goetz & wife Paulette, Leith Brennan, Dan Kroger, Father Brian Campbell, Steve Giddens, Ryan Kasten, Kathleen Knott, Mary Ellen Rippert, Sandy McNiff, Ray Hoag, Beth Plumley, Jerry Myers.

TCCAGO'er of the Month



Jerry W. Myers, BME, MM, MM

Jerry was born and raised in York, Pennsylvania and became involved in church music as a teenager having studied piano since the age of seven and organ at thirteen. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Grace College and Master's degrees from Ball State University and The University of Michigan. His teachers have included Kirby Koriath, Michele Johns and Marilyn Mason.

Jerry has held church positions both full and part time since 1980. He has been a music teacher in schools in Georgia and Florida for 32 years. A highlight was serving at May Howard School on Wilmington Island where he conducted a 70 member auditioned chorus and directed musicals such as Annie, Willy Wonka and Cinderella.

Performances include St. Mark's, Venice, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Calvary Church, Charlotte, College of Wooster, Ohio, Alabama Theatre, Birmingham and staff organist at Atlanta's Fox Theatre.

In February, 2023, Jerry joined the staff of First United Methodist Church, Ft. Pierce, as Director of Music and Organist. Later this year the church will take delivery of an Allen organ model RL-66 which will include Aeolian-Skinner, Cavaille-Coll, Arp Schnitger, Schlicker and Wurlitzer suites.

Jerry is a member of the Organ Historical Society, American Theatre Organ Society, five AGO chapters and has served as Dean of the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter.



*We thanked
Paul Ives for his
many years of
dedication as our
chapter treasurer
at the Ocean Grill
October 5, 2023*

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Joseph Rumberger & Dr. Ray Adams at
First Baptist Church of Vero Beach
October 22, 2023



**Piano Blessing at St Andrew's
Tom Goetz (left) and Fr Michael Goldberg (right)
Piano: Baldwin acquired from Judith Taylor**



Tempo Definitions

for music ensembles

LARGAMENTE- Watch the conductor

LARGHISSIMO- Watch the conductor

GRAVE- Watch the conductor

LARGO- Watch the conductor

LENTO- Watch the conductor

LARGHETTO- Watch the conductor

ADAGIO- Watch the conductor

ADAGIETTO- Watch the conductor

ANDANTE- Watch the conductor

ANDANTINO- Watch the conductor

MODERATO- Watch the conductor

ALLEGRETTO- Watch the conductor

ALLEGRO MODERATO- Watch the conductor

ALLEGRO- Watch the conductor

VIVACE- Watch the conductor

VIVACISSIMO- Watch the conductor

PRESTO- Watch the conductor

PRESTISSIMO- Watch the conductor

RITARDANDO- Seriously watch the conductor

ACCELERANDO- Seriously watch the conductor

RUBATO- Bet your sweet potatoes you are
watching the conductor



It's not too early to begin planning your trip to San Francisco for the 2024 National Convention! The AGO has secured a deeply discounted rate of \$169 per night at the National Convention headquarters hotel, the San Francisco Marriott Marquis in the SoMa (South of Market) district.

The hotel is now accepting reservations.

Registration for the convention will open in November.



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