

The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Do you ever find you have trouble saying “no”? I sure do.

It can be difficult being a sub, in which you book yourself ahead, and then get another call to play on an organ that is far more superior than the broken down one that you’ve already booked yourself on. Begging out of the first booking is a no-no. Plus, it’s not really about the organ, now, is it? This is different from accidentally double booking, where you have to go on bended knee to apologize for the mistake. No, this is booking far in advance,

because you’re free, only to be called later and have to say “no, sorry, I’m booked”. It happens at Easter, where music directors are frantic to schedule musicians for the overflow crowds, sometimes playing in fellowship halls on an upright piano. Or at Christmas for many of the same reasons.

Recently, I was scheduled to play a funeral on a Thursday. On the Tuesday prior, I’m sitting at home having coffee in the morning, when the priest calls to say “where are you?”. I say Father, you asked me for Thursday. He says how fast can you make it? I’ll hold them off. So, I say, I’m on my way. I jump into my suit, forgetting my belt. Tie my tie but forgetting to change my white socks. And grabbing my music, heading out the door, forgetting my cell phone. And did I mention unshaven? Oh yeah. I drive 90 miles an hour to get there, where ordinary it takes a good 45 minutes. I fly out of my car and just as I hit the front doors of the church, there’s the priest and his entourage. Perfect. Heading to the organ, I meet up with the son of the deceased who shakes my hand and I extend my sympathies. Fortunately, no one sees me, so I played in white socks as I didn’t have time to put on organ shoes. Later the priest apologies for the mix up and says “see you Thursday”. Whew!

We have a really exciting event season this year. Since we have a lot of event schedules in this newsletter, *please note that the TCCAGO event schedule follows this message*. I’d like to thank Neal Campbell and Anthony Baron for their work on the Program Committee. It was a team effort for sure.

Don’t forget we’re having the first Thursday TCCAGO lunches again. The first one this year is Oct 5th at Ocean Grill. The next one is Nov 2nd. Do try to join us, if you’re able. And please RSVP so I can tell the restaurant.

Meanwhile, Keep Practicing!

Steve Giddens
Dean TCCAGO

TCCAGO 2023-2024 Event Schedule

Friday, October 6, 2023

6:30 PM Election of Officers

Chapel of St. John of the Cross of Vero Beach

7:00 PM Ryan Kasten Recital

Sanctuary of St. John of the Cross

Blessing of the Musicians

Sunday, October 29, 2023

4:00 PM Joseph Rumberger Recital

First Baptist Church of Vero Beach

Hosted by Ray Adams

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

6:00 PM Annual Christmas Recital

St. Mark Anglican Church of Vero Beach

Hosted by Kathleen Knott

Thursday, February 8, 2024

3:30 PM Jason Roberts Recital

Trinity Episcopal Church of Vero Beach

Hosted by Anthony Baron

Sunday, February 18, 2024

4:00 PM Mark Herman Recital

First United Methodist Church of Ft. Pierce

Hosted By Jerry Myers

March 2024 (TBA)

Christiann Teeuwsen Recital & Workshop

Hosted By Ray Adams

Sunday, April 28, 2024

4:00 PM Member's Recital

St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Ft. Pierce

Hosted by Tom Goetz

TCCAGO'er of the Month

Dr. Marcos Daniel Flores



Dr. Marcos Daniel Flores has been the Director of Worship Arts at Christ By The Sea United Methodist Church in Vero Beach since 2004. He immediately developed the Worship Arts Program to excellency with the creation of the church's popular seasonal cantatas and concert series. These productions bring high caliber international artists, as well as national and local artists. Marcos' wife Débora leads the liturgical dance ministry at the church. Their daughter Diana Flores is now a voice (opera) major for her master's degree at the University of Memphis, and their son Marcus is a junior digital media major at UCF. Marcus also plays percussion and he played the tenors at the VBHS marching band as well as at FAU's marching band during his freshman year prior to transferring to UCF.

Marcos Daniel Flores was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He began his piano studies at the age of 16 with Rubén Malán and immediately entered the Bachelors Degree program in Music at the Conservatory of Music of Puerto

Rico. There he studied piano performance with Luz N. Hutchinson. Flores earned his Masters Degree in Piano Performance and Literature at the Eastman School of Music where he studied with Barry Snyder, and later earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Arizona State University where he studied piano solo performance with Caio Pagano.

Dr. Flores has participated at the Eastern Music Festival in North Carolina as well as in many master classes by renowned artists such as Nikolai Petrov, Harold F. Lewin, Mattias Fletzberger, and Samuel Pérez. His private instruction includes piano lessons with Nina Svetlanova, Natalya Antonova, Carmen Or, Robert Weirich and Randall Hodgkinson. Most recently, Flores studied with Italian pianist Nazzareno Carusi during a sabbatical in Ravenna, Italy in 2014.

Dr. Flores performances include the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, University of Puerto Rico and Ponce Museum of Art with the Puerto Rico Chamber Orchestra, the National American Baptist Biennial, and numerous recitals in Puerto Rico and the United States. Dr. Flores has performed with world-renown stars such as Deborah Voigt, Caio Pagano, Nazzareno Carusi, and as soloist with the Atlantic Symphonic Orchestra and the Albany Pro Musica Orchestra.

Flores was the recipient of the Conservatory Piano Medal and the Arturo Somohano Leadership Medal among other awards. Recent recordings include *Encore*, *Chopin 24 Etudes*, and *The Dueling Brothers*.

Dr. Flores has over 30 years of teaching experience, is an active concert pianist, and is proud of a history of successful piano students accepted as piano majors at the college level. He has been the only faculty at the Vero Beach Opera Piano Scholarship program since its creation. Dr. Flores has also been a proud member of the TCCAGO since his arrival to Vero Beach.



TCCAGO Chapter Lunch

Ocean Grill Vero Beach

Thursday, November 2nd 12:00 Noon

RSVP to scgiddens@hotmail.com



CHRIST BY THE SEA PRESENTS

2023-2024 Concert Season

CHRIST BY THE SEA 2023-2024 CONCERT SEASON

Sunday, Nov 19, 2023 • 3 PM Majestic Grand Piano Concert

Pianist Marcos Flores will once again perform a brilliant solo piano program including works by Bach, Beethoven, Albéniz, and Chopin. 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 16, 2023 • 4:30 and 7 PM Christmas Cantata

Please, 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 singers and musicians from many colleges in FL. Free will offering appreciated.

Sunday, Feb 18, 2024 • 3 PM Seven Pianos Monster Concert

Pianists Kelley Copping, Jacob Craig, Marcos Flores, Becca Harrison, Joanne Knott, Andrew Miller, and Rochelle Sallee, will perform together on 7 pianos with their 14 hands and 70 fingers flying and dancing all over 616 ivory keys! This 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.

Saturday, Mar 30, 2024 • 4:30 and 7 PM Easter Cantata

Please, 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 singers and musicians from many colleges in FL. Free will offering appreciated.

Sunday, Apr 7, 2024 • 3 PM Tango, Rags, & Classical Extravaganza

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, spicy and uplifting chamber music including music by Piazzolla, Scott Joplin, and César Franck. Tickets available.

**Cantatas are free admission with a free will offering appreciated.*

**Tickets for the concert series will be available starting on August 1, 2023 online at cbtsumc.org/concert-series, at the church office M-F 9am-4 pm, and at the door.*

\$30 adults and \$10 youth.



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 (plus taxes) 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.



Ft. Lauderdale AGO 2023-24 Season

Join Us for a Fun Filled Musical Season of Events!

Sunday, September 24, 4-6 pm

Meet & Greet Social Gathering

Madeline Zung, Host
535 Oaks Drive, Apt 310, Pompano Beach

Saturday, October, TBA

Organ Crawl

Ed Schell & Christopher Kane, Organ Crawl Leaders
Churches/Organs TBA

Saturday, November 18, 10:30 am

**Hymn Based Piano Music for Worship
& Lunch**

Wes Kassulke, Presenter
Phil Lehenbauer, Host
Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church
1901 E Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Saturday, January 13, 10:30 am

**Members Sharing Lent/Easter Music
& Easter Brunch**

J.W. Arnold, Host
Christ Lutheran Church
1955 E Oakland Park Blvd, Oakland Park, FL 33306

Tuesday, February 6, 7 pm

**St. Bernard Episcopal Church Rodgers Organ
& Spanish Monastery Tour**

Frank Perko III, Host
16711 W Dixie Hwy, North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Sunday, April 14, 4 pm

**Emerging Artist, Colin MacKnight Recital
Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, & Palm Beach AGO Joint Event**

Dr. Stuart Forster, Host
Bethesda-by-the-Sea is an Episcopal Church
141 S County Rd, Palm Beach, FL 33480

Saturday, May 4, 5:30 pm

Movie Night "Pipe Dreams" & Potluck

Douglas Cable, Host
4411 NE 2nd Ave., Deerfield Beach, FL 33064





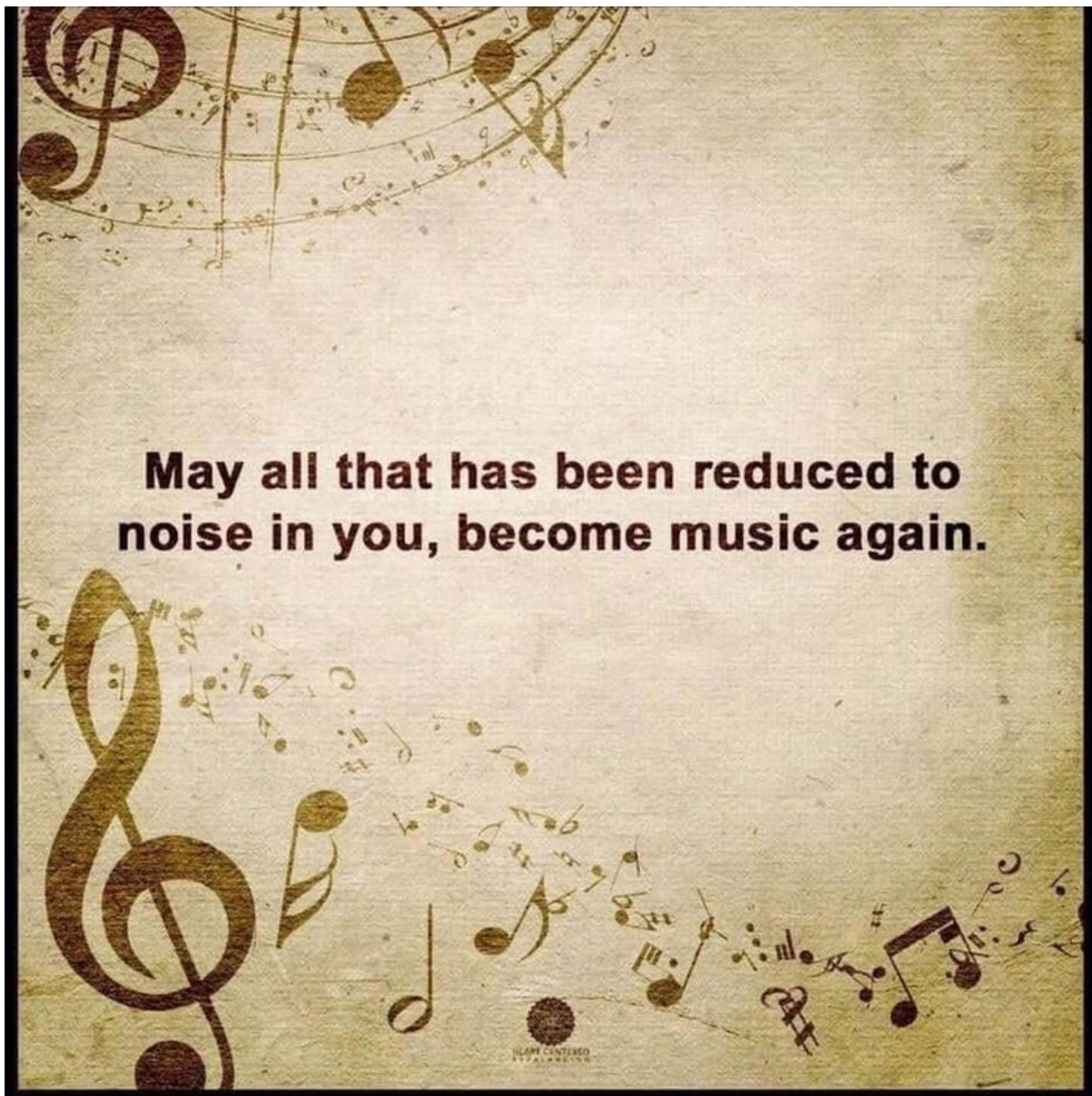
Mark Herman is one of America's busiest theatre organists, performing concerts and silent film presentations across the US and abroad. In 2012, he was named the American Theatre Organ Society's Organist of the Year and is the youngest person ever to receive the prestigious honor. Previously, he was overall winner of the Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition in 2004.

Sunday, February 18, 2024

4:00 PM Mark Herman Recital

First United Methodist Church of Ft. Pierce

Hosted By Jerry Myers



TENOR SECTION LEADER POSITION OPEN

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Pierce

Sing with a dedicated Parish Choir at a growing church. All rehearsals and services are on Sundays, 9:15 AM until 1:00 PM September through May.

Extra services include Christmas Eve and Holy Week.

Competitive compensation.

Contact:

Tom Goetz, DMA, Director of Music

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Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

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Church website: mystandrews.org

The Palm Beach Chapter is hosting an organ crawl on

Monday, January 15, 2024

Proposed Schedule

10:00am — St. Andrew's, Fort Pierce

III/P, 38 rank, 2022 A. E. Schlueter

11:45am — Lunch in Vero Beach (TBD)

1:30pm — Trinity Church, Vero Beach

III/P, 44 rank, 1997 Harrison & Harrison

3:00pm — Community Church, Vero Beach

III/P, 71 rank, 2010 Lively Fulcher



March 2024 (TBA)
**Christiann Teeuwsen
Recital & Workshop**

Hosted By Ray Adams

TCCAGO Officers for 2023—2024

Dean:	Steve Giddens
Subdean:	Anthony Baron
Secretary:	Dan Kroger
Treasurer:	Tom Goetz
Board Member :	Jerry Myers
Scholarship Chair:	Brady Johnson
Chaplain:	Rev. Dr. Michael Carter
Webmaster:	Claire Klein

Election to be held October 6, 2023

