

# The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

April 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Our luncheon this month at the Ocean Grill will be on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. RSVP with me.

Our member's recital is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero on their Harrison and Harrison pipe organ. We are dedicating this event to our founder, Don Ingram. Please start planning now to attend and contact me with details as to what you'll perform. I'm running the announcement again this month of Don's musical memorial service on Saturday May 10th at St Peter's Church in Albany, NY.

The Board of Directors has decided to hold our election by email again this year rather than after the member's recital. It seems we get a better voter turnout this way. If you haven't been able to attend any functions this year, will you make an effort to support our chapter by attending this event? Better yet, you have plenty of time to participate. The organ is superb, the event is dedicated to our founder and you'll be among your peers. This year we've decided to go out to dinner afterwards.

Our TCCAGO'er of the Month is our scholarship student, Amber Schichtel. She is a bright young lady who has a terrific future.

Please don't forget that my email address has changed. The Hotmail account is no longer. You can reach me at [TCCAGOnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:TCCAGOnewsletter@gmail.com). Please send me announcements, church events and/or anything you'd like published and I'll put it in the next newsletter.

Now back to getting ready for Holy Week. This is the time of year church organists everywhere bring out their repertoire that is only fitting for a King. Have a blessed Easter!

Keep practicing.

Steve Giddens  
Dean TCCAGO



**There will be a musical memorial service for Donald Ingram, our founding dean, on Saturday May 10 at St Peter's Church in Albany, New York, where Don served earlier in his career. There will be a musical tribute prior to the burial liturgy and three of Don's successor's at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach will participate, Neal Campbell, Jason Hobratchk, and Brady Johnson.**

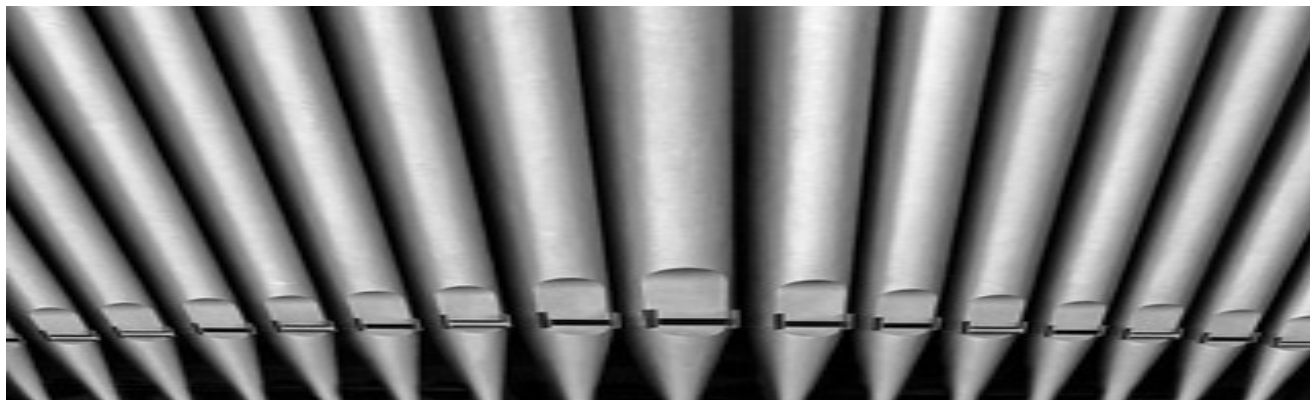
**Interment will be at a later date in the columbarium of St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, New York, where Don also served.**

**The photo above shows Don with his fellow Trinity organists in 2018 on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Harrison & Harrison organ in Trinity. Back row (L-R) Neal Campbell, Allen Bean, Brady Johnson, front Don Ingram, Jason Hobratchk**





**TCCAGO Chapter Lunch**  
**Ocean Grill Vero Beach**  
**The next luncheon will be**  
**April 9, 2025 at 12 Noon**  
**RSVP with Steve Giddens**



## **TCCAGO EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **For the 2025 Season**

**\*SUNDAY, June 1, 2025 at 4 pm—Members Recital In Honor of Donald Ingram, our founder, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, FL**

**\*Austin Organ Demo at St John of the Cross, Vero Beach, FL**  
**TBA**



## TCCAGO'ER OF THE MONTH

### AMBER SCHICHTEL

My high school choir teacher, Rachael Holloway, was a major motivator in my musicianship. She pushed me to grow, not just as a singer, but as an instrumentalist as well. After high school, I was encouraged by the choir director at IRSC, Dr. Rieth, to join the choir and a few other vocal groups. He offered me a scholarship through the music department and was always looking for opportunities for his students. During my time at IRSC, I realized that I wanted to pursue music as a career. Because of this, I joined the choir at St. Andrew's as a first step into the musical profession. Here, I met Dr. Davidson who was incredibly welcoming and supportive.



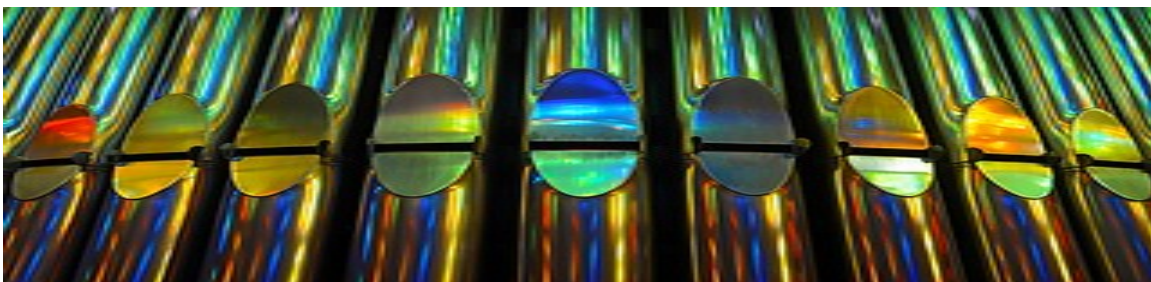
Before this, I did not think of myself as a professional by any means, but I have grown significantly through this experience. Lastly, Dr. Goetz has been a sincere advocate and mentor to me. He has set the bar extremely high for musicianship and professionalism. If it had not been for these wonderful people, I would not be where I am today.

A few of my family members are musicians. My uncle plays piano, my father plays the guitar and drums as a hobby, and my mother took piano lessons as a child. My mom thought it would be a good idea for me to do the same, so I took violin and piano lessons in elementary school. I joined choir in middle and high school, and I got involved in any music-related production that I could. In college, I started taking all the music courses that IRSC had to offer along with my required courses for accounting, which was my major at the time. A professor told me about the choir at St. Andrew's, and I auditioned to become the soprano section leader. I was introduced to the incredible pipe organ, and I have been enamored with it ever since.

I am most proud of pursuing music as a career. It was not a popular decision among some of my family members. My grandmother often jokes that I should be a "singing accountant." However, the greatest obstacle had been placed by myself. This path has filled me with joy, but also a great deal of doubt. Although I still feel occasionally inadequate, I have learned to give myself grace and push forward.

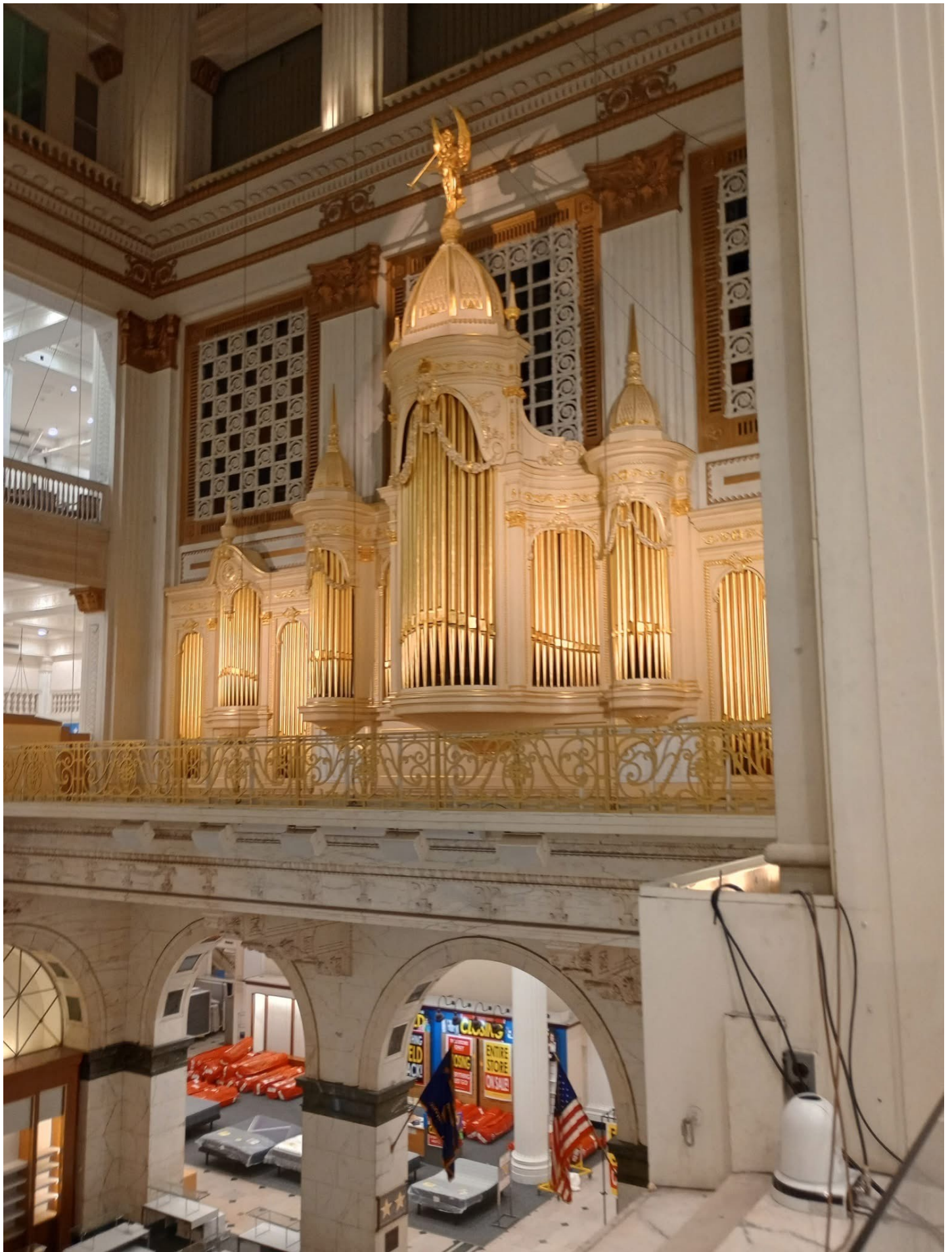
Math is another passion of mine. If I was not pursuing music, I would most likely go into a finance or math-related field. I originally started double-majoring in music and accounting while at IRSC, before I eventually transferred to the FAU music program.

My favorite instrument is the organ. It is such a majestic and versatile instrument. I could not pick one favorite piece of music, but Chopin's Ballade No. 1 in G Minor and Brahms' Intermezzo Op. 117 No. 2 both hold a special place in my heart.









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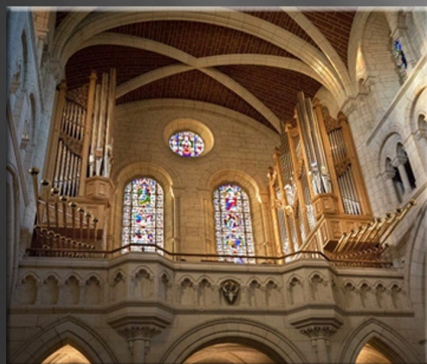
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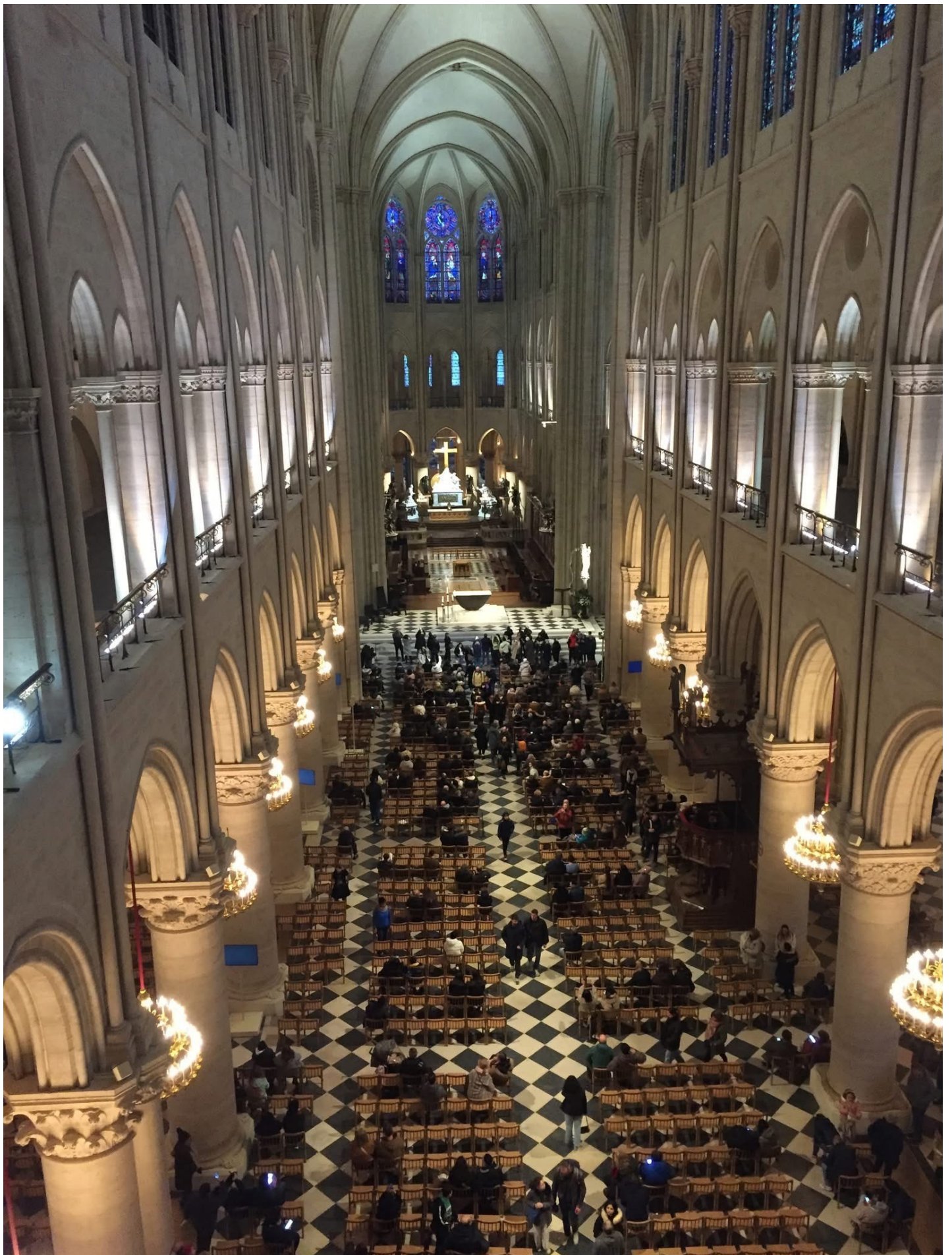
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**For more information contact Ryan Kasten, Director of Music  
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