

The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

February 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



On Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 4 pm, the TCCAGO will host “The Life and Music of Charles Callahan” presented by Dr Neal Campbell. Several of our members will perform, including our new scholarship student, Amber Schichtel. You may have heard Amber sing at St Mark’s last month. Now she embarks on organ studies. This event will be held at First United Methodist Church in Fort Pierce. Their choir will also be there to open with a Callahan introit.

On Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 4 pm will be our Member’s Recital at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach. Details to sign up for practice times will be sent out soon. Afterwards, we will elect our new Board of Directors. Yes, really! Later, we’ve decided to all go out to a local restaurant this year.

Our TCCAGO’er of the month is Rebecca Burkett. She was a joy to speak with and her commitment to the chapter has been longstanding.

If you are a member and/or friend of the chapter, please make an extra effort to attend our events. The reason our scholarship program has been so successful is from all our efforts. Tell others about the next two events. Show your support by showing up!

And remember who we are—

Some of us are organists, and some of us are organ buffs.

Some of us are concert organists, and some of us are just beginners.

Some of us have advanced degrees in organ, and some of us are self-taught.

Some of us play pipe organs, and some of us play electronic organs.

Some of us are pianists, and some of us are choral directors and vocalists.

We are the Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Keep Practicing.

Steve Giddens

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TCCAGO EVENT SCHEDULE

For the 2025 Season

***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 at 4 pm—Charles Callahan Event**

Hosted by Dr Neil Campbell *Workshop/Demo

First United Methodist Church of Ft Pierce, Ft Pierce, FL

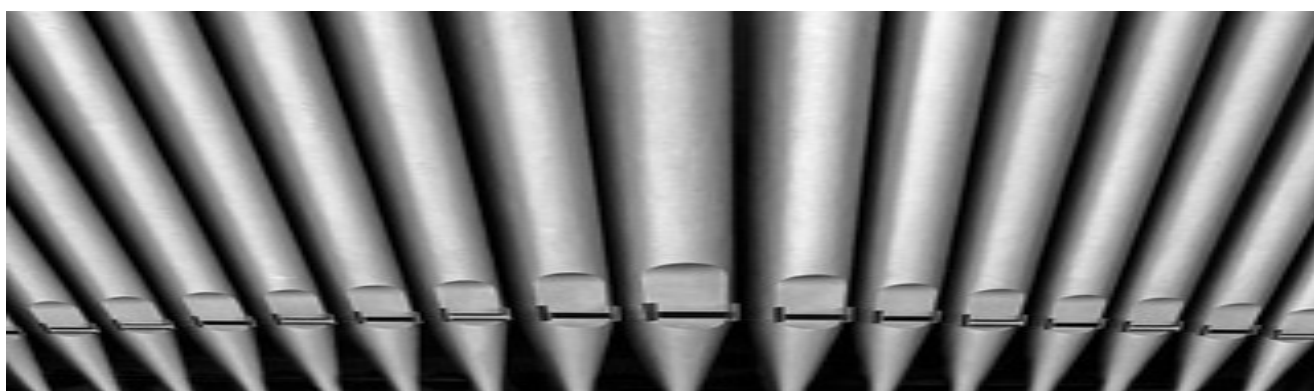
***SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 at 4 pm—Members Recital at Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, FL**

(followed by election of officers 2025-26)

***April or May 2025 Austin Organ Demo at St John of the Cross, Vero Beach, FL TBA**



TCCAGO Chapter Lunch
Ocean Grill Vero Beach
The next luncheon will be
February 5, 2024 at 12 Noon
RSVP with Steve Giddens



COMPLETE BACH ORGAN WORKS

**PERFORMED BY
COLIN MACKNIGHT**

ALL 18 HOURS OF
BACH'S ORGAN
MUSIC
THROUGHOUT 2025
TO COMMEMORATE
THE 275TH
ANNIVERSARY OF HIS
DEATH

WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOONS
12:15-12:45



Colin MacKnight performed recently at Bethesda By The Sea in Palm Beach

TCCAGO'ER OF THE MONTH

REBECCA BARKETT

I would never have guessed that beginning piano lessons at age seven would lead to so much enjoyment. Continuing these lessons through high school, I then was off to Stetson University to major in music. After a year, I decided to change my major and graduated with a degree in history of all things. Upon graduation from college, I moved back to Atlanta. There I learned that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was actively seeking applicants and that training for those accepted would take place at the Atlanta Air Route Traffic Control Center. I applied, tested and was accepted to begin training, the first woman to go through this training here since World War II. After completing schooling, training, and apprenticeship, I began my first job as an assistant air traffic controller. Even in the 60's this was a tense, pressure filled job. Though I was not yet working with active aircraft I was part of a three person team that did so.



I am not sure that I would have continued this job, but after a year and a half, marriage to my college sweetheart changed everything. Instead of law school, my husband, Larry Barkett, had been given the choice from Uncle Sam to either be drafted or join up, as it was the height of the Vietnam War. He chose to enlist in the US Navy. Amazingly, his first duty was aboard the USS Truckee with a home port in Naples, Italy. So as newlyweds we were off to live in Italy.

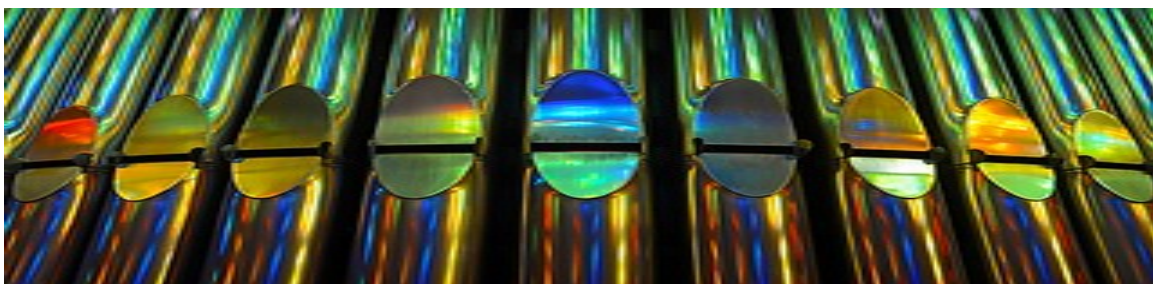
This is where I had my first organ position. The Armed Forces South needed someone to play the organ for its weekly church services. I volunteered, with the caveat, I only play the piano. I have no memory of the instrument, but, somehow, this began my interest and desire to play the organ.

Upon return to the US with Larry and our year old son, we moved to St. Petersburg, Florida where Larry began law school. While there I played organ for a few small churches and did take lessons from the organist at a nearby Lutheran Church and was allowed to practice on their instrument. I also was given the method book by John Stainer, from which I diligently practiced the pedal exercises.

Now, onto Vero Beach, where we have been since 1973. I served as the organist at Trinity Episcopal for one 8 year stint and that was followed decades later by another 2 year stint. I have served as organist for St. Augustine's Episcopal and also substituted for local churches. I was blessed to have a patient mentor, Edward Weist, in my first few years at Trinity. Together we slowly and patiently worked my way through portions of The Orgelbuchlein.

Thinking of music and inspiration, it is difficult to pick a favorite piece of music as there are favorites for different occasions. One piece that always brings inspiration is Bach's St. Anne's Fugue. One regret is that I did not carve out the time to somehow return to college and complete a degree in music. I have been a member of the TCCAGO since its founding many years ago.

Playing the organ, leading a congregation in worship, rates as a high point in my life. I've always said that I had the most beautiful "office" anyone could ever have.





Tom Goetz hosting
The Music of Epiphany at St Mark's
Anglican Church, Vero Beach



CHRIST BY THE SEA PRESENTS 2024-2025 Concert Season

CHRIST BY THE SEA 2024-2025 CONCERT SEASON

Sunday, Nov 24, 2024 • 3 PM Two Piano Concert

Young piano star Becca Harrison will join Marcos Flores for their first two-piano performance together. Two concert grand pianos and 20 fingers will be beautifully synchronized to create double the emotion, double the excitement, and double the virtuosity display from the inspiring two-piano repertoire by great master composers of all times. Tickets available.

Saturday, Dec 14, 2024 • 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 16, 2025 • 3 PM & 7 PM Broadway Concert

World-renowned opera star Susan Neves, along with rising star soprano Diana Flores, and acclaimed tenors Edmund Nalzar and Fernando Silva will be delighting the audience with highly enjoyable music from some of the best musicals from Broadway. Marcos Flores on the piano, Pete Hengen on the bass, and Gully Shell on percussion will provide the orchestration with lights, cameras, and action for the 2 performances available for this very popular concert. Tickets available.

Sunday, Mar 30, 2025 • 3 PM Piano Quintet Chamber Concert

Violinists Henry Hutchinson and Matt Stott, violist Viera Borisova, cellist Ana Ruth Bermúdez, and pianist Marcos Flores once again will captivate our audience with beautiful, spicy and uplifting chamber music. Enjoy this exquisite international string quartet joining forces with the majestic concert grand piano for a truly memorable musical experience. Tickets available.

Saturday, Apr 19, 2025 • 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.

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

**Tickets for the concert series will be available starting on June 1, 2024 online at cbtsumc.org/concert-series, at the church office Monday-Thursday 9am-4 pm, and at the door.
\$30 adults and \$10 youth.*

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The Life & Music Of Charles Callahan

Treasure Coast Chapter



American Guild of Organists

featuring



Neal Campbell,
organists



Brady Johnson,
organists

with Dana Clearwater, *soprano*

& The First United Methodist Church Choir

First United Methodist Church

616 Orange Avenue
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Sunday, February 23, 2025

4:00pm

*W. H. & Maria
Carynana*

Concert is Free ~ Donations Appreciated

Proceeds to benefit TCCAGO Student Scholarship Fund



Auditions d'orgue 2025 Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Senlis

12 janvier

Emmanuel HOCDE
église Saint-Éloi, Paris -
cathédrale Sainte-Trinité, Laval

13 juillet

Benoît DUMON
cathédrale Notre-Dame
et Saint-Arnoux, Gap

9 février

Pascal VIGNERON
directeur du Festival Bach, Toul

10 août

Frédéric DESCHAMPS
cathédrale Sainte-Cécile, Albi

9 mars

**François BRULIN
& Antoine TRONQUO**
concertistes internationaux

14 septembre

Shin-Young LEE-LATRY
concertiste
international

13 avril

Pierre QUÉVAL
église Saint-Ignace, Paris
cathédrale de Nantes

12 octobre

Michaël GABORIAU
sanctuaire Sainte-Anne, Auray

11 mai

Jean-Baptiste MONNOT
abbatiale Saint-Ouen, Rouen

9 novembre

Emmanuel DUPERREY
concertiste
international

15 juin

Carolyn SHUSTER-FOURNIER
église Sainte-Trinité, Paris

14 décembre

Marc SACRISPEYRE
organiste titulaire

*entrée libre
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4 FEBBRAIO 2025

GIORNATA MONDIALE PER LA LOTTA
CONTRO IL CANCRO

Conferenza in Musica

“ Come il cervello trasforma il suono in uno stato d'animo „

Saronno (VA)

Chiesa “Regina Pacis”

4 febbraio 2025 - ore 20.30

Relatore: Emanuele Catena

All'organo: Luca Gorla

In programma musiche di:

J. S. Bach, A. F. Hesse, F. Mendelssohn

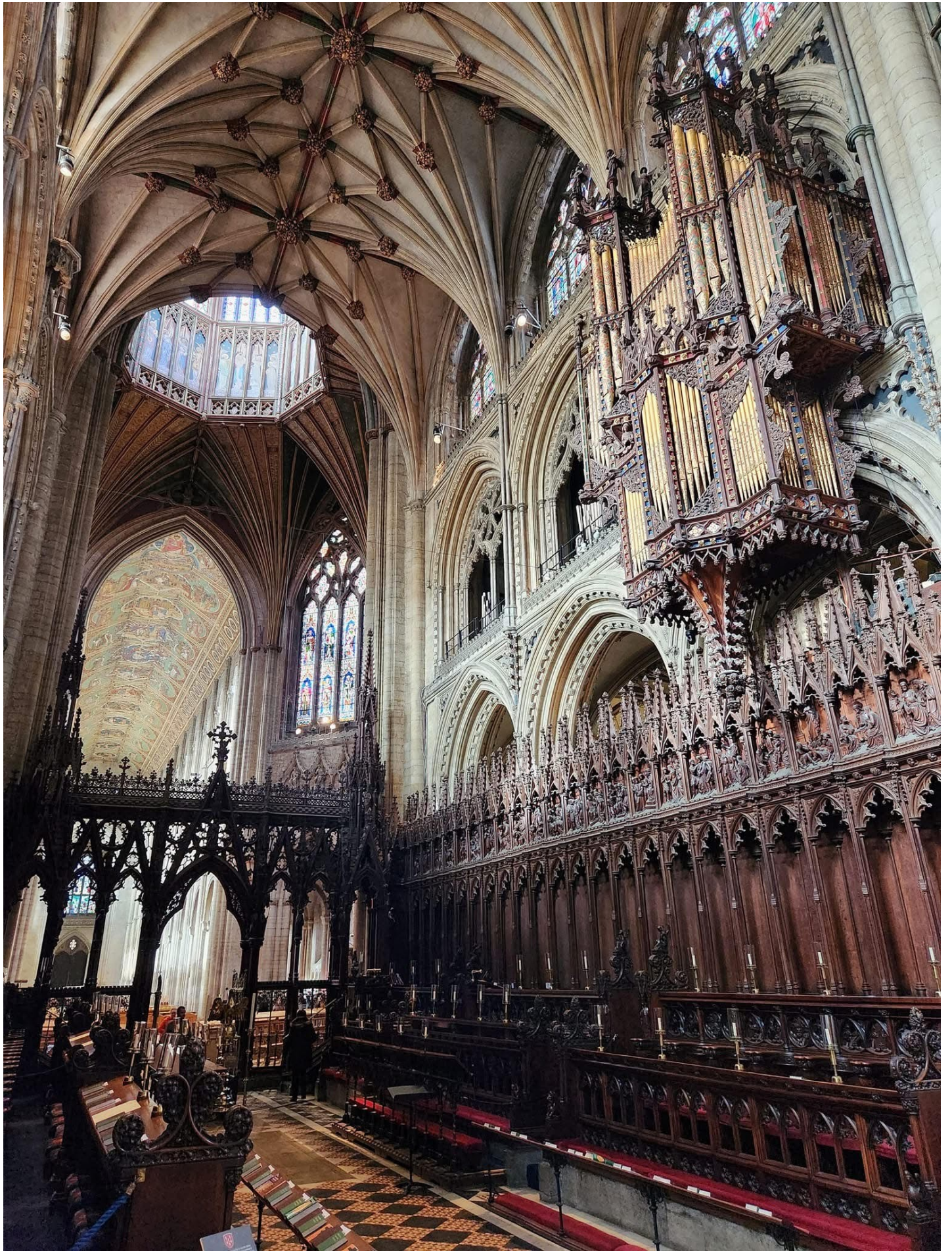
A. G. Merkel, F. Peeters

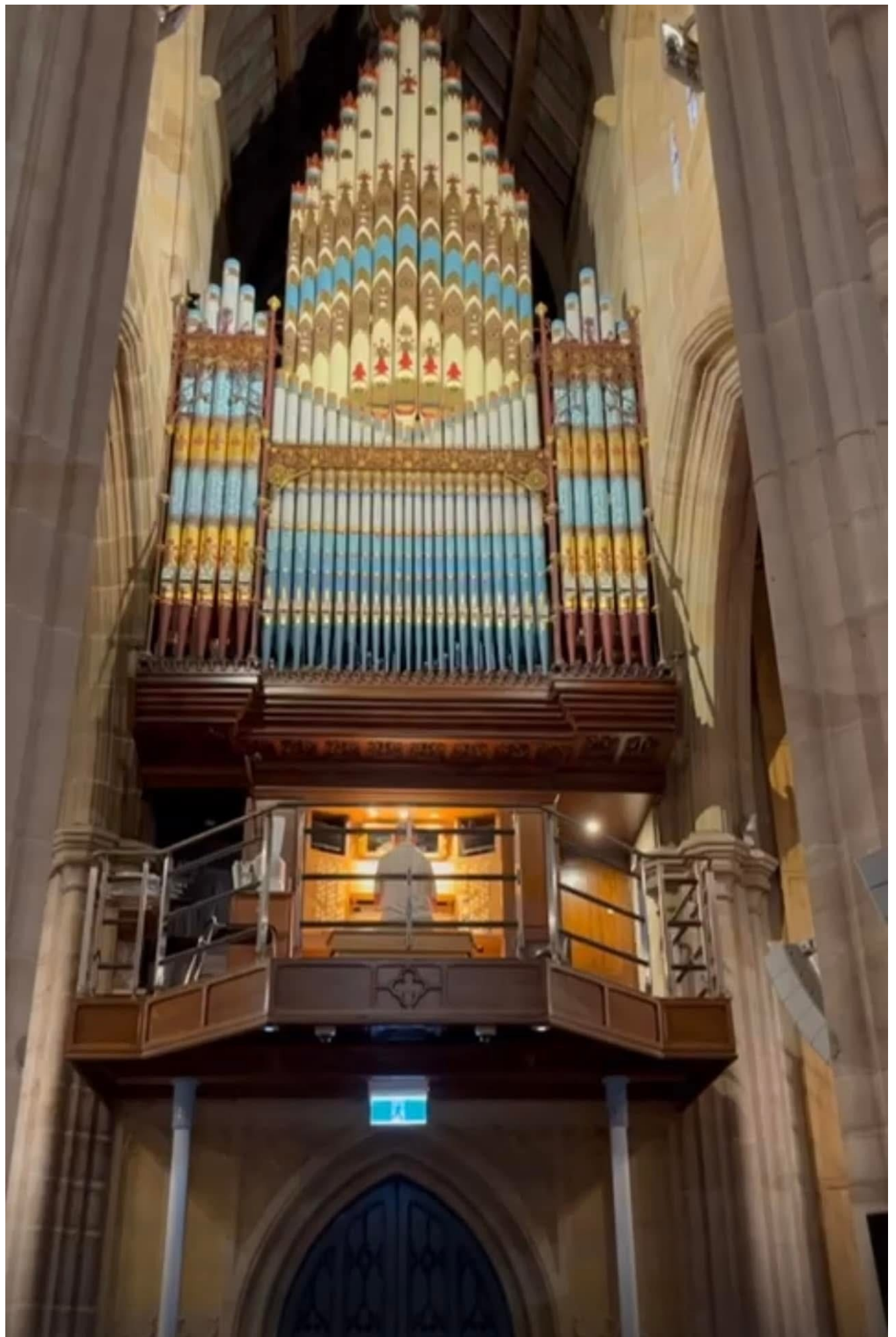
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Sunday, February 2, 2025 3:00 pm

Tickets, \$35

Kevin Kenner will present an all Chopin concert of music for solo piano and piano w/strings.

Repertoire will include a variety of Mazurkas, Waltzes and *Andante spianato et Grande Polonaise brillante*.

"His recital's strengths reaffirmed his stature as one of the finest American pianists to come along in years."
(*Chicago Tribune*)

**St Mary's Concert Series at The Pittenger Center at
St Mary's Episcopal Church, Stuart, FL**

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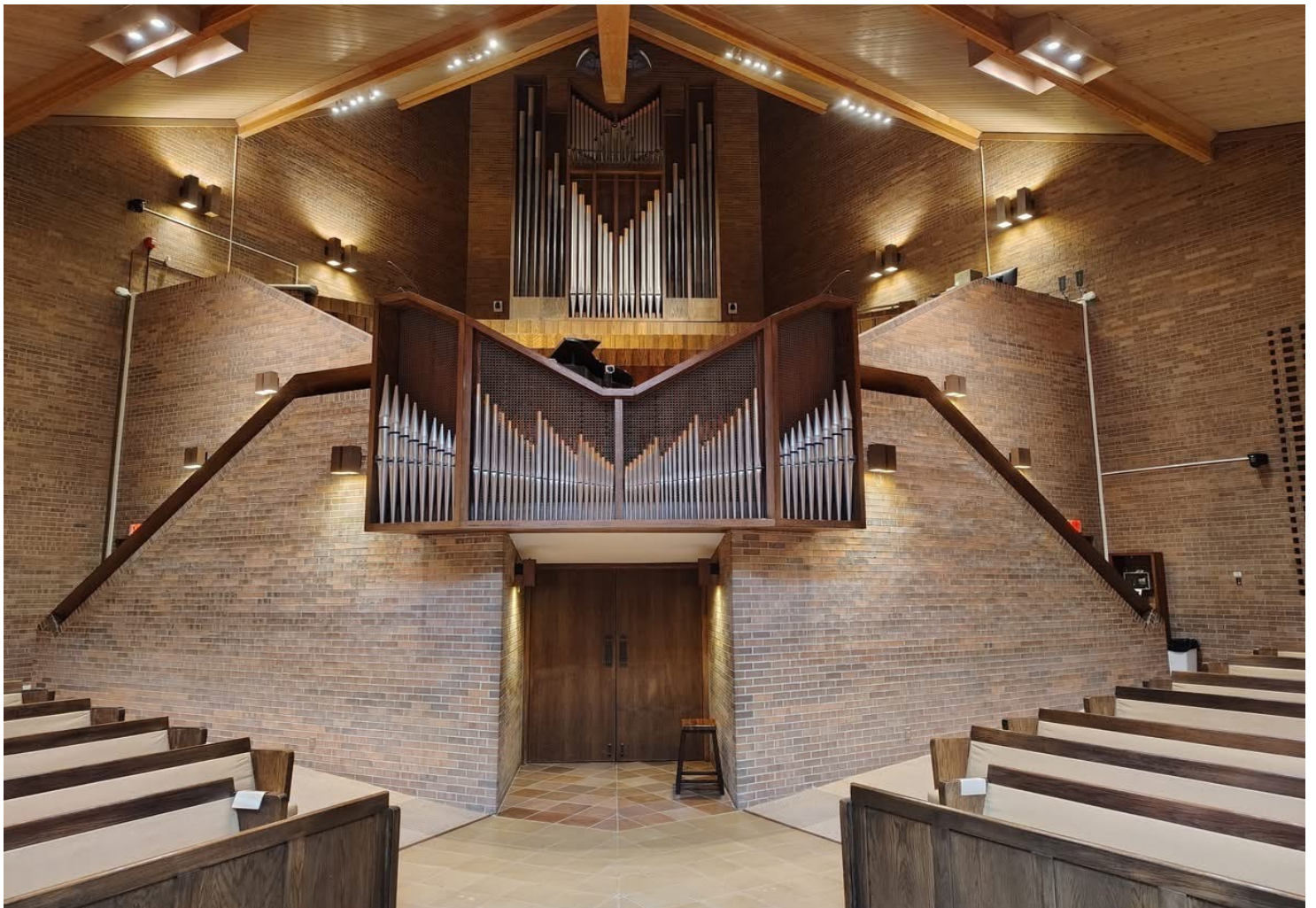
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Dan Kroger with Jon Bell. Jon is an astronomer at Hallstrom Planetarium at IRSC.
Perhaps a moment at the rehearsal of La Traviata?





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From Ryan Kasten —

The first major program with the new Austin organ will be the Duruflé Requiem on All Souls' Day, and I will do the dedicatory recital probably in January 2026. The organ is to sit and get acclimated for at least 6 months before we do any more programs besides weekend masses to be sure we have worked out any kinks and subtle voicing issues.



TCCAGO Officers for 2024—2025

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