

# The Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026



*Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble*  
(choir song from the movie Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban)

Ah, yes, dear ones, it is that time of year again, when the whimsical and wild, facetious and farcical, emerge once again to entertain and mesmerize! And we, frightful Treasure Coastians, want to offer our bit for this fall festival. An annual scholarship fund-raising tradition, *Phantasies & Phugues*, will happen on **Friday, October 30, 6.30 pm at First Church (UMC) in Fort Pierce.**

This is an excellent opportunity to reach out to our Saint Lucie county neighbors with wonderful music, both profound and playful! We need all hands on deck to perform a tantalizing and enjoyable menu of music treats (with a trick or two, perhaps!). Please ponder and consider what you can conjure up, help fill the bill and make this year's program a memorable one, indeed. Please send your (reasonably lengthened) charming chant to our host, Steve Giddens, by replying to this address, [TCCAGOnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:TCCAGOnewsletter@gmail.com).

*Prepare the Way*, this season's early opening event was an excellent program with stimulating programming ideas for the Advent/Christmas services, as well as the Lenten/Holy Week/Easter sequence of observances. Our four colleagues, Jill Truax (Community Church of Vero Beach), Michael Carter (our host from First Baptist Church, VB), Dolores Mark (Holy Cross Catholic), and Anthony Baron (Trinity Episcopal), led us through a choral reading session of eight wonderful pieces (for this or future years) for our individual churches. Thanks to our presenters, - especially our host, Dr. Carter - and for accompanists Logan Koller

and Ray Adams, and an excellent warm-up with solid vocal tips by Rachel Carter Murphy. The individual pieces that were sung are listed elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Some random items

- \* If you are a friend of the Chapter, now is the time that we need your \$25 renewal dues submitted directly to the Chapter, NOT TO THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, either online or by snail mail. Please mail your check -made out to the TCCAGO with "Friend" noted in the memo- to P. O. Box 643814, Vero Beach, 32964. Full or special memberships need to be done through <https://www.agohq.org>.
- Our next organists lunch will return to the Ocean Grill on Thursday, October 8 (please note), at 12 Noon. Please RSVP with me or reply to this address.
- Please save the date: Sunday, November 15, 4.30p, for the recital of concert artist, Ken Cowan, at St. John of the Cross, Catholic Church, 7550 26th Street in Vero. This is the first major recital on the newly rebuilt and recently installed Austin organ.
- Don't forget that we are posting all who are available as substitute musicians on the Treasure Coast. Please contact our Newsletter editor, Steve Giddens or Dan Kroger, for more information.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

Brady Johnson  
Dean, TCCAGO





**TCCAGO Chapter Lunch at the  
Ocean Grill at Noon on Thursday,  
October 8th**

**RSVP with Brady Johnson by the  
first week of October or email  
[TCCAGOnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:TCCAGOnewsletter@gmail.com)**



On Thursday, November 5th, we'll be joining Tom Hall at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 475 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, in conjunction with Samaritan's Center Soup Bowl Event. The event will take place from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The suggested donation is \$5. This will serve as our monthly luncheon.

## **TCCAGO EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **For the 2026-2027 Season**

+Friday, October 30, 6.30p **Phantasies & Phugues**

First United Methodist Church Fort Pierce, 515 Avenue A, Fort Pierce

Our whimsical, only slightly scary Hallowe'en concert to raise funds for our Scholarship Fund. Wear your most outrageous costume!

+Sunday, November 15, 4.00p **Ken Cowan in Concert**

St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 7550 26th Street (at 74th Street), Vero Beach  
Acclaimed concert artist, Ken Cowan, will perform on St. John's newly-installed Austin instrument. Mr. Cowan is organ professor at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and has performed for AGO conventions, as well as throughout North America, Germany, and Korea.

+Sunday, January 3, 4.00p **Holiday Retrospective**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 210 South Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce

Music for the holidays, performed by members of the TCCAGO. Before we say farewell to the "most wonderful time of the year," listen once again to the glorious carols of the season.

+January/February **Pedal, Pipes, & Pizza**

Date and venue to be determined

This program, used by AGO chapters throughout the country, reaches out to local schools and home-school groups to promote the organ to local youth. Fun music of the organ is combined with educational features, visit to the organ chamber, culminating with a pizza feast for all attending.

+Friday, April 16, 7p **Annual Members' Recital**

St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 7550 26th Street (at 74th Street), Vero Beach

TCCAGO members continue the celebration of the Treasure Coast's newest pipe organ!

+May **Annual meeting & Dinner** TBA

THE TREASURE COAST CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS PRESENTS-

# PHANTASIES & PHUGUES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FORT PIERCE  
616 ORANGE AVENUE, FORT PIERCE

DON'T MISS THIS MUSICAL EVENT!

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Free concert

\*Donations benefit our scholarship  
program

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*TOM INGUI PRESENTS*

# THE COMPLETE ORGAN WORKS OF J.S. BACH

**3:00 PM | FREE | FPC LAKELAND**

**AUGUST 9, 2026    The Little Organ Book and Other Little Pieces**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2026    Trio Sonatas**

**OCTOBER 25, 2026    Great Free-works, Part 1**

**DECEMBER 13, 2026    The Leipzig and Schübler Chorales**

**JANUARY 17, 2027    Chorale Partitas and Variations**

**APRIL 4, 2027    The German Organ Mass**

**MAY 16, 2027    Selected Chorale Preludes**

**JUNE 6, 2027    Great Free-works, Part 2**

**JULY 10, 2027    Everything Else  
10 am - 3 pm with lunch provided**



# **The Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**



## *Prepare the Way*

Preparing your choir/vocalists for Christmas and Easter

Saturday, September 12, 2026 - First Baptist Church of Vero Beach



Welcome – Brady Johnson (Dean, TCCAGO)

Prayer – The Rev'd Dr. Michael Carter (Minister of Music, First Baptist Church)

Warm-up – Rachel Carter Murphy (Resident Soprano, The Community Church)

First Presentation – Jill Truax (Director of Music/Fine Arts, The Community Church)

- *There is No Rose of Such Virtue* by Stephen Caracciolo (Morning Star 50-1028)
- *O Love* by Elaine Hagenberg (Beckenhorst Press BP 2097)

Second Presentation – Dr. Carter (Artistic Director of the Treasure Coast Chorale)

- *Prepare the Way of the Lord* by William Rowan (Hope Publishing A 596)
- *Grace* arranged by Mark Hayes (Beckenhorst Press BP 1402)

Third Presentation – Dolores Mark (Director of Music, Holy Cross Catholic Church)

- *Christmastime Alleluia* by James J. Chepponis (GIA Publications G-4453)
- *Crux fideles*

Fourth Presentation – Dr. Anthony Baron (Head of School and Director of Music,  
Trinity Episcopal Church)

- Resources for "challenged" choirs (St. James Press - [Home - St. James Music Press](#))
- *A Christmas Blessing* by Philip Stopford (Hal Leonard 08750096)
- *Lamb of God* melody by Twila Paris; arranged by Lloyd Larson (Hope C 5117)

Dedication to musical ministry for the coming year – Dr. Carter

### UPCOMING TCCAGO PROGRAMS:

- Friday, October 30, 6.30 pm – *Phantasies & Phugues*, First Church, Ft. Pierce
- Sunday, November 15, 4.30p – Organist, Ken Cowan, St. John of the Cross, Vero Beach

### TCCAGO *Members Substitution List*

| <i>NAME</i>                                         | <i>Phone Number</i> | <i>Saturday Service</i> | <i>Sunday Service</i> | <i>Weddings</i> | <i>Funerals</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dr. Ray Adams                                       | 772-713-4757        | X                       |                       | X Sat/Sun       | X Sat/Sun       |
| Dr. Anthony Baron<br><i>Catholic/Episcopal Svc.</i> | 248-563-9034        | X                       | X evening             | X Sat/Sun       | X Sat/Sun       |
| Bill Dake                                           | 772-370-6110        |                         |                       | X Sat/Sun       | X Sat/Sun       |
| Steven Giddens                                      | 561-236-9791        | X                       |                       | X               | X               |
| Dr. Tom Goetz                                       | 832-589-9864        | X                       |                       |                 | X               |
| Kathleen Knott                                      | 772-696-0806        | X                       | X                     |                 |                 |
| Ken Lovett                                          | 215-805-4256        | X                       | X                     | X               | X               |
| Jerry Myers                                         | 912-656-1041        | X                       | X                     | X               | X               |
| Jack VanderPlate                                    | 772-579-7851        |                         |                       | X               | X               |
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Bill Ingui is looking for someone who can give him pointers on playing the dulcimer. Presently, he plays some simple pieces at church but is looking to further his studies.

Contact Bill at (772) 532-5966 or email [Bill.Ingui91@gmail.com](mailto:Bill.Ingui91@gmail.com)

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### Retreats and Camps

|               |                                     |                               |       |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Nov. 13-14    | Encounter Wellness Through The Arts | Registration Sept. 15-Oct. 31 | \$75  |
| Jul. 19-23,25 | Joy For the World MFA Bible Camp    | Registration May 1-31         | \$100 |

### Concerts

|         |                                              |         |          |
|---------|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Nov. 19 | Biribá Union in Community Hall               | 7:00 pm | \$30     |
| Dec. 6  | Around the World, NOEL! in the Sanctuary     | 7:00 pm | Offering |
| Jan. 24 | Balla Kouyaté & Mike Block in Community Hall | 3:00 pm | \$30     |
| Feb. 21 | Voices of Korea in the Sanctuary             | 3:00 pm | \$20     |
| Mar. 12 | Spirit of Ireland in Community Hall          | 6:00 pm | \$35     |
| Mar. 26 | Good Friday in the Sanctuary                 | 7:00 pm | Offering |
| Apr. 11 | Far and Away MMB in the Sanctuary            | 3:00 pm | Offering |
| May 2   | Echoes of Spain in Grace Chapel              | 3:00 pm | \$20     |

### Poetry & Music Series Thursdays at 11:00 am

|         |                                                                |              |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Dec. 3  | Rev. Beverly Zell, reader and Logan Koller, organ              | Grace Chapel |
| Dec. 10 | Sean Sexton, poet and Dr. Ray Adams, organ                     | Grace Chapel |
| Dec. 17 | M.B. McLatchey, poet and Michael Telesmanick, piano            | Grace Chapel |
| Feb. 11 | Janna Schledorn, poet and Emilio Rutllant, flute               | Grace Chapel |
| Feb. 18 | Yong Hui Kouns, reader; Su Lee, piano and Ji Eun Kim, gayageum | Grace Chapel |
| Feb. 25 | Yong Hui Kouns, reader; Su Lee, organ and Seongjun Byeon, piri | Sanctuary    |
| Mar. 4  | Christine Light, poet and Michael Telesmanick, piano           | Grace Chapel |
| Mar. 11 | Sean Sexton, poet and Gretchen Cover, harp                     | Grace Chapel |
| Mar. 18 | Rosangelina Batista, poet and Dr. Marcos Flores, piano         | Grace Chapel |

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### Viner Series for the Visual Arts

|            |                          |                       |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Oct.-Jan.  | "The Art of Gerry Geary" | Gerry Geary           |
| Jan. 10-17 | Congregational Art Show  | Registration Jan. 7-9 |
| Jan.-Apr.  | "Organogenesis"          | Gabriella Hernandez   |
| Apr.-Jul.  | "Cosmic Darkroom"        | David Bazinet         |

### Tickets and Registrations

Tickets are sold for all performances where "offering" is not indicated.

A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase in the Courtyard on Sundays leading up to the concert.

Ticket Office doors will open one hour prior to "Voices of Korea" and "Echoes of Spain" concerts. You may also purchase tickets at the door.

Online tickets, registrations, and reservations may be found at [ccovb.org/concerts-events-tickets](http://ccovb.org/concerts-events-tickets).



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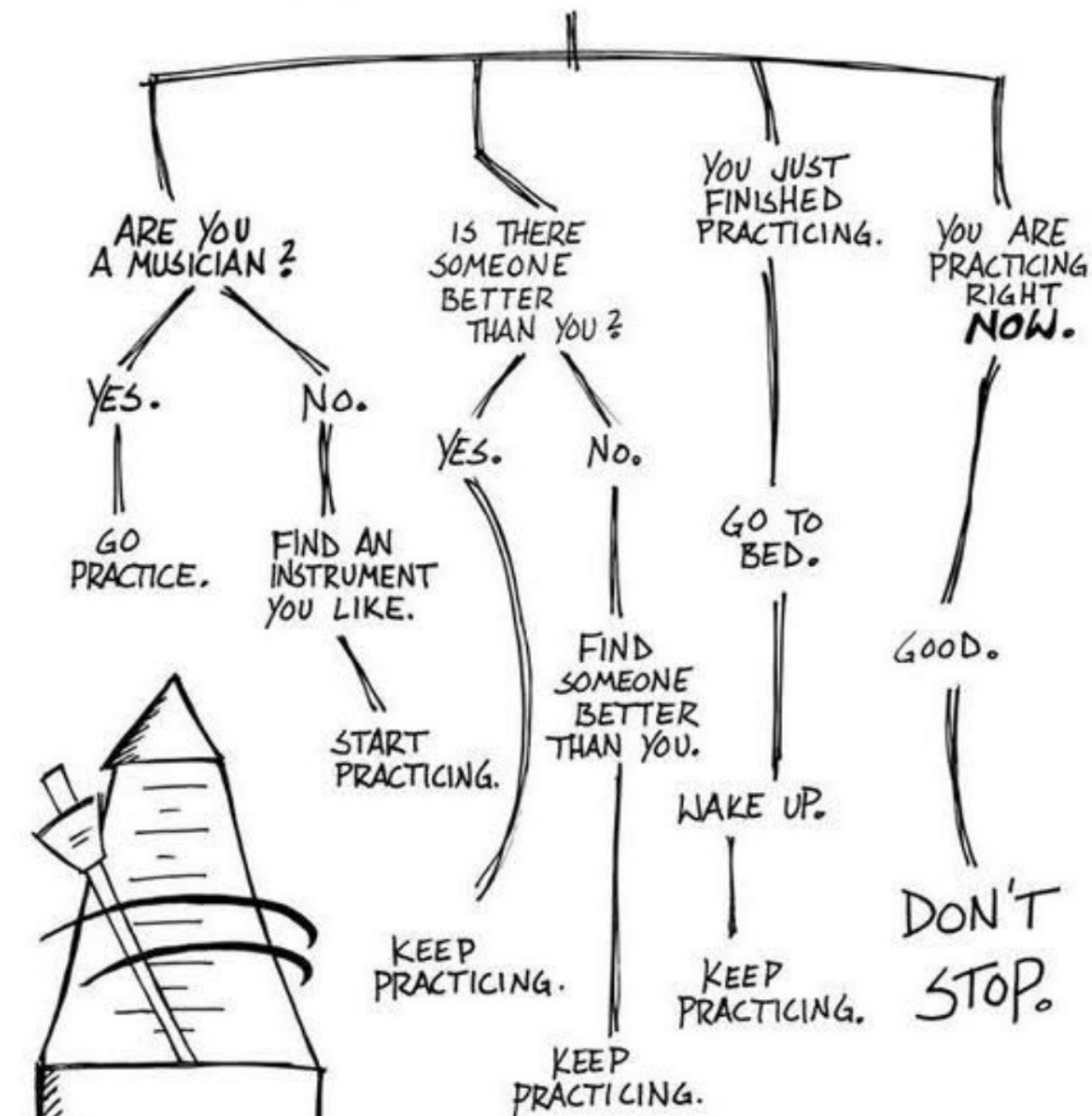
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Saturday, December 19, 2026 | 7:00pm

Sunday, December 20, 2026 | 4:00pm

**LISTEN TO THE MUSIC**

Sunday, March 14, 2027 | 4:00 pm

**HERE COMES THE BRIDE - AGAIN**

Sunday, May 23, 2027 | 4:00 pm

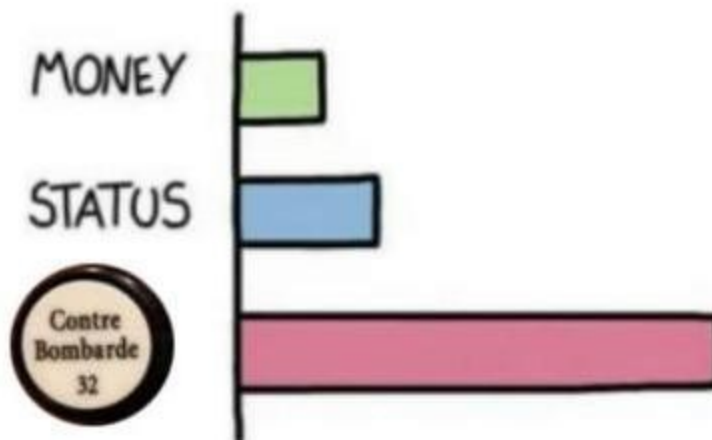
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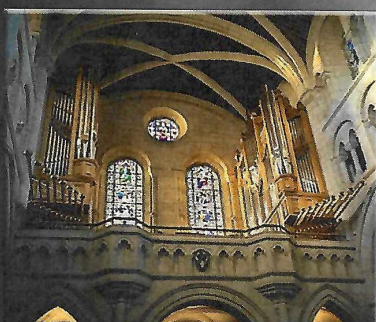


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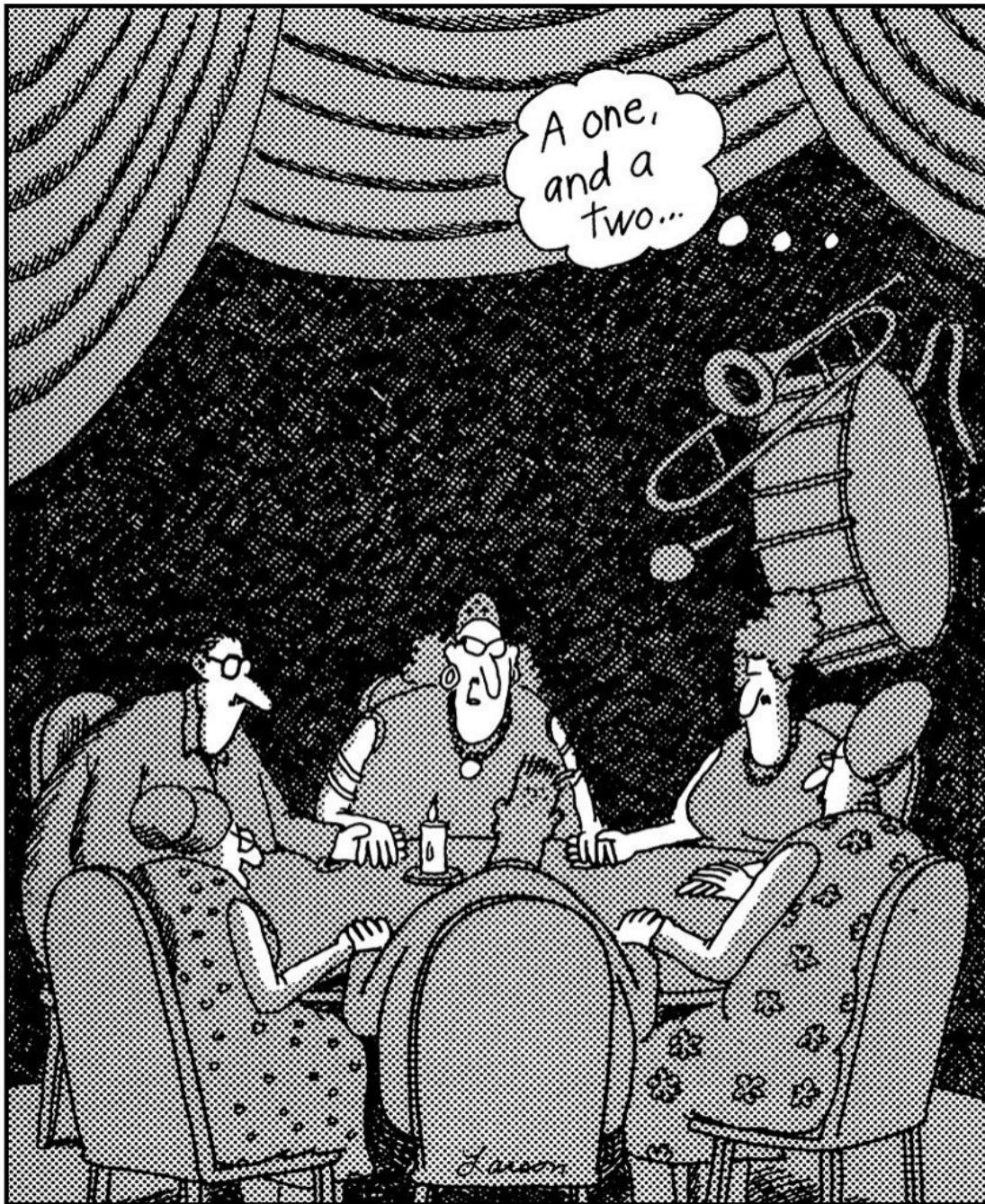
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The stenciled façade of the c. 1890 three-manual M.P. Möller (Opus 141) of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. (Note: the photo is clear enough to see the pedal coupler drawn for all three manuals) The barn-like wood structure was known as “Messiah Auditorium” or “Ling Auditorium”, it sat 4000 people and was octagonal in shape. The college, with a rich Swedish history, was known for its late 19th and early 20th century large productions of major Handel and Bach works.

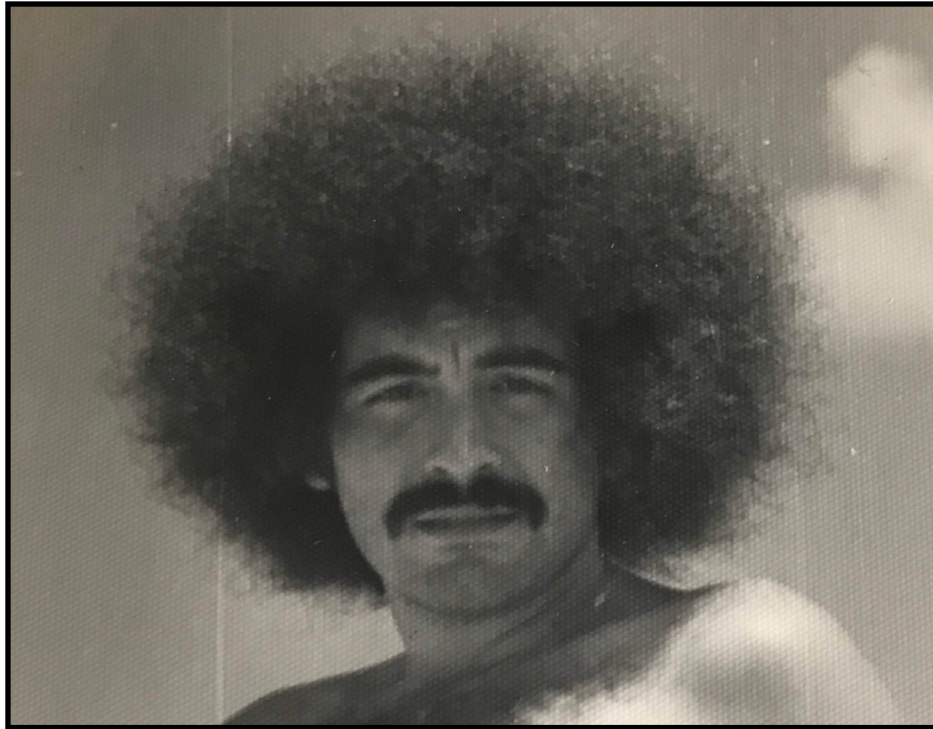
—Joseph McCabe



“Mr. Ainsworth. ... Calling Mr. Aiiiinsworth. ...  
If you’re within the sound of my voice, Mr.  
Ainsworth, please give us some kind of  
sign.”



*"This calls for some spooky music."*



I am a member of our chapter. In 1970, I rode motorcycles and would arrive by bike to area churches to sub. It wasn't until later that I used organ shoes. I played in my boots until a sweet little old lady was horrified. A major publisher of pedaling exercises states "An organist should be able to pedal in any shoes". Who am I?

Overheard at the TCCAGO event at First Baptist Church last month—

"Pastors are a dime a dozen. Organists are really special. And here I sit in a room full of organists!"



### **TCCAGO Officers for 2026-27**

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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