



# NOTES FROM A LOFT

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
TAMPA CHAPTER  
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

October 2021

## A Great Success!! Our First Meeting of the Season

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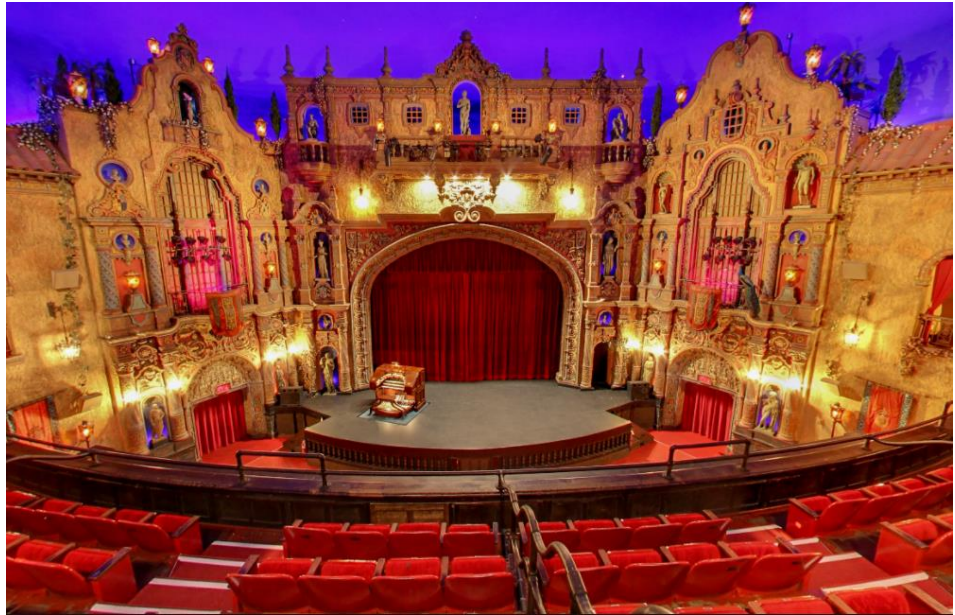
Van Howard  
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Jack Rain  
Tony Sievert  
Edwin Taylor  
*Members At Large*



**Sept. 26, 2021 our first General Meeting of the new season held at Christ the King Catholic Church was a great success!!** Thank you to all the members who attended!! The evening began with a blessing from Fr. Len. The Tampa Chapter AGO provided a scrumptious array of buffet items spread along an entire side of the McLoughlin Center. We honored our members who have so faithfully served during this pandemic time and welcomed new members including six Young Organists! Van Howard provided free drinks for all. We then proceeded to the choir loft for champagne and dessert provided by board member Stephen Banyra, Director of Music Ministries at Christ the King Church and served by the Christ the King Music Ministry. New member Dan Bashor President/CEO of Church Organ works gave an overview of the design and installation of the lovely new 4-manual organ and a detailed demonstration of the tonal capabilities. Our young organists were each welcomed to play the console as were all those present. Everyone had a good time.

**NEXT EVENT - SUNDAY- OCTOBER 31, 2021 - Welcome to the Tampa Theatre on Halloween with a special organ performance by our own chapter member Steven Ball**



Tampa Theatre opened on Oct. 15, 1926 as one of America's most elaborate movie palaces. Like other lavish downtown movie theaters around the country, Tampa Theatre was enormously popular when it opened. For 25 cents the common person could escape into an opulent fantasyland cooled by "man-made air," enjoy first-class entertainment, and be treated like royalty by platoons of uniformed ushers.

Times changed and the theater was scheduled for demolition. By the time Tampa Theatre reopened to the public in January 1977, it had become something of a national model for how to save an endangered theater. It was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, and as a Tampa City Landmark when the designation was created in 1988.

## **Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror (1922)**

### **1h 34m / Not Rated / Silent Horror**

*Nosferatu* was the product of Prana Film, a German film studio. *Nosferatu* was the only film produced by the firm, as it declared bankruptcy shortly after the film's release. It's an unauthorized adaptation of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, whose copyright-holders sued and won; the court ordered all copies of the film destroyed, but a couple prints made it overseas.

We'll see *Nosferatu* as close to how it would have been seen in 1922 as is possible. **Tampa Theatre's artist-in-residence, (and a new Tampa Chapter AGO member) Steven Ball, will be performing the film's score live on our Mighty Wurlitzer organ, an experience not to be missed.**

**SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR THE GUILD:** Purchase tickets online at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/3391450/nosferatu-1922-tampa-tampa-theatre>. As the last ticket choice, see "DISCOUNT: \$13.00" and a box for a password. Enter the password GUILD, and the ticket pricing will show up as buy one/get one in the cart. **You have to order the tickets in multiples of two to get the discount, so if you enter quantity 2, it'll be \$13; 4 would be \$26, etc.**

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **Saturday November 20, 2021 - 11:15 AM Feast of Hymns - Thanksgiving Celebration**

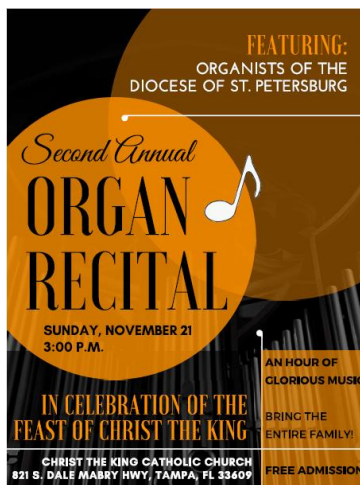
Dr. Christopher Combie, Artistic and Music Director and a member of our chapter is inviting us to this special program at the Tampa First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 822 W. Linebaugh Ave. Tampa, Fl. Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TampaFirstSDAChurch>. The program features USF Trumpets, Trombones, Tubas, and Timpani; the Community Chorus; Community String and Wind Ensemble, and a Rodgers Organ provided by Central Music, Inc.



### **Sunday Nov. 21, 2021 3 pm Second Annual Organ Recital in celebration of the Feast of Christ the King**

Christ the King Catholic Church, 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, Fl 33609 features an hour of glorious music for the whole family featuring organists of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Free admission. This is also our Tampa Chapter AGO event for the month of November. Look for special AGO seating.



**Please print out the PDF files included in the newsletter distribution email** and post or announce in your church bulletins. All are invited.

**Future Tampa Chapter AGO events include:**

Jan. 9, 2022 - 4pm-- Hymns Plus Program presented by Edwin Taylor at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Tampa

Feb. 13, 2022 - time TBD - Aaron Tan in Concert at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church

March 13, 2022- 3pm - recitalist Erick Sutter, former organist at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, at Peace Memorial Church co-sponsoring with the Clearwater Chapter

April 30, 2022- visit and tour the new Schoenstein organ at the Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe w/ the St. Petersburg AGO Chapter

A "Favorite Wedding Music" Fun Showcase  
Plus a Young Organist Event in March

A most heartfelt welcome to new Tampa Chapter AGO Members: Harry Hanes and Dale Master!!

**SUBSTITUTE AVAILABLE** - Frances Johnson is available to substitute at the organ or piano. Her email is: francesjohnson97@yahoo.com, cell phone: 843-482-0776

See you October 31 at the Tampa Theater at 2pm!



Sylvia Chai, Dean  
Tampa Chapter AGO