



NOTES FROM A LOFT

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
TAMPA CHAPTER
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
June 2022

Dear Tampa AGO Members and Friends,

Sylvia Chai
Dean

This is the **75th Anniversary Year of our Tampa Chapter AGO!!** This is a Year of Celebration! Let's retain all of our present members, especially the Young Organists, and invite friends who like organ music, choral directors, singers, pianists. We all know organists who are not members of our chapter. Invite them to our meetings! Invite them to join us! Let our 75th Anniversary Celebration begin!

Stephen Allen
Sub Dean

Van Howard
Secretary/Treasurer

Rebecca Steinke, our webmaster and the Director of Music at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, will be working as the Assistant General Manager in Italy this July with the International Lyric Academy in Vicenza, Italy near Venice. The Academy is a summer vocal training program for young opera singers to perform their first complete operatic roles in a modern Italian theater with full staging and orchestra.

Dennis Douglas

Jack Rain

Rebecca Steinke will be performing, and also part of the voice faculty, production staff, and the chorus master. College students and talented high school students come from all over the world to take part in this summer program. This year, ILA will be producing four operas: *Die Zauberflöte* (Mozart) in concert, Giancarlo Menotti's *The Old Maid and the Thief*, and *Gianni Schicchi/Suor Angelica* from *Il Trittico* by Puccini. There are also orchestral concerts, chamber music concerts, and sacred music concerts.

Tony Sievert

Edwin Taylor

Steven Ball

In 2023 Rebecca hopes to add a program for Sacred Music, including Organ studies culminating in student concerts at the end of the program. For more information, the website is www.internationallylyricacademy.com.

Thomas Ingui

Rebecca Steinke
AGO -
Tampa.org
Webmaster

Sylvia Chai - will appear on Wednesday June 22, 2022 at 12:30 EST on the NPM Noontime Recital. To access go to: [Youtube.com/nplivestream](https://www.youtube.com/nplivestream) and hit enter. Or you may access it on Facebook by going to National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

Members At Large

Dr. Steven Ball sends greetings from the organ bench at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. He is on a special tour of the Holy Land.

John Cowan
Facebook:
AGO Tampa
Chapter

Myles Hayden, welcome to the Tampa Chapter AGO. Myles is our newest member. He studied locally with Robert Todd, is a graduate of Valparaiso University, and has a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame. He is a Young Organist and also the Cantor at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg. He is also the Dean of the St. Petersburg Chapter of the AGO. Welcome, Myles!

Mr. John Cowan, Graduate Assistant at Frost School of Music whose specialty is musicology is our chapter Facebook administrator. On **Facebook** please go to: **AGO Tampa Chapter American Guild of Organists** and check out what has been posted. You can add a post also. The Facebook page belongs to our chapter and is for our chapter to use, to share your activities.

For our **website** go to: www.ago-tampa.org

Substitute Available

Joe Jadick recently relocated to Saint Petersburg from Akron, Ohio where he was an organist / pianist at a Methodist church. Joe is available for subbing and may be reached at 330.705.2992:

JOB OPENING

Chapel by the Sea
Organist/Choir Director,
54 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767
(727) 446-0430

Part-time, \$35,000 depending on experience and qualifications.

- Bachelor of Music required, advanced degrees preferred.
- Skill in conducting, organ and piano, familiar with traditional church music literature.
- Direct adult choir of volunteer and paid musicians with a high level of musical training and experience. Church has electronic organ and grand piano; installing a pipe organ within one year.
- Wednesday night rehearsal, Sunday a.m. rehearsal with soloists, one Sunday a.m. service, special services on occasion.

Contact: Rev. Dr. Rhonda Blevins, Pastor. revblev@chapelbythesea.net

Have a Blessed, Peaceful, relaxing summer Everyone! Stay well!

Sylvia Chai, Dean
Tampa Chapter AGO

Photo Gallery



Photos from our May Installation of Officers Banquet May 23, 2022 at the Bonefish Grille on Henderson Ave. in Tampa. New Members at Large are Dr. Steven Ball, Rebecca Steinke, And Thomas Ingui. Past Dean Michael Dougherty officiated. We had good food and a good time.



Tentative Schedule for our 75th Season

2022-2023

September 11, 2022, 5pm - Kick Off dinner at the home of Steven Allen

October 28, 2022 - Friday Silent Film at the Tampa Theater with organist Steven Ball
October 30, 2022 - Sunday Peculiar Pipes with Thomas Ingui, First Presbyterian, Lakeland

November 13, 2022- Member Recital

January 21-22, 2023 - Festival of Music

February 2023 - Tour of Tampa Theater and the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ w/Steven Ball

March 19, 2023 - 22nd Annual Bach Birthday Bash

April 2023 - Margaret McAlister Organ Scholarship Auditions, Adam Brakel Recital

May 2023- End of Year Event and Installation of Officers