



NOTES FROM A LOFT

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
TAMPA CHAPTER
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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Dear Tampa AGO Members and Friends,

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WOW!! What an amazing, eventful month it has been! On March 27 we held our **21st Annual Bach Birthday Bash**, an event which due to Covid has not been held since 2019. We had a marvelous roster of wonderful performers. Vocal selections from Bach's Magnificat, and St. John Passion, as well as Choral Preludes, Fantasias, Toccatas, Fugues, and even a ballet dance. All donations went into our Margaret McAlister Organ Scholarship Program!

Thank you to Thomas Ingui and Van Howard for recording the Bach Birthday Bash. Performers you may each view your performance at the link Thomas sent and you may post on our Facebook page if you so desire. Thank you, Thomas and Van!



(L-R) Dean Sylvia Chai, Ruben Celiberti, Mark Prater, Stephen Allen, Edwin Taylor, Jack Rain, Jim Sawyers, Lisa Watson, Gretchen Geist, Rebecca Steinke, Thomas Ingui

Margaret Smith McAlister Organ Scholarship Winners are:



(L-R Matthew Dolan, Jack Rozance, James Slack, Christopher Kick)

The 2022 Margaret Smith McAlister Organ Scholarship Winners each filled out an application and auditioned in front of live judges. Three of the applicants, Jack Rozance, Matthew Dolan, and James Slack, are students at Jesuit High School. Christopher Kick is home-schooled. Each played his pieces beautifully and showed promise of one day becoming a wonderful organist. Thanks to the Margaret Smith McAlister Scholarship Fund, Matthew, Jack, James and Christopher were each awarded a \$750.00 scholarship to study the organ.

Our **AGO National Membership Chairman, Elizabeth George**, visited our Tampa Chapter the weekend of April 2 & 3. She was very pleased to see that our Chapter is warm, healthy, and inclusive. The fact that we have more than doubled our enrollment speaks well for us. She is admonishing all of us to value and encourage all our new members especially our 13 new young organists.

Sunday April 24, 2022 - 3 pm - Dr. Steven Ball is inviting us to experience “**The Adventures of Prince Achmed (1926)**”, a silent film, at the Tampa Theatre. He is accompanying the film on the theater’s Mighty Wurlitzer. Go to <https://facebook.com/events/s/family-favorites-the-adventure/990321981870451/> for more details.

Saturday April 30, 2022 - Visit and Tour the new Schoenstein organ at the Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe w/St. Petersburg AGO Chapter . The plan is to leave St. Pete/Tampa in the morning to arrive at the Basilica of Mary, Queen of the Universe before 10:30. Time in the Shrine is reserved for us from 10:30am -12noon when we will have a demonstration by Bill Picher and some

time for open console. Whoever wants to stay for lunch with the group is invited to do so before heading back to Tampa. (See the attached flyer)

Sunday May 1, 2022 - Thomas Ingui in Recital - 2pm at First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, Florida - fpclakeland.org (See the enclosed flyer)

New Tampa Chapter Members - A warm welcome to our new Tampa Chapter AGO members **Christopher Kick, James Slack, and Matthew Dolan** three of our scholarship winners, also **John Matthew Cowan** who is from Tampa and presently working on his Master's Degree in Musicology at the University of Miami. John loves Facebook and has agreed to post interesting items regularly on our Facebook page.

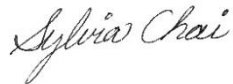
Website: www.tampa-ago.org - Thank you to Webmaster Rebecca Steinke for updating our website. If you have not viewed our website recently, please go to www.tampa-ago.org and check it out!

Facebook - **American Guild of Organists (AGO) Tampa Chapter** - please view and update with items of interest to our musical community.

Substitute List - If you are available to substitute, please give your name and contact information to Sylvia Chai at 813-390-0911 or agio@aol.com so you can be added to our list.

Looking forward to seeing you in Orlando at our Shrine trip on April 30th, also at the Tampa Theatre on April 24th, and Lakeland on May 1st!

Warm regards -



Sylvia Chai, Dean
Tampa Chapter AGO