



Notes From A Loft

October 2022

The American Guild of Organists

Tampa, Florida Chapter

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FROM THE SUB-DEAN

Hello AGO Members!

We made it through the storm and now the season of Fall is upon us. Cooler temperatures and shorter daylight days are here. It is a BOO-TI-FULL time of year! Did I say BOO-TI-FULL? That's a peculiar way to spell a word – or is it? It is the perfect way to describe the Tampa Chapter of the AGO's October program:

"PECULIAR PIPES"

First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland

175 Hollingsworth Drive

Lakeland, FL 33801

4:00 p.m.

Reception Following

Members are invited and encouraged to participate in this spooktacular event! Now's the time to play all those pieces you've longed to play but could not in a regular church service – like it says, PECULIAR is the word for the night! Contact Tom Ingui at tingui@fpclakeland.org or hippomaster@gmail.com to schedule your piece to play and to schedule a practice time on the mighty 60 rank Austin organ by October 15! Solo and/or ensemble pieces are welcome! Be creative!

Donations for our scholarship fund will be collected at this program.

Questions? Contact Tom Ingui at FPC Lakeland

Stephen L. Allen, Sub-Dean – Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

FROM THE DEAN

Dear Tampa AGO Members and Friends,

So thankful Hurricane Ian did not come to Tampa last week!

We have many wonderful musical opportunities this month. The first is this coming Sunday Oct. 9 at 4pm at Grace Lutheran Church. A former Margaret McAlister Scholarship winner will be playing in recital with Gavin McVey. Both are now students of Dr. Ellis at the University of Florida.

On Oct. 16, 2022, at 4pm the Tampa Oratorio Singers will be presenting a marvelous program at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church.

Then on Sunday October 30 at 4pm we have the privilege of hearing "Peculiar Pipes", a costumed Halloween Recital by chapter members at the lovely Austin organ at First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland. Our Sub Dean Stephen Allen will tell you more about that. Hope to see you!

Sylvia Chai, Dean
Tampa Chapter AGO

2022 – 2023 Calendar of Chapter Events

October 30, 2022 – 4:00 pm – “Peculiar Pipes” – A Costumed Halloween Recital

First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, 175 Lake Hollingworth Dr, Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Thomas Ingui (772) 913-0279 or hippomaster@gmail.com

November 13, 2022 – 4:00 pm – Members Organ Recital featuring

Tampa AGO Scholarship Winners and Our Young Organists

Grace Lutheran Church, 3714 W Linebaugh Ave, Tampa, FL 33618

Contact: Sylvia Chai (813) 390-0911 or sylviachai0@gmail.com

**January 21-22, 2023 – [detailed schedule forthcoming] – Festival of Music with
Former Dean Nancy Callahan, Clinician, Members of the Tampa Oratorio Singers, the
Chancel Choir, and All Interested Singers**

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, 3501 W San Jose St, Tampa, FL 33629

Contact: Stephen Allen (813) 997-7859 or slafl@aol.com

**February 14, 2023 – 7:00 pm – “Seven Chances” – A silent film with accompaniment on the
Mighty Wurlitzer by Artist-In-Residence Steven Ball**

Tampa Theatre, 711 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602

[Promo code TAMPAAGO for \$3 ticket discount on online ticket sales]

Pre-Concert Dinner – 5:00 pm – Si-Am Thai Restaurant, 713 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602

Contact: Steven Ball (609) 515-5857 or info@stevenball.com

**March 19, 2023 – 4:00 pm – 22nd Bach Birthday Bash – Featuring Organ, Instrumental, and
Vocal Works of Johann Sebastian Bach**

Benefiting the Margaret Smith McAlister Scholarship Fund

Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 500 W Platt St, Tampa, FL 33606

Contact: Van Howard (813) 857-8800 or vbhoward@gmail.com

April 16, 2023 – 4:00 pm – Margaret Smith McAlister Scholarship Auditions

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 13312 Cain Rd, Tampa, FL 33625

Contact: Edwin Taylor (203) 947-3497 or edwintaylor52@gmail.com

April 30, 2023 – 5:00 pm – Adam Brakel Organ Concert

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, 3501 W San Jose St, Tampa, FL 33629

Contact: Van Howard (813) 857-8800 or vbhoward@gmail.com

May 19, 2023 – 6:30 pm – Closing Dinner and Installation of Officers

Bonefish Grill, 3665 Henderson Blvd, Tampa, FL 33609

Contact: Van Howard (813) 857-8800 or vbhoward@gmail.com

Looking Ahead – “Peculiar Pipes”

Grotesque greetings Tampa AGO ghouls, goblins, and ghosts!

It's that delightfully dreadful time of year again and this year we are having a special Halloween concert called "Peculiar Pipes" and we need YOUR help to make this a truly memorable event.

The concert is at First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland at 4pm on October 30, 2022, with a short reception immediately following. This event is of course free admission, and we will collect donations for our scholarship fund.

It would be spooktacular if you could participate! Solos or ensemble pieces are welcome, but we will try to keep the concert to a reasonable length so please consider this as you select music. Email me the title, composer, and performer(s) by October 15th AND include in that email when you would like to practice on the instrument (I have included the stop list below). Most times are available to practice EXCEPT Tuesday until 5pm and from Wednesday from 1-5pm. Feel free to request any day between now and the concert date, and I will see if I can accommodate you.

Naturally, we are obligated to include BWV 565 in the program, so I will do the honors of playing that this year.

Looking forward to this horrible night of hideous costumes and haunting music!

Tom Ingui

Organ Specification: <https://pipeorgandatabase.org/organ/11273>



Other Upcoming Events

October 14, 2022 - 7:30 pm - Organ Recital
Organist Joshua Stafford



Winner of the \$40,000 International Organ Competition at Longwood Gardens in 2016, performs on the Tampa Bay area's largest pipe organ at First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg. Joshua is currently Director of Music at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Florida. In 2021, he was officially named Director of Sacred Music and Organist at the famed Chautauqua Institution in New York
First Presbyterian Church, 701 Beach Dr NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

October 28, 2022 - 7:00 pm - Halloween Special Silent Film with accompaniment on the Mighty Wurlitzer
Tampa Theatre, 711 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602



Other Upcoming Events

November 5, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza
Sponsored by the Clearwater and Southwest Florida Chapters
First United Methodist Church,
Tampa Theatre, 411 Turner St, Clearwater, FL 33756

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

WHAT IS PEDALS, PIPES, AND PIZZA?

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza is a mini-day camp sponsored by the American Guild of Organists Clearwater and Southwest Florida Chapters designed to give children and youth (from age 5-high school senior) a brief introduction to the pipe organ.

Participants will have the opportunity to see, hear, and play the pipe organ. By special arrangement with OrganoKids USA, campers will assemble a pipe organ. Our adventure will conclude with a silent movie with organ accompaniment!

Hospitality includes a continental breakfast of hot cross buns, fruit skewers, and assorted juices. Our luncheon features Cristina's Coal Oven Cheese, Pepperoni, and Vegetable Pizza, leafy salad, decadent ice cream sundae, and sparkling water. We aim to please the most discriminating palate!

WHEN

Saturday, November 5
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE

First United Methodist Church
411 Turner Street, Clearwater

REGISTRATION | FEE | DEADLINE

There is a \$5 registration fee per participant, payable by check to the AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS CLEARWATER CHAPTER at time of registration. Participation is limited to 24 campers with a response deadline of Friday, October 21. Adult Counselor/Camper ratio is 4:12. Parental participation is welcomed and encouraged at no charge.

For questions regarding this exceptional experience, please direct inquiries to the registrar.

REGISTRAR

Dr. Linda W. Pointer
1926 Cleveland Street
Clearwater 33765-3011
727 | 441-1099



Registration Form is Included with the Newsletter Distribution

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Positions Available

Please send available positions to Van Howard at vbhoward@gmail.com along with clear contact information for any inquiries

Substitutes Available

(O – Organist, O/D – Organist/Director, D – Director, V – Vocalist)

Please send updates or corrections to this list to Van Howard at vbhoward@gmail.com. Inclusion in this list does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with prospective substitutes. Those listed must be a member of the American Guild of Organists.

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