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Dean's Message

Dear AGO Members and Friends,

As we enter one of the busiest times of the year for the church musician, the season of Advent and Christmas, it's prudent to keep our priorities in order. Amidst the rush of activities—pageants, Lessons and Carols, cantatas, carol sings, and so forth—let's remember to maintain an atmosphere of professionalism, patience, and, above all, respect for those with whom we collaborate during our many musical endeavors!

The Tallahassee Sacred Music Conference is just around the corner. The Tallahassee Chapter of the AGO is a proud co-sponsor of this event, which takes place from Thursday, January 22nd to Saturday, January 24th at St. John's Episcopal Church. Dr. Iain Quinn and his fellow board members have assembled a marvelous program, which includes a choral evensong, a recital by organist Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra, and workshops (on improvisation, Moravian hymnody, the choir as a community bridge builder, organ repertoire, etc.), as well as a hymn sing and a concert by the FSU Early Music Ensembles. For full details please visit the conference Web site, where you can also REGISTER for the conference online or download a registration form: <http://www.churchmusicinstitute.org/the-2015-tallahassee-sacred-music-conference-January-22-2015>.

Don't miss this wonderful biennial opportunity for refreshment and rededication as a church musician!

All the best,

Joe Kraus, Dean

Tallahassee Chapter

American Guild of Organists



"The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of every month!"

Visit your chapter website: <http://www.tallahasseeago.org/>

UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

Sunday, January 11th – Epiphany Party! 6:30 p.m. at the home of our dean, Joe Kraus, 1324 North Duval Street. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Please bring an appetizer or heavy hors d’oeuvre (enough for a dozen people), your choice of drink (if not provided). Wine and soft drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend or significant other also.

Parking: there is always parking further south on North Duval (toward town), and parking will also be available in the Lakeview Baptist overflow parking lot, which is across Seventh Avenue from the church.

Thursday, January 22nd – Saturday, January 24th – Tallahassee Sacred Music Conference.

Highlights include a Service of Evensong at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 22nd, followed by a recital at 8 p.m. by concert organist Pamela Ruiters-Feenstra. SAVE THE DATES: go to the Web site given above in the Dean’s message for further information, registration, details of workshops, etc.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Sunday evenings from September 7th through April 26th, 2015 (except Sunday, December 14th), St. John’s Episcopal Church presents a weekly Service of Compline from 8:00-8:30 p.m. This ancient monastic service includes beautiful chants by the all-male choir, interspersed with scripture.

Membership in the Compline Choir is open to any interested male singer by audition—contact Mike Norris at norris.mr@gmail.com.

Wednesday, December 3rd - the FSU College of Music presents a recital by students from the organ studio of Dr. Iain Quinn at 8:00 p.m. in Opperman Music Hall on the FSU campus. This concert is given as part of the “150 for 150 Challenge” sponsored by the Royal College of Organists in celebration of their 150th anniversary in 2014. One hundred fifty performances are taking place around the world to mark the college’s distinguished history.

Friday, December 5th – the FSU College of Music presents “Nine Lessons and Carols” by the FSU Early Music Ensembles: Baroque Ensemble, Collegium Musicum, and Cantores Musicae Antiquae, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street. Admission is free.

Saturday, December 6th, the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee presents “Ring in the Season”, a concert of holiday music by seven area handbell choirs, at 4:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The handbell choirs are from Crawfordville UMC, Fellowship Presbyterian, First Baptist, Good Shepherd

Catholic, Bainbridge First UMC, Trinity UMC, and the Capitol Bells. The church is located at 108 West College Avenue. Admission is free.

Saturday, December 6th, the Tallahassee Community Chorus, along with all the choirs and choruses of the FSU College of Music, presents “A Seasonal Celebration”, music for the holiday season, at 7:30 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased by calling the College of Music box office at (850) 645-7949, by visiting the box office in the lobby of Ruby Diamond Concert Hall, 101 Westcott Building, between the hours of 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Monday through Friday, or in the lobby beginning 90 minutes prior to the concert.

Sunday, December 7th, Holy Comforter Episcopal Church presents “Advent Lessons and Carols” by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Olivia Ahyoung, choirmaster/organist, at 10:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary, 2015 Fleischmann Road. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, December 7th, the Seven Hills Guitar Series presents “Guitar Student Showcase” featuring student guitarists from the FSU College of Music at 3:00 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street. Admission is free.

Sunday, December 7th, Grace Lutheran Church presents a Christmas Concert with pianist Anthony Warrington, at 4:00 p.m. It is an improvisational-style Christmas concert, with special guest Dr. Leslie Heffner, director of the Tallahassee Civic Chorale, singing several songs, and will also include audience participation. The church is located at 2919 Miccosukee Road. Admission is free.

Sunday, December 7th, the Tallahassee Community Chorus, along with all the choirs and choruses of the FSU College of Music, presents “A Seasonal Celebration”, music for the holiday season, at 6:00 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. (See previous listing for this concert on Saturday, December 6th, for more information.)

Tuesday, December 9th, the Tallahassee Civic Chorale presents “Silent Night” commemorating the centenary of the 1914 Christmas Truce at 7:30 p.m. in Turner Auditorium at Tallahassee Community College. The concert is under the direction of Dr. Leslie Heffner, Artistic Director. Tickets are available from any Chorale member, by calling (850) 942-1893, or in the lobby of the auditorium prior to the concert. Prices are adults \$9, seniors \$7, non-TCC students \$7, TCC students, faculty, and staff –FREE.

Sunday, December 14th, the Tallahassee Youth Orchestras present “Holiday Alumni Concert” at 3:00 p.m. in Opperman Music Hall at FSU. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased online at www.tallahassee youthorchestras.com, at Beethoven & Company three weeks prior to the concert, or in the lobby of the concert hall on the afternoon of the concert.

Sunday, December 14th, Voces Angelorum presents Vivaldi's "Gloria" in the Carriage House at the Goodwood Museum and Gardens, located at 1600 Miccosukee Road. There is a matinee concert at 3:00 p.m. and an evening concert at 7:00 p.m. For further information and to purchase tickets, visit the choir's website at www.vocestally.org.

Sunday, December 14th, St. John's Episcopal Church presents "Advent Lessons and Carols", featuring the various choirs of St. John's, at 7 :00 p.m. in the church sanctuary, 211 North Monroe Street. Admission is free, but come early to be sure of getting a seat.

Monday, December 15th, Westminster Oaks presents "A Service of Lessons and Carols" by the Men's Choir and Handbell Choir of Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. in the Maguire Center at the Westminster Oaks Retirement Community, 4449 Meandering Way. Admission is free and guests are welcome.

Tuesday, December 16th, Good Shepherd Catholic Church presents "A Service of Lessons and Carols" by the Men's Choir, Handbell Choir, and YouthMusic at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary, 4665 Thomasville Road. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

Friday, December 19th and Saturday, December 20th, the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra presents "Holiday Magic" under the direction of conductor Darko Butorac, at 8:00 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. For tickets and more information, contact the TSO box office at (850) 224-0461 or visit their website at www.tallahasseesympphony.org.

Saturday, January 10th, 2015, The Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra presents "Elegance and Elation" under the direction of conductor Darko Butorac, at 8:00 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. For tickets and more information, contact the TSO box office at (850) 224-0461 or visit their website at www.tallahasseesympphony.org. Soloist for this concert will be the Russian-Austrian pianist Lisa Smirnova, who will perform with the orchestra Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 in C Major, K. 467 ("Elvira Madigan"). The concert, which concludes with Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 in B-flat Major, Op. 60, will be dedicated to the memory of the late Carolyn Bridger, a founding member of the TSO and keyboard player in the ensemble for nearly 35 years.

Enjoy organ music in its infinite variety each week with *PIPEDREAMS* from American Public Media, each Sunday 7:00-9:00 p.m. on WFSQ (91.5 FM) and on the internet at any time (24/7) at www.pipedreams.org.

December 7th – Sunshine from San Diego...we anticipate the upcoming 100th birthday of America's most popular outdoor pipe organ at the Spreckels Pavilion in Balboa Park.

December 14th – Approaching Christmas...in anticipation of the holiday season, a collection of music on Advent themes.

December 21st – From Heaven Above...we borrow from an international collective of music old and new in celebration of the Christmas holiday.

December 28th - Holiday Highlights...some engaging confections, some of them 'invented in the moment', add to our enjoyment of this special time of year.

January 4th, 2015 -The Organist's Yearbook...the traditional summing-up of some of the year's activity in the world of the King of Instruments.

January 11th – A Polish Pilgrimage...in anticipation of our upcoming group tour, here's a sampler of instruments in and compositions from the Republic of Poland.

January 18th – Minnesota Memories...archive performances by resident and visiting musicians recorded in the North Star State.

January 25th – Stephen's Points...the unflappable American virtuoso Stephen Tharp talks about his career and introduces us to some pieces for which he has a strong attraction.

ADD YOUR VOICE

If you have information about any upcoming events, news about chapter members, information about open choral or organ positions, corrections to previous newsletters that you'd like to share, or anything else of musical interest, please e-mail these items to the newsletter editor at pherrington@fsu.edu. Of special interest for the November and December newsletters would be any programs for the Advent and Christmas season that your church or other organization might be planning to present. Thank you.