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Dean's Message

Dear AGO Members and Friends,

An early blast of cold weather has reminded us that we are entering a time of preparation—for the coming seasons of Advent and Christmas, and the many musical programs involved in their celebration. Amidst the flurry of activities, we would do well to remember our priorities: to observe Advent as a time of joyful expectation (rather than an early celebration of the Nativity), and our responsibility to provide music that is appropriate, within the contexts of our various faith traditions.

We hope to see you at our next AGO event, a presentation by student member Gray Hodsdon about his summer pilgrimage to Spain and the various pipe organs that he encountered there. We will meet in Cobb Library at St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street, on Sunday, November 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Our post-holiday Epiphany Party is scheduled for Sunday, January 11, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at my home, 1324 North Duval Street (in Midtown).

All the best,

Joe Kraus, Dean

Tallahassee Chapter

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

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UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

Sunday, November 16th – PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN: RETRACING THE COMPOSTELA TRAIL

Presenter: Gray Hodsdon

Location: Cobb Library at St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street

Time: Board meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Presentation: 7:00 p.m.

Gray will tell us about his pilgrimage on the Compostela Trail in Spain during the summer of 2014, and about the pipe organs he encountered in various churches along the way. Refreshments will be served following his presentation. (Gray is one of two sacred music interns at St. John's Episcopal Church. Please come out and support him.)

Sunday, January 11th – Epiphany Party! 6:30 p.m. at the home of our dean, Joe Kraus, 1324 North Duval Street. SAVE THE DATE: further details in the December newsletter.

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 Ruitter-Feenstra. SAVE THE DATES: further details in the December and January newsletters.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Sunday evenings from September 7th through December 21st – 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—contact Mike Norris at morris.mr@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 16th – the Tallahassee Community Chorus presents Leonard Bernstein's *Mass* and Haydn's *Te Deum* under the direction of artistic director Dr. Andre J. Thomas at 4:00 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$15 senior, and \$5 student. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the chorus website at www.tcchorus.org.

Friday, November 21st – the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra presents a family concert entitled SPACEMAN INVADES SYMPHONY at 7:00 p.m. in the Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on the FSU campus. There will be a special discounted ticket price of \$7.00 per person for this concert. For tickets and more information, call the TSO box office at (850) 224-0461 or visit their website at www.tallahassee_symphony.org.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd – “C.P.E. BACH at 300” FESTIVAL
Three days of concerts and lectures celebrating the life, music, and influence of Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, fifth child of Johann Sebastian Bach, born 300 years ago in 1714. The festival is presented through a partnership between the FSU College of Music’s Musicology area and Early Music Ensembles, and the Tallahassee Bach Parley, and will take place in several venues in the College of Music and at St. John’s Episcopal Church. Following is a listing of festival events:

Friday, November 21st – “*Delicacy, Precision, and Spirit*”: *Carl Philip Emanuel Bach’s Music for Clavichord* – Lecture recital by Dr. Charles E. Brewer, FSU Professor of Musicology, at 5:30 p.m. in the Kuersteiner Music Building Lounge at the FSU College of Music (Limited seating)

Friday, November 21st – *C.P.E. Bach at 300, An Overview: Life, Family, Works, Reception*” – Keynote lecture by Mark Knoll at 6:30 p.m. in the Lindsay Recital Hall at the FSU College of Music

Saturday, November 22nd – Pre-concert lecture by Mark Knoll at 6:00 p.m. in the Opperman Music Hall at the FSU College of Music

Saturday, November 22nd – Chamber, Vocal, and Keyboard Music of C.P.E. Bach at 7:00 p.m. in Opperman Music Hall at the FSU College of Music. Performers include Iain Quinn, organ; Sarah Eyerly, soprano; Joel Hastings, fortepiano; Eva Amsler, flute & traverso; Vivianne Asturizaga & Sarah Jane Young, traversos.

Sunday, November 23rd - the Tallahassee Bach Parley and the FSU Baroque Ensemble present “C.P.E. Bach at 300” – *Orchestral and Chamber Music by C.P.E. Bach* - at 3:00 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street. Featured will be C.P.E. Bach’s *Concerto in A Major* with Kim Jones, cello; and Eva Amsler, traverso; Valerie Arsenault, violin; Melissa Brewer, viola; Josh Lee, viola da gamba; Iain Quinn, harpsichord. Admission is free; \$10 donation is suggested.

For more information, e-mail: director@tallahasseebachparley.org

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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 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, 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. Tickets are available from any Civic 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, 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, the 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 Darko Butorac, music director, 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.tallahasseeorchestra.org.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Thursday, November 20th, the Thomasville Entertainment Foundation presents CANTUS and THEATER LATTE DA in “All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914”. An outstanding all-male vocal ensemble and cast recount a true heartwarming World War I story in the words and songs of the men who lived it. At 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 210 North Broad Street in Thomasville, GA. For tickets and information call the TEF box office at (229) 226-7404.

MEMBER NEWS

KAREY FOWLER has assumed the position of organist at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee.

PATRICK MALONE, Florida State University professor and parish musician for the St. Andrew's Anglican Catholic Church, located on the corner of Timberlane and North Meridian Roads in Tallahassee, was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, September 6th, 2014, at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Athens, GA. According to an article published in the October 30th *Chronicle* section of The Tallahassee Democrat, Dr. Malone received his master's degree from Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, WI, on May 22, 2014, following two years of study. Ordination to the diaconate is the next-to-last step for Patrick before he is ordained to the priesthood. Congratulations, Patrick!

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November 9th –Texas Treasures...a prelude to the upcoming East Texas Organ Festival, plus *Pipedreams Live!* visits to Dallas, Fort Worth, Kilgore, and Longview, TX.

November 16th - Walther, Williamson, and Walcha...three wildly different composers, one from the German Baroque and a pair from 20th century Germany and England, make for interesting contrasts.

November 23rd – With Praise and Thanksgiving...in anticipation of our thoroughly American holiday, these works by some thoroughly American composers, including Gerre Hancock, Howard Hanson, Leo Sowerby, Wilbur Held, Charles Ives, Ronald Arnatt, and Alexander Schreiner, among others.

November 30th – New in Nashville...some concert performances and engaging contemporary compositions from Tennessee's Music City.

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.

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.