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## Dean's Message

Dear AGO Members and Friends,

Here's hoping that you've had a happy, productive summer! It is my pleasure to announce the schedule of events for the 2014-15 season of the Tallahassee AGO. Our KickOff Party, held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Roger Ponder, was attended by approximately 18 members and friends. A workshop on forging healthy relationships between clergy and musicians, featuring Dr. Michael Corzine and the Rev. Brant Copeland will convene on Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Our Sixth Annual Halloween Spooktacular will return on Friday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Episcopal Church. One of our student members, Gray Hodsdon, will speak about his summer Spanish Pilgrimage and the organs he encountered on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's. The annual Epiphany party will take place on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> (instead of January 4<sup>th</sup>) at the home of Dean Kraus. Our chapter is again co-sponsoring the Tallahassee Sacred Music Conference at St. John's from Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, through Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015; the featured performer will be Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. We will round out the year's activities with a Student Scholarship Recital on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, and a solo recital by Dr. Iain Quinn at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.; free-will offerings at these two recitals will benefit student scholarships sponsored by the AGO and the FSU College of Music, respectively. Plans are also underway for an end-of-the-year banquet in early May. More details about all of these events will be available in this newsletter in the coming months.

A REMINDER: if you haven't yet paid your AGO Membership Dues for the coming year, *now is the time* to access the ONCARD system to pay electronically or to download a membership form pay by postal snail mail. (To access ONCARD, go to the AGO website at [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org).) Please take care of this as soon as you can, so that we can begin receiving our chapter's portion of the funds from National.

Joseph C. Kraus - Dean, Tallahassee AGO



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

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## **UPCOMING AGO EVENTS**

### **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – WORKSHOP ON CLERGY/MUSICIAN RELATIONSHIPS**

**Leaders: Dr. Michael Corzine and the Rev. Brant Copeland**

**Location: St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 1700 N. Meridian Road**

Time: 5:30 p.m. – Board meeting – All are welcome

6:30 p.m. Workshop

A workshop on forging healthy relationships between clergy and musicians. Following the workshop, Members will have an opportunity to see and play the church’s **1928 M. P. Moller organ Op. 10335**, which has recently undergone some renovations. There will be refreshments following the meeting.

### **Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> - SIXTH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**

**(Children and Costumes Encouraged)**

**Coordinator: Joseph Kraus ([jkraus@fsu.edu](mailto:jkraus@fsu.edu))**

**Location: St. John’s Episcopal Church (corner Call and Monroe Streets)**

Time: 7:00 p.m. (No board meeting beforehand)

Reception following the concert.

Members wishing to play on this concert should contact Dean Joe Kraus no later than Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>)

### **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN: RETRACING THE COMPOSTELA TRAIL**

**Presenter: Gray Hodsdon**

**Location: St. John’s Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Gray will tell us about his pilgrimage on the Compostela Trail during the Summer of 2014, and about the pipe organs he encountered in various churches along the way.

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## **UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS**

**ORGANISTS ALERT! OPENING NIGHTS (formerly Seven Days of Opening Nights) is presenting on February 11, 2015 a concert by the fabulous organist CAMERON CARPENTER, the first organist ever nominated for a Grammy Award for a solo album. He will be performing on his new international digital touring organ, built by Marshall & Ogletree of Needham, MA. He says “my vision is to keep the best of the classical organ—its emotional magnitude, its sonic range, its coloristic drama—but to liberate these from the pipe organ’s immobility, its moving parts, its cost, its institu-**

tionality...to combine with its counterpart, the cinema organ, in a single instrument. It has to have the cathedral organ's expansiveness, and the Wurlitzer's rapidity and authenticity." This performance, the touring organ's Florida debut, will be in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall at 7:30 PM. Get your tickets SOON—they won't last. (Tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Go online to [openingnights@fsu.edu](mailto:openingnights@fsu.edu), telephone (850) 644-6500, or visit the FSU Fine Arts Ticket Office at 530 West Call Street in the lobby of the FSU Fine Arts Building.) See you there!

**Sunday evenings from September 7<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup> – 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](mailto:morris.mr@gmail.com).

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – The Artist Series presents the JASPER STRING QUARTET** in concert at 4:00 p.m. in Opperman Music Hall on the Florida State University campus. This acclaimed quartet, winner of the 2012 Cleveland Quartet Award, has been hailed as “sonically delightful and expressively compelling” (*The Strad*) and “powerful” (*The New York Times*). *The Classical Voice of North Carolina* says the play “with sparkling vitality and great verve...polished, engaged, and in tune with one another.” For tickets and more information you may visit their website, [theartistseries.org](http://theartistseries.org), telephone (850) 224-9934, or go to Beethoven & Company.

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – The Seven Hills Guitar Series presents DR. JON YERBY, guest artist,** in concert at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. Admission is free, donations are accepted. Dr. Yerby has performed as a soloist and chamber musician in many venues across North America. He received his doctoral degree in guitar performance from the FSU College of Music in 2012, where he studied with Professor Bruce Holzman, and he is currently professor of guitar at Utah Valley University. Admission is free; donations accepted.

**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, St. John's Episcopal Church presents A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG** by the choirs of St. John's at 3:30 p.m. As a prelude to the service, there will be a recital by The Capitol Bells, organized in 2009 and comprised of members from seven local handbell choirs. Admission is free; childcare provided.

**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, The Artist Series presents The DORIAN WIND QUINTET** in concert at 4:00 p.m. in Opperman Music Hall on the FSU campus. “One of chamber music's most sparkling and eloquent ensembles (*TIME Magazine*), The Dorian Wind Quintet is recognized worldwide by professional musicians and audiences for its uniquely polished and passionate performances. Every member of the Dorian is a virtuoso in his or her own right, as well as a dedicated chamber player. For more information and to purchase tickets, go online to [theartistseries.org](http://theartistseries.org), by phone (850) 224-9934, or visit Beethoven & Company.

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, The Seven Hills Guitar Series presents YURI LIBERZON, guest artist,** in concert at 3:00 p.m. at St John's Episcopal Church. Born in Russia and raised in Israel, Mr. Liberzon was granted Alien of Extraordinary Ability United States Permanent Residency based on his musical achievements. He received a full scholarship to Peabody Conservatory where he completed his bachelor's degree and a graduate performance diploma, and a full scholarship to the Yale University School of Music from which he earned his master's degree. Admission is free, donations accepted.

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, The Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra presents POWER AND PROWESS** In its season opener, the TSO features music by two musical powerhouses, the Russians Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev. Pianist Katherine Chi, winner of the prestigious Honens Piano Competition, will perform Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*, followed by the orchestra's performance of Prokofiev's *Fifth Symphony*. For tickets and more information, call the TSO box office at (850) 224-0461 ext. 83, or visit their website at [tallahasseesyphony.org](http://tallahasseesyphony.org).

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Organ Recital by Ron Hlebinsky at Trinity United Methodist Church.** The first half of this recital, at 2:00 p.m., will feature traditional organ music, including works by J. S. Bach, Franz Liszt, and Louis Vierne. The second half will the explore the organ as a one-man orchestra, with modern arrangements of well-known orchestral pieces, including Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*, as well as music from popular films such as *Star Wars*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Frozen*. Mr. Hlebinsky served as organist at TUMC from January 2009 until January 2011. He is currently living in Michigan and serving as organist at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, MI. Admission is free; an offering will be taken to benefit Trinity's music ministry.

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## REGIONAL EVENTS

**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Valdosta State University Department of Music presents in recital DR. JOBY BELL, guest organist,** at 7:30 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium on the university campus. Dr. Bell is Associate Professor of Organ and Coordinator of the Sacred Music Program at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. He has concertized throughout the United States and abroad, and has performed for numerous chapters and conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Victoria Bach Festival, the Houston Masterworks Chorus, the Washington National Cathedral, and at conferences on worship and music at the Montreat Conference Center and at Lake Junaluska, N.C. Valdosta State University is located at 1500 N. Patterson Street in Valdosta, Georgia.

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – the Greater Columbia (S.C.) AGO Chapter presents a Master Class For High School Organists, with Dr. Jared Johnson as clinician.** The class will be at 10:00 a.m. in the University of South Carolina School of Music Recital Hall, 813 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC.

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – the Greater Columbia (S.C.) AGO Chapter presents a recital by ALDEN WRIGHT, Winner of the 2014 Young Organist Competition.** The 2:00 p.m. recital will take place in the Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine Street in Columbia, South Carolina.  
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## MEMBER NEWS

Mitchell Crawford, who was at The First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, graduated in May and has left us for a great position with a Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Sandy Tyer and her husband Roger have moved to a 55+ retirement community in Foley, Alabama, where they built a new home and are now enjoying the good life! Sandy renewed her AGO membership and will be affiliated with the Pensacola, FL AGO chapter. Her new e-mail address is [sandycapricorn45@gmail.com](mailto:sandycapricorn45@gmail.com).

On page 26 of the September 2014 issue of The American Organist, in the upper right corner appears a picture of Carl MaultsBy, formerly of Tallahassee and now of Orlando, Florida. He was a visiting professor at Florida A & M University in 2003-2004 and gave an organ recital at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in 2004. He currently holds the position of Director of Music at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Orlando. The picture was taken at an Ascension Day Festival Eucharist in Winter Park, where Carl directed the world premiere of an anthem by composer Wm. Glenn Osborne.  
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**September 14 –Going on Record...**a selective international survey and review of some of the many recently released compact discs of organ music...selections TBA.

**September 21- Kotzschmar Goings and Comings...**in anticipation of the return of the renowned Kotzschmar Memorial Organ to Merrill Auditorium in Portland, Maine, we enjoy selections from the 2012 festival that preceded the instrument's recently completed restoration.

**September 28-Nordic Journey...**a visit with American soloist James Hicks, who leads us on an adventure amidst the organ repertoire of Scandinavia.

**October 5 - Oh, Canada...**we feature Canadian composers and performers in anticipation of the upcoming Canadian International Organ Competition in Montreal.

## **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](mailto:pherrington@fsu.edu).  
Thanks.