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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear AGO Members and Friends,

I hope that you survived Hurricane Hermine with little or no damage to your property and that of the church where you serve! As we return to school and work, I'm glad to report that we have another interesting series of AGO events for the 2016–17 season. Our Kickoff Party was held on Friday, September 16th at the home of Roger Ponder (postponed from September 2nd due to the aforementioned hurricane). We had a good turnout and, as always, a variety of delicious food prepared and brought by our members to share with everyone. Our season will include an AGO-sponsored Student Recital featuring the organ works of Johannes Brahms at FSU's Opperman Music Hall, the highly successful Halloween Organ Spooktacular at St. John's, a student presentation on the recent conference of the Organ Historical Society, and the Tallahassee Sacred Music Conference to be held February 3-4, 2017. This last event will also serve as an AGO January Jubilee for the Southeast Region, and we are excited about this opportunity to introduce the AGO to prospective new members. Further details were revealed at the Kickoff Party, but are also given in this newsletter (for those of you who missed the party); information may also be found on our AGO website ([www.tallahasseeago.org](http://www.tallahasseeago.org)).

We are looking for two people to serve as Members-at-Large on the Executive Board. If you are interested, please contact me by e-mail ([jkraus@fsu.edu](mailto:jkraus@fsu.edu)).

All the best,

Joe Kraus  
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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

Remember that new AGO memberships and renewals are now on a “rolling” yearly basis: in other words, you have twelve months of membership from the time you actually pay your dues. To take care of this, access the ONCARD system to pay electronically or to download a membership form to pay by postal mail (sent to the National AGO Office). You can search your e-mail for “It’s Time to Renew Your AGO Membership,” or go to this link online:

<http://www.agohq.org/membership/join-as-a-chapter-member/>.

Last year, the AGO National Council announced new rates for all dues categories, which became effective with the 2015–16 membership year. The new rates are: \$100 for Regular members, \$75 for Special (Senior) members, \$40 for Students, and \$75 for Partners. This is an increase of \$3 in each category, \$2 of which will be retained by the local chapter and \$1 of which will go to National. Renewal notices, which were sent upon expiration of your last year’s membership, reflected these changes.

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## 2016–2017 AGO EVENTS

On **Friday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m.** in Opperman Music Hall at FSU, the FSU Organ Studio will present a recital of the organ works of Johannes Brahms. More details in the October newsletter.

On **Friday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m.**, the Seventh Annual Halloween Spooktacular will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street in Tallahassee. Members wishing to play on the recital should choose a piece of music no longer than five minutes in length, appropriate for Halloween. The performer should also wear an appropriate costume. Contact Dean Kraus by Friday, October 7th, to sign up to play. An e-mail about bringing refreshments for the reception afterward will be sent out in mid-October.

On **Sunday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m.**, a report on the recent Organ Historical Society conference held in Philadelphia from June 26th to July 2nd will be given by members Margaret-Mary Owens and Rod Gorby, who attended as fellowship recipients. This event will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2200 N. Meridian Rd.

On **Sunday, January 8th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**, the annual AGO Chapter Epiphany Party will be held at the home of Dean Joseph Kraus, 1324 North Duval Street.

The 2017 Tallahassee Sacred Music Conference/AGO January Jubilee will be held **beginning on Friday, February 3rd at 1 p.m. and ending on Saturday, February 4th at 12:30 p.m.** The conference will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 110 North Adams Street, with additional events at First Baptist Church, 108 West College Avenue. Special guests will be Robin and David Arcus, and John Neely.

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On **Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.**, there will be a special presentation by Dr. Charles Brewer, Professor of Musicology in the FSU College of Music, on the St. John Passion by J. S. Bach. This program, a fitting event for the Tuesday of Holy Week, will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 110 North Adams Street. The *Johannespassion* will be performed on April 30th, 2017, by the Tallahassee Community Chorus under the direction of Dr. Andre J. Thomas.

On either **Sunday, May 21st, or Sunday, May 28th, at 3:00 p.m.**, a recital will be given by Dr. Iain Quinn, Assistant Professor of Organ in the FSU College of Music, to benefit the FSU Organ Scholarship Fund. This recital will be given at Trinity United Methodist Church, 120 West Park Avenue. This event will be co-sponsored by The Tallahassee Bach Parley.

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## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

**Every Sunday evening from September 11th, 2016, through April 30th, 2017 (with the exception of December 25th and January 1st), St. John's Episcopal Church**, 211 North Monroe Street in Tallahassee, presents a weekly Service of Compline from 8:00 to 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](mailto:norris.mr@gmail.com).

**On Tuesday, September 20th, the Thomasville Entertainment Foundation presents The Havana Cuba All-Stars at 7:30 p.m.** in the Thomasville Center for the Arts, 600 East Jackson Street in Thomasville, GA. Individual tickets (if available) are \$38. Call (229) 226-7404 or visit their website at [www.tefconcerts.com](http://www.tefconcerts.com).

**On Saturday, September 24th, the Classical Guitar Society of Tallahassee presents in concert Ricardo Cobo, in Dohnanyi Recital Hall in the FSU College of Music at 7:30 p.m.** Mr. Cobo is an internationally acclaimed guitar soloist, GFA winner, and alumnus of the FSU College of Music. His concert is part of the first ever Florida Guitar Festival and Competition, which runs from Friday, September 23rd through Sunday, September 25th, and includes concerts, lectures, a competition, vendors, workshops, and masterclasses by Ricardo Cobo, Julian Gray, Andrew Zohn, Marco Villa, Serap Bastep-Gray, Steven Walter, and Silviu Ciulei. For additional information please visit the Festival website <https://guitartallahassee.com/festival>.

**On Sunday, October 1st, the Tallahassee Bach Parley presents Josh Lee, viola da gamba, at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church.** This concert will benefit the Bach Parley String Academy Scholarship Fund. Suggested donation is \$10; free childcare is available.

**On Sunday, October 9th, the Artist Series presents in concert the Daedalus Quartet at 4:00 p.m. in Opperman Music Hall on the FSU campus.** This string quartet has been praised by *The New Yorker* as “a fresh and vital young participant in what is a golden age of American string quartets.” Season passports are \$105 for adults and \$99 for seniors (62+). Individual concert tickets are also

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available; children under 13 are admitted free with an adult. Passports and tickets may be purchased online at [www.theartistsseries.org](http://www.theartistsseries.org) or you may telephone (850) 224-9934.

**On Saturday, October 22nd, the Tallahassee Symphony presents *Bohemian Rhapsody* at 8:00 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on the FSU campus.** The program will consist of *Five Georgian Miniatures* by Georgian composer Sulkan Tsintsadze, Symphony No. 8 in G Major, Op. 88 by Antonin Dvořák, and the Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 35, by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, with violinist and TSO concertmaster Corinne Stillwell. For further information and to purchase tickets, go to their website at [www.tallahasseesympphony.org](http://www.tallahasseesympphony.org) or call the symphony box office at (850) 224-0461.

**On Sunday, October 23rd, the Choirs of St. John's Episcopal Church will present the beautiful service of Evensong in the church sanctuary at 211 N. Monroe Street.** The 4:00 p.m. service will include music by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford and Hubert Parry. The pre-service organ recital at 3:30 p.m., by Shannon Gallier, Organist and Choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, will include works by Herbert Howells, Max Reger, Ned Rorem, and Johann Sebastian Bach. Free childcare is available, and all are welcome.

**On Thursday, October 27th, the Thomasville Entertainment Foundation presents the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble at 7:30 p.m.** in the Thomasville Center for the Arts, 600 East Jackson Street in Thomasville, GA. Individual tickets (if available) are \$38. Call (229) 226-7404 or visit their website at [www.tefconcerts.com](http://www.tefconcerts.com)

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## UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

The Jacksonville, Florida, chapter of AGO is proud to announce that the 2017 Southeastern Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists will be held in Jacksonville, June 11–14, 2017. For more information about the convention, visit their website at [www.jaxago.org/2017/regional-convention.html](http://www.jaxago.org/2017/regional-convention.html). For news about other AGO and organ events in Jacksonville, go to [www.jaxago.org](http://www.jaxago.org).

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## NATIONAL AGO NEWS

For your planning information, the next National Convention of the American Guild of Organists will be held in July of 2017, in Kansas City, Missouri. More details on the convention will featured in future chapter newsletters.

Closer to home, the 2020 National AGO Convention will take place practically in our own front yard, in Atlanta, Georgia. Let's all plan now to attend!

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# EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWS

The Executive Board of the Tallahassee Chapter of the AGO met on Friday, September 16th, at approximately 6:00 p.m., preceding the annual Kickoff Party at the home of Roger Ponder. Members present were Joe Kraus, Rod Gorby, Roger Ponder, Patty Herrington, and Margaret-Mary Owens. Carol Marchant has stepped down as Secretary and former student board member Margaret-Mary Owens has taken over as Secretary for the fall semester. There are two open positions for Member-at-Large. The Board discussed the upcoming January Jubilee to take place February 3rd and 4th, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church. The event will be hosted by the Tallahassee Chapter in association with the Tallahassee Sacred Music Conference. Attendees who have never been AGO members will be offered a free six-month membership in the Tallahassee Chapter. Board members and others will be tapped to help with local arrangements (room setup, refreshments, etc.). A mailing for the January Jubilee will be sent out in mid-November.

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## MEMBER NEWS

We send our best wishes to the following departing members as they explore new opportunities:

**Paul Miller** has accepted a position as a choral music teacher at Woodlawn Beach Middle School in Gulf Breeze, Florida .

**Matthew Bishop** has taken a full-time position at Director of Music at the First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa.

**Steven Phillips** has a new post at the First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, Florida.

We'll miss you!

We extend a warm welcome to two new members:

Taking Paul's place as Organist/Choirmaster at the Episcopal Church of the Advent is new FSU MM organ performance major **Adam Cobb**.

**Hon Ki Cheung** is an MM Theory student at FSU who is also an organist.

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**September 25th—Concert Clips...**live and lively performances by some “rising stars” and established talents of the American organ scene.

**October 2nd—Cinema Sensations...**though some instruments were specifically created to accompany silent films, pipe organs have proven that they can tackle movie music of any sort!

**October 9th—Seven Pieces...**two celebrated 20th-century masters, Marcel Dupré and Max Reger, left sets of seven characterful works that convey the many mercurial moods of the King of Instruments.

**October 16th—Pipedreams Live! at Indiana University (I)...**from Auer Hall at the Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, this first of two programs featuring organ students of Janette Fishell and Christopher Young.

**October 23rd—Pipedreams Live! at Indiana University (II)...**from Alumni Hall at the Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, a second program featuring organ students of Janette Fishell and Christopher Young, plus their teachers, too.

**October 30th—All Gory, Loud, and Horror...**you don’t want to be left all alone when things go bump in the night in the organ loft!

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## 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). Of special interest are any programs planned for the beginning of school, Halloween, or Thanksgiving that your church or other organization might be planning to present.