



COMING UP

Check out the Calendar!

Friday, September 6, 2019
6:30 PM
ANNUAL KICKOFF PARTY

Hosted by Kim and Lyla King
3097 Kilteman Drive.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

FRIENDLY REMINDER

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.

Membership rates are:

\$105	Regular members
\$75	Special (Senior) members
\$40	Students
\$75	Supporting Partners

You will receive a renewal notice upon expiration of your last year's membership.

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Dear AGO Members and Friends,

As we give thanks for escaping the full wrath of Hurricane Dorian, I'm pleased to announce the beginning of another great year for the Tallahassee Chapter of the AGO.



We will begin on **Friday, September 6th** with the Annual Kickoff Party, hosted this year by **Kim and Lyla King**, 3097 Kilteman Drive. The Kings will supply some food items and wine, but feel free to bring additional food to share, or a favorite beverage, if you wish. Also, of special note, we wish the Kings a very Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We look forward to welcoming **Dr. Jonathan Hehn** back to Tallahassee on Friday, October 25th, when he will perform a solo recital for the Halloween Spooktacular at St. John's Episcopal Church. He will also direct a masterclass concentrating on hymn playing on the morning of October 26th at St. John's. In November our Sub-dean, **Adam Cobb**, will report on his summer adventures at the Organ Historical Society Summer Conference and the RSCM Tacoma Summer Course (hosted by **Bruce Neswick**).

In 2020 we will sponsor a notable series of organ events: member Iain Quinn's Benefit Recital for the FSU Sacred Music Program in January, a visit and masterclass by **Prof. Paul Tegels** (Pacific Lutheran University) in February, a performance of the Tournemiere Sept Choral Poèmes by the FSU Organ Studio in March and a Chapter Recital in April.

For full details about these concerts and all the events for 2020–21, attend the Kickoff Party on September 6th! You can also go to www.tallahasseeago.org for dates, times and locations.

ALL THE BEST!

Joe

Joe Kraus
Dean, Tallahassee AGO

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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 Anthony Rimore, talagoneletter@gmail.com

NEXT DEADLINE
September 20, 2019!

Many of the FSU.COM concerts and recitals do NOT make it into the Arts Guide. Anyone wanting comprehensive information about what's going on at the College of Music should reference -- www.music.fsu.edu and click on "View All Events."

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 6, 2019

7:30 PM

Sunday, September 8, 2019

2:30 PM

The Tallahassee Ballet will present An Evening of Music and Dance in Opperman Music Hall on the FSU campus. Dances will be performed to various classical compositions, including Rumanian Folk Dances by Bela Bartok, "Ombra mai fu" from the opera *Serse* by George Frederic Handel and "Spring" from The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi. Tickets ranging in price from \$23-48 (\$2 less for seniors) are available online at tallahasseeballet.org or by calling 850.224.6917 X21. Tickets are also available for college students with valid ID at \$10 (for either performance) and for younger students ages 5-18 at \$5 (for the Sunday performance only). Tickets may also be purchased in the Opperman lobby one hour prior to both performances (cash and check only).

Saturday, September 7, 2019

7:30 PM

The Tallahassee Bach Parley will present How Bach Changes His Mind, a concert of sonatas by Johann Sebastian Bach for violin and harpsichord with Valerie Arsenault, baroque violin and Christina Kown, harpsichord. Featured will be Bach's Sonatas BWV 1021 in G major, BWV 1014 in B minor and BWV 1019 in G major with all of the movements Bach included in different versions of this sonata. The concert will benefit the Bach Parley String Academy Scholarship Fund; a donation of \$10-20 is suggested. Free childcare will be available. A reception will follow the concert. St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL.

Sunday, September 8, 2019

4:00 PM

Arts in the Community at Thomas University (ACTU) presents the first Sundays at Four concert of the 2019-2020 season, featuring a Pasek and Paul Showcase. Ben Pasek and Justin Paul are an American songwriting and composing team for musical theatre, films and television which has won many awards, including the Tony award for Best Original Score in 2017 for their original musical *Dear Evan Hansen*. The concert will be performed by several well-known musicians from Thomasville and Tallahassee and will be held at the Thomasville Music and Drama Troupe Building, 427 Covington Avenue, in Thomasville, Georgia. The concert is open to the public; a \$5 donation is suggested. A reception will follow the performance.

Saturday, September 14, 2019

8:00 PM

The Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra presents its Opening Night - French Impressions! The program will consist of Maurice Ravel's Piano Concerto in G with pianist Conrad Tao, Claude Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*, Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloe* Suite No. 2 and George Gershwin's Lullaby. The concert, under the direction of music director Darko Butorac, will take place in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on the FSU campus. Season subscriptions or single concert tickets may be purchased at www.tallahasseeesymphony.org, by calling 850.224.0461, as well as in the Ruby Diamond lobby one hour prior to the performance.

Sunday, September 15, 2019

4:00 PM

Opperman Music Hall on the FSU campus, the Artist Series will present the opening concert of its 25th Anniversary Season, celebrating founders Waldie Anderson, Carolyn Bridger and Ginny Densmore. The concert will be presented by the vocal ensemble, Tapestry, featuring soprano, mezzo-soprano, alto, flute and piano. Founded in 1995, the ensemble has established an international reputation for its bold conceptual programming. This concert will feature a new program, *Beyond Boundaries*, inspired by early 20th-century impressionists. Season passports and single-concert tickets are available online at www.theartistseries.org or by calling 850.445.1616, as well as in the Opperman lobby one hour prior to the concert.

Thursday, September 19, 2019

7:30 PM

Chamber Recital featuring College of Music faculty. For more information about this concert, please visit www.music.fsu.edu and click on "View All Events."

Friday, September 20, 2019

7:30 PM

Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on the FSU campus, the University Symphony Orchestra will present its first concert of the 2019-2020 season, under music director Dr. Alexander Jimenez. The orchestra will also honor its previous long-time music director, Phillip Spurgeon. For more information about this concert, please visit www.music.fsu.edu and click on "View All Events".

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Requiem in Pace

Joseph Weldon Wiley, Jr. Memorial Concert

Friday, October 11, 2019
7:00 PM

Chapter members Iain Quinn and Dean Joseph Kraus are among the performers. Anyone interested in singing with the choir should contact Debralee LaSeur at 850.591.3688 (voice -text).

St. Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church

1405 Melvin Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Upcoming Regional and National Events

Looking ahead, the **2020 National AGO Convention** will take place practically in our own front yard, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The dates are July 5- 9, 2020. To sign up for the convention newsletter and get other information, visit the convention website at www.agoatlanta.org/ago-atlanta-hosts-2020-conference. Let's plan to attend!


ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
... est. 1829 ...



Due to ongoing construction and renovation of the building at St. John's Episcopal Church, the Tower Bell Tuesdays concerts will resume in October 2019.

Sunday, September 22, 2019

3:00 PM

The Tallahassee Bach Parley will present its opening concert of the 2019–20 season, Zodiac Suites & Vivaldi Concertos. The concert will be held in St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street and will feature Eva Amsler, flute, Valerie Arsenault, baroque violin, Carrie Holden, baroque violin, Melissa Brewer, viola, Brian Arsenault, viola, Kim Jones, cello, Nina Scheibe, bassoon and Charlie Brewer, harpsichord. Music on the program includes Two Suites (Aries and Gemini) from *Zodiaci Musici* by Johann Abraham Schmierer (1661–after 1700), a September Suite by Gregor Joseph Werner (1693–1766) who was Haydn's predecessor as Kapellmeister with the Esterhazys and Suites RV91 and RV100 for flute, violin, bassoon and continuo by Antonio Vivaldi. A donation of \$10 is suggested; free childcare will be available.

Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:30 PM

The Thomasville Entertainment Foundation will present "An Evening with Sutton Foster" at the Thomasville Center for the Arts located at 600 East Washington Street in Thomasville, Georgia. The two-time Tony Award-winning actress/singer/dancer fills the hall with rich and joyous vocals in this performance of Broadway and pop music favorites. For season tickets (\$114–\$170) or single concert tickets (\$38 adults, \$15 students). Call the TEF box office at 229.226.7404 or visit them online at www.TEFconcerts.org.

Friday, September 27, 2019

Noon

The Arts for the Community at Thomas University (ACTU) will present the first Fridays at Noon concert of the 2019–20 season featuring Staffa, a string quartet with oboe from Orlando, FL led by Lisa Ferigno. The concert will be held at the Thomasville First United Methodist Church, 425 North Broad Street, in Thomasville, Georgia. A complimentary lunch will be provided. The concert is open to the public; a donation of \$5 is suggested.

Sunday, September 29, 2019

3 PM

Adam Cobb will present his doctoral chamber recital at St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street. The program will consist of works by Naji Hakim, Kenneth Leighton, James Whitbourne, Hugo Alfvén, John Weaver, Hermann Schroeder and Joel Martinson. Mr. Cobb will be assisted by Jon Gannon, horn, Devin Glasgow, flute, Joel Ferst, saxophone and Nathaniel Brown, organ. The recital is free and open to the public.

Friday, October 11, 2019

7:00 PM

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 1405 Melvin Street, will hold a memorial concert for the late Joseph Wiley, who was for many years their organist. He was also a long-time member of the Tallahassee chapter of AGO. Chapter members Iain Quinn and Dean Joseph Kraus are among the performers. **Anyone interested in singing with the choir should contact Debralee LaSeur at 850.591.3688 by voice or by text.**

For more information about upcoming concerts and recitals:

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www.tallahasseearts.org

As I mounted the podium, I saw that every choir member was on time, sitting quietly with eyes fixed on me. Then I awoke, and behold, it was a dream.



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ASK TILLIE

Conservatory trained, Matilda (Tillie) Apel has over 50 years experience in organ performance and church music, serving on the staff of several large and small churches as a Minister of Music and many other positions. She has recently retired and would love to share her thoughts and wisdom on any questions you might have. Please forward the questions to asktillieago@gmail.com. Matilda, who resides in a private retreat in the Poconos, will answer as many questions as space permits. Tillie is always learning and growing. If you don't agree with her answers, or have more to add, let her know! (names changed to protect the guilty).



Dear Readers: I want to bring this to your attention. Wouldn't it be wonderful if another University could invite the program to their hallowed halls?

NORMAN, Okla. — A crowd of students, alumni and supporters of the American Organ Institute have gathered on the steps outside of the president's office at the University of Oklahoma on Monday morning, days after the university announced dozens of layoffs.

Founded in 2006, AOI at OU is considered a one-of-a-kind organ music program with an emphasis on pipe organ construction and improvisation, along with organ performance.

"I think we're looking at the small number of people here studying technology, but the fact is the University of Oklahoma is the only institution in the world right now that is producing students that... if you're in the middle of a church service or a recital and the organ malfunctions, instead of calling a tech, you're going to get your butt up there, get the wrench out and you're going to fix it yourself," Reilly said. "The American Organ Institute has a 100 percent job placement rate for its graduates. There are 40 pipe organ shops that are waiting to hire our students right now."

On Monday afternoon, OU confirmed it will close the organ technology and repair program. Officials said they will teach out students who are currently enrolled in the organ maintenance emphases. However, they said the program was originally designed to train individuals who already had a degree path in organ music.

"With six undergraduate students currently enrolled and nearly \$400,000 a year in operation costs, the university's financial position cannot infuse large funds into the program. Unfortunately, a permanent source of funds never was established when the program was created and sustainable private sources are not available," read a statement by the university.

**Much love,
Tillie**

PIPEDREAMS

Enjoy organ music in its infinite variety each week with PIPEDREAMS from American Public Media, each Sunday 7:00–9:00 PM on WFSQ (91.5 FM) (Internet at any time www.pipedreams.org)

September 1, 2019

From the Rogg's Gallery

Highlighting the work of Swiss recitalist, teacher and composer, Lionel Rogg.

September 8, 2019

At the Proms

Notre Dame Cathedral organist Olivier Latry and Leipzig Gewandhaus organist Michael Schonheit perform at the Royal Albert Hall.

September 15, 2019

Tribute from the Wanamaker Grand Court

An after-hours concert at Macy's Center City commemorating Philadelphia organist Michael Stairs.

September 22, 2019

'M' is for Michael

Celebrating the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (9/29) with compositions and performances by various namesakes.

September 29, 2019

Reach Out and Touch

A collection of terrifically tactile and telling tests of musical virtuosity and stamina

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

The Executive Board met on Sunday, June 23rd at the home of Dean Joe Kraus. After reflecting on the 2018–2019 season Dean Kraus updated the Board on the 2019–2020 program. The Board also approved a budget for the upcoming year, presented by Treasurer Ed Self. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 6 at 5:30 PM, before our annual kick-off party. All are welcome to attend!



COMPLINE

Every Sunday

September 8, 2019 – December 8, 2019

8:00 to 8:30 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church 211 North Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

This ancient monastic service includes beautiful chants by an all-male choir, interspersed with scripture. Membership in the choir is open to any interested male singer by audition.

Contact Mike Norris at norris.mr@gmail.com

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