



The Coupler

Newsletter of the Albuquerque Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

September/October 2018

UPCOMING DATES

AGO Season Opening Event
Sunday Sept. 30, 3:00pm
Progressive Member Recital
Music and book sale

Recitals & Masterclasses
to celebrate the 10th anniversary
of their Fisk organ at
First Presbyterian, Santa Fe
Oct. 19 – Nov 9, 2018

Sangre de Christo Chorale
Fall Concerts – *How can I*
keep from singing?
Saturday (Santa Fe)
Sunday (Los Alamos)
Oct. 20/21 at 4:00pm



NOTES FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends,

I write today with a very heavy heart. Due to family medical issues, I have decided that it will be best to step down as your Dean. I am deeply sorry to have to do this, but I feel that dividing up my time too much right now will not serve me or the Albuquerque Chapter well. I announced this last night at the Executive Committee meeting, and could not be more grateful to Fred Graham, who will be stepping into the Deanship; to James Yeager, who will offer his many gifts to the Committee; and to the membership at large, and to the members of the Executive Committee, who were so supportive. I will continue to serve as much as I am able, just not in a leadership role right now. I would welcome your prayers going forward.

I would like to highlight the first two events of this new season. On Sunday, 9/9 at 1:30, we will have first **General Meeting** in the Library of St. John's Cathedral, 318 Silver Ave SW in Albuquerque. The meeting will be followed by an organ recital at 3:00 by Isabelle Demers. She is a brilliant and dynamic performer, and teaches at Baylor University in Texas. Not to be missed!

Our next September program will be a **Members' Recital** on September 30 at 3:00 at First Presbyterian Church, 215 Locust Street, in Albuquerque. Performers will include Fred Frahm, Scott Hagler, Edmund Connolly, James Yeager, Douglas Parsons, Karen Parsons, and myself, and will feature the two beautiful organs at First Pres. After the recital, we will have a music and book sale. **If you have music which you would like to donate, please drop it off between 9/24 and 9/28 at First Presbyterian (not sooner)**. Money collected will benefit our growing Scholarship Fund. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist at the sale, and to assist in organizing the music sometime in the few days before the recital. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

We have a new website to assist us in getting the word out about Guild events, and about our own events at our own churches, and a webmaster who is passionate about this! I would like to take the opportunity to remind you about some features of our new website. We may:

- submit events to the “[Calendar](#)” and “[Other Events](#)” pages. (*Submission Form on the Calendar page*)
- submit open church jobs and volunteer positions to the “[Jobs & Opportunities](#)” page. (*Form available*)
- submit photos of events, and instruments that would be of interest to the membership.

In addition, I would ask that we all sign onto the National Website to update our profiles to include our places of employment. We are thinking about adding a password protected, opt-in or -out listing of the ABQ membership to our website, and where we work is important information to know. We now have a Facebook Page! Please join it, and send posts to Evelyn to be uploaded. Her email is editor@agoabq.org.

Blessings to all as we navigate our journeys!

Nancy (*Granert*)

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

[Doug Parsons](#), B.Mus. organ and music theory, M.Mus. organ

[Karen Parsons](#), B.Sci. Music (Piano and Organ), M.Arts Piano Pedagogy

Doug and Karen have recently moved to Santa Fe, and we welcome them as new members to this Chapter. Right now they are not looking for permanent jobs, but Doug has been subbing for their friend Melissa Toedtman at St. John’s UMC in Santa Fe. Doug has choral conducting experience and could sub for an organist/choirmaster or a choir director. He is also a registered piano technician, having tuned for both the Dallas and Ft. Worth Symphonies and worked for Steinway and Yamaha dealerships in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for some 30 years. He is interested in developing a clientele in Santa Fe and Albuquerque as well. They have both subbed for these denominations: Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran (Evangelical and LCA), Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian Scientist and Unity. Doug’s degrees are in organ performance with a theory minor, and Karen’s two degrees are in piano with organ minor and piano pedagogy. They are both members of the Santa Fe chapter of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) and Karen is a certified teacher. Doug is also a harpsichordist with experience in continuo playing. Contact them by email or telephone:

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NEW USEFUL EMAILS

Dean: Fred Graham – dean@agoabq.org

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, October 4 at 6:00 PM (board meeting with dinner, location tbd)

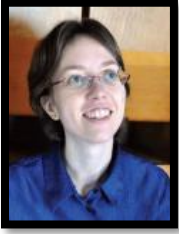
Sunday, November 11 at 12:30 PM (board meeting with lunch, location tbd)

Saturday, January 19 at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe (following Christie Master Class)

PROGRAM AND OTHER EVENTS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2018

General Meeting – September 9, 2018. 1:30pm

Library of [St. John's Cathedral](#), 318 Silver Ave SW in Albuquerque, 87102. Located at the corner of 4th Street and Silver Avenue Albuquerque, New Mexico. All members invited.



The meeting will be followed by an organ recital at 3:00 by [Isabelle Demers](#). She is a brilliant and dynamic performer, and teaches at Baylor University in Texas. Renowned for performing recitals entirely from memory, this organ virtuoso is taking the organ world by storm. This performance marks Isabelle's New Mexican debut. Not to be missed! Isabelle Demers is represented in North America by Phillip Truckenbrod [Concert Artists](#). General Admission \$20

RECITAL PROGRAM

Harry Potter Symphonic Suite; John Williams (b. 1932), Transcribed by Isabelle Demers

Requiescat in Pace; Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Trio-Sonata No. 2 in c minor, BWV 526; Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Vivace

Largo

Allegro

Vltava, from Ma Vlast; Bedrich Smetana (1824-1884), Transcribed by Isabelle Demers

Two Short Etudes, op. 68; Rachel Laurin (b. 1961)

Flight of the Hummingbird

Dialogue of the Mockingbirds

Aubade, op. 55, no. 1; Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Carillon de Westminster, op. 54, no. 6

Friday September 14, 2018 – 6:30pm

[James Yeager](#) plays a benefit recital at [Our Lady of Sorrows Church](#), 403 Valencia St, Las Vegas, NM 87701, USA. This is a fund raiser to complete the restoration of this 1,589 pipe marvel, sited by the Organ Historical Society as the oldest, largest, unaltered George Kilgen pipe organ in the USA. There will be additional items from the UNM College of Musicians.



Sunday September 23, 2018 – 4:00pm

Organ recital at [St. James Episcopal Church](#), 208 Camino de Santiago, Taos, NM 87571, USA. The organist is [Mary Gates](#), a member of the church who frequently accompanies the choir. See www.stjamestaos.org



Sunday September 30, 2018 – 3:00pm

AGO Opening Event of the Season

[James Yeager](#), our AGO District Convener and Director of Music at [First Presbyterian Church](#) in Albuquerque (215 Locust Street NE), will be our host for the opening event of the 2018-2019 season. We will begin at 3:00 PM with a Progressive Member Recital—there are two organs at FPC! Following the recital, we will have a music sale, including organ music, choral music, and books about organs or choirs. Donations are being accepted now (we are NOT accepting single copies of

choral anthems; we will gladly accept choral music if you have enough copies of a single piece for a choir to use). **Please drop donations off no sooner than between 9/24 and 9/28 at First Presbyterian, ABQ.**

Friday October 5, 2018 – 5:30pm (*TGIF Series*)

[First Presbyterian Church](#), 208 Grant Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501, USA

Organ Recital: [David Solem](#), organ – Rheinberger Sonatas no. 8 and 10

First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their Fisk organ

- **Friday October 19 – 5:30pm** (*TGIF Series*)
extended organ recital – [Janette Fishell](#)
- **Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 Noon** at First Presbyterian Santa Fe:
Janette Fishell Masterclass – *AGO-sponsored*
- **Friday October 26, 2018 – 5:30pm** (*TGIF Series*)
extended organ recital – [Scott Montgomery](#)
- **Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 AM to 11 Noon** at First Presbyterian Santa Fe:
Scott Montgomery Masterclass – *AGO sponsored*

Sangre de Christo Chorale Concerts

Saturday October 20, 2018 – 4 :00pm

[St John's United Methodist Church](#), 1200 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87505, USA

Sunday October 21, 2018 – 4:00pm

[United Church of Los Alamos, 2525 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos](#)

PROGRAM: *How Can I Keep from Singing:* Choral settings that elevate the “music of the people,” featuring music of Bartòk, Brahms, Copland, Parker, and others

NOVEMBER 2018 PREVIEWS

First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe continuing the 10th anniversary of their Fisk organ

- **Friday November 2, 2018 – 5:30pm** (*TGIF Series*)
extended organ recital – [Kimberly Marshall](#)
- **Saturday, November 3 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at First Presbyterian Santa Fe:
Kimberly Marshall Masterclass (*AGO-sponsored*)
- **Friday November 9, 2018 – 5:30pm** (*TGIF Series*)
extended organ recital – [Nathan J. Laube](#)
- **Saturday, November 10 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at First Presbyterian Santa Fe:
Nathan J. Laube Masterclass (*AGO-sponsored*)

Armistice Commemoration

November 10, 2018 10:10am Special Performance (*not an AGO-sponsored event*)

[Cathedral Church of St. John, Albuquerque](#), 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Chichester Psalms of Bernstein (with organ, percussion and harp) and the *Durufle Requiem* (organ/chorus) with visiting organist Eugene Lavery from St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX.

Santa Fe Symphony and Chorus – Messiah by Handel (2018 performances)

November 17 – 7:00pm, November 18 – 4:00pm Tickets from \$22 to \$80 available from the Box Office.
[Lentic Performing Arts Center](#), 211 W San Francisco St, Santa Fe, NM 87501

JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES

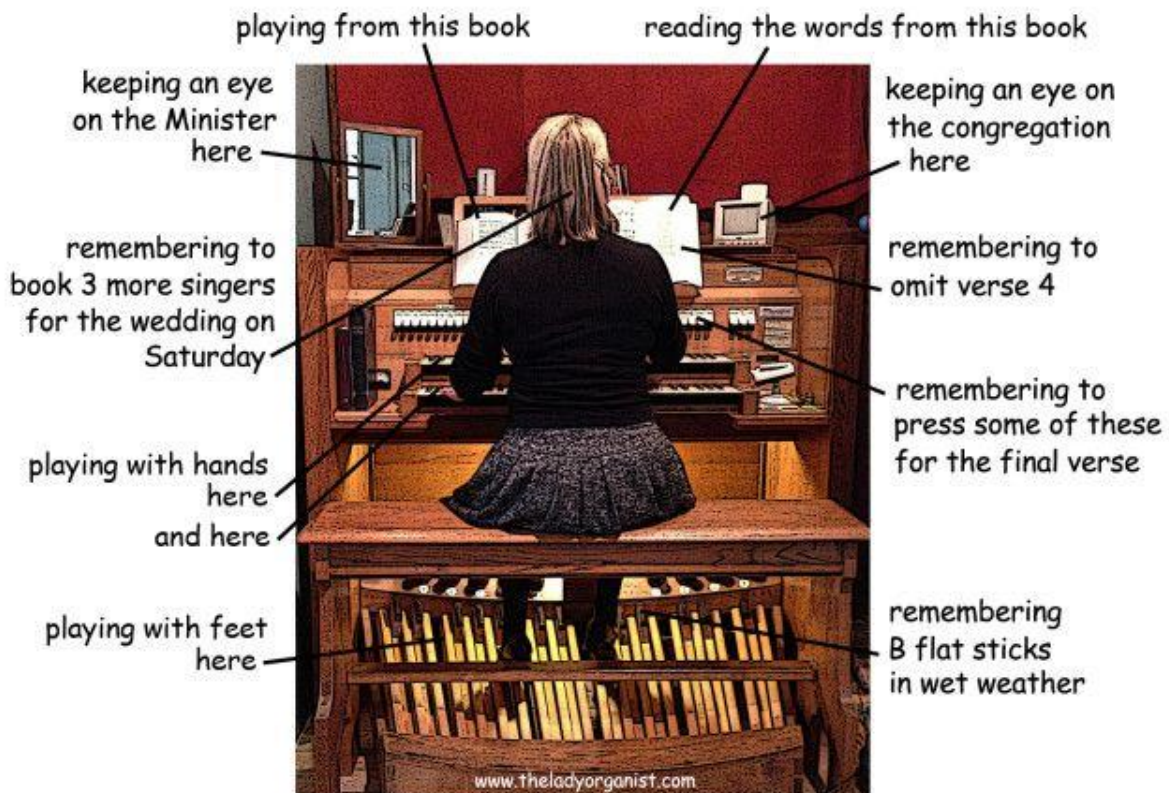
One Night Choral Invitation (+ 1 rehearsal night)

Adult Confirmation Service needs volunteer choral singers **Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:30pm** [Church of the Incarnation](#) (Roman Catholic) 2309 Monterrey Rd. NE Rio Rancho, NM 87144
Rehearsal Night: Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30pm at the church.

AGO Volunteers Needed

Any music that you would like to donate to the music sale may be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque beginning on Monday, September 24 during regular office hours. An area will be set up at First Presbyterian for dropping off music, but also for sorting for the sale. Please consider donating **an hour or two of your time** that week to help organize the music—this will help us to sell more music! If you are interested in donating time, please contact Fred Graham (dean@agoabq.org).

WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH?



THE CHURCH ORGANIST



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HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW WEBSITE?

The Chapter website (agoabq.org) has been re-designed and was published on the internet in early July. Recent additions include a [Calendar](#) page with dates for the whole year (use 'Agenda' tab). Please notify the webmaster (editor@agoabq.org) of local events you would like to have advertised. Also, paid "[Positions Vacant](#)" or requests for volunteer musicians/singers can be advertised.

NOTE: Individual Chapter members may post items or notices of general interest directly to the Chapter Facebook page.

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter due to be published for November and December, will be **OCTOBER 15, 2018**. Please email news, articles, or photos, upcoming events or reports, plus other website items to the Editor, Evelyn Henson, at editor@agoabq.org

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