Dear Friends:

What is the benefit of a membership in the AGO? We have discussed this pretty extensively at the last two executive committee meetings. We have focused on our website and Facebook page, trying to publicize organ and choral events that might be of interest to our members. The committee has decided to publicize both AGO and non-AGO events with the intent of being a one-stop location to search for organ and choral events in our area. I encourage you to take advantage of this by publicizing your own events, contacting our webmaster, Evelyn Henson (editor@agoabq.org) or by directly posting on our Facebook page.

There are some areas the Executive Committee has decided to limit to members only. Only members of the AGO will be able to advertise as teachers or substitutes on the website or in the newsletter. Only AGO members will be able to access the online directory (if you need help with this, please contact Evelyn).

We have had several changes on the Executive Committee. Steven Woodbury has had to step down from the Executive Committee. I thank him for his wonderful service, especially in working with the hospitality committee. Karen Parsons of Santa Fe has agreed to fill out Steven’s term. Jeremy Wirths of Albuquerque has agreed to step into the Sub-Dean position to fill out my term. I am extremely excited and grateful that these two AGO members will be serving in these ways.

Later in this issue you will find information on the Denver AGO Convention this summer. This is our regional convention. Our chapter is co-sponsoring a performance at the convention by chapter members Maxine Thévenot and Edmund Connolly, and I know they would be glad to see some familiar faces at their performance. I have already spoken to several members who are planning to attend, and I hope that you will give it your full consideration.
Finally, please plan to attend our dinner with Michael Barone on Saturday, June 8 at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque. Michael Barone is the host of the nationally-syndicated radio program Pipedreams, and is a very interesting speaker. We will also announce our exciting plans for the next program year at the dinner. You can make reservations on our website. Patrick Scott is giving an organ recital afterwards in conjunction with the Cathedral’s Twenty-fifth anniversary series (tickets available at www.fcmabq.org). I hope to see you all there!

Fred Graham

PROGRAM AND OTHER EVENTS – MAY AND JUNE 2019

April 30 – 7:00pm Choral Concert “Music Fit for a King”
First Presbyterian Church, 215 Locust St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, USA
UNM University Chorus joins forces with First Presbyterian Choir to present an evening of uplifting and accessible music. Dr. David Edmonds, conductor; Dr. James Yeager, organist. Freewill donation.

Saturday May 4 – 4:00pm Sangre de Cristo Chorale conducted by Fred Graham
First Presbyterian Church 208 Grant Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501
PROGRAM: A Spring Bouquet: Spring! Flowers! Love! Music of Gwyneth Walker, Benjamin Britten, Morten Lauridsen, and others. Adult Tickets (online) $20; (at the door) $25

Sunday May 5 – 4:00pm Sangre de Cristo Chorale conducted by Fred Graham
United Church of Los Alamos, 2525 Canyon Rd., Los Alamos, NM 87544
PROGRAM: A Spring Bouquet: Spring! Flowers! Love! Music of Gwyneth Walker, Benjamin Britten, Morten Lauridsen, and others. Adult Tickets (online) $20; (at the door) $25

Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 PM Organ and Harpsichord concert
La Mesa Presbyterian Church, 7401 Copper Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108
La Mesa Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary with an Organ and Harpsichord concert. Douglas Parsons, music director at St. John’s United Methodist Church in Santa Fe, will present music by Bach, Buxtehude, Byrd, and Sweelinck. Doug is a graduate of the University of North Texas, having received a Master of Music in Organ Performance. He is also a certified piano technician. Doug will bring his own harpsichord (which he built). The concert is free and open to the public.

Friday, May 31 7:00 – 9:00pm Organ Recital - Tom Winpenny (St. Albans, UK)
Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
Reuter Organ Festival – May 31 – June 9: General Admission $20

Sunday June 2 – 3:00pm Organ Recital - Richard Elliot (Mormon Tabernacle, UT)
Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
Reuter Organ Festival – May 31 – June 9: General Admission $20
Friday June 7 – 5:00pm Pre-service Lecture – Dr. Bruce Redford (Boston University)
Followed by Sherry and light hors d’oeuvres reception in Kaseman Hall
Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Friday June 7 – 6:30pm Choral Evensong featuring Britten’s Rejoice in the Lamb
The Cathedral Choirs and Guest Organist, Patrick A. Scott
Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
Reuter Organ Festival – May 31 – June 9: Freewill Offering

Saturday June 8 – 5:00pm AGO Annual Dinner with Guest Speaker – J. Michael Barone (PBS)
Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 (see below for details)

Saturday June 8 – 7:00pm Organ Recital – Patrick A. Scott (Atlanta)
Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
Reuter Organ Festival – May 31 – June 9: General Admission $20

Sunday June 9 – 3:00pm Reuter Festival Closing Concert
PROGRAM: Berliner Messe, Arvo Pärt; Spiegel im Spiegel Arvo Pärt; Five Spirituals Michael Tippett
The Cathedral Choirs, Michael Shu, violin, Patrick Scott, organ, Maxine Thévenot, Conductor.
Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
Reuter Organ Festival – May 31 – June 9: General Admission $20

sonidos encendidos (Tucson, AZ) – touring New Mexico
sonidos encendidos is a Tucson-based percussion and organ duo made up of percussionist Barbara Freischlad and organist Jared Isaac Aragón. Both musicians met at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Tucson where they frequently played timpani and organ duos for church holidays. After the positive response from congregants to these pieces, they decided to form the duo sonidos encendidos and focus on the performance of more music for percussion and organ outside the church service. In June 2019, oboist Dr. Tracy Carr (Eastern New Mexico University) will join Freischlad and Aragón in a tour of New Mexico premiering three new pieces written specifically for this ensemble. Performances will be held at:

First Presbyterian Church of Belén: June 12, 7:00pm
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Albuquerque: June 13, 7:00pm
First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe: June 14, 5:30pm (TGIF Series)
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Roswell: June 16, 7:00pm
First United Methodist Church, Portales: June 17, 7:00pm
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followed by an organ recital by Patrick Scott (Atlanta) 7:00pm (general admission $20)
Cathedral Church of St. John, Albuquerque 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

5:00pm – Albuquerque Chapter annual general meeting, with catered buffet dinner and guest speaker J. Michael Barone, radio host and producer of "Pipedreams."

J. Michael Barone

Barone’s interest in organ music began in his teens, at first listening to recordings then playing at his hometown church in Kingston, Pennsylvania. He attended Oberlin College, worked at the student-run WOBC-FM radio station, and graduated from Oberlin Conservatory in 1968. He began his professional radio career as the music director of KSJR-FM located at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota which evolved into Minnesota Public Radio, where he served as classical music director for 25 years.

Photo: NYTimes: Michael Barone at the St. Paul studio that produces his 'Pipedreams' program.

As host and senior executive producer of Pipedreams, he is recognized nationally for his outstanding contributions to the world of organ music. Pipedreams began in 1982, and it remains the only nationally distributed weekly radio program exploring the art of the pipe organ. Michael’s talent and commitment have been recognized with numerous awards, including the American Guild of Organists President’s Award in 1996, the Distinguished Service Award of the Organ Historical Society in 1997 and the 2001 ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award. In November 2002 he was selected for induction to the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. You can listen to the Pipedreams audio at www.yourclassical.org.

Buffet Dinner Menu

Soft Dinner Rolls
Salad - Classic Green Salad
Main Entrée: Beef Medallions with Red Wine Demi-Glace or Chicken Marsala

VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE (AVAILABLE BY SPECIAL PRE-ORDER ONLY)
Stuffed Portobello (Portobello stuffed with quinoa, zucchini, tomato, fresh herbs and cheese)

Vegetables: Rosemary Roasted Potatoes; Grilled and Roasted Vegetables
Desserts: Key Lime Dessert or Raspberry Brownie Trifle
Drinks: Passion Fruit Iced Tea or Water; wine available from cash bar.

Costs
Dinner - $30 per person if reserved and paid by Memorial Day + Cash Wine Bar.

Seating is limited – AGO Members and guests will have priority reservations. Reservations by members of the general public accepted subject to space available at the time of booking.
BUFFET DINNER RESERVATIONS

There are two parts to the reservation process: 1) completing the form to tell the AGO if you wish to order vegetarian meals; 2) paying for the reservations, either by mailed check to the treasurer (please make checks out to Albuquerque Chapter AGO), or via PayPal, whether by credit card or through your own PayPal account.

Checks should be mailed to:
AGO Treasurer, 8700 Desert Rain Rd. NW
Albuquerque NM 87120-3253

PayPal - click on card graphic below to be taken to the PayPal website. If you do NOT have a PayPal account, select "Checkout" on the PayPal website, and use your credit card in the Guest Checkout process. PayPal also accepts payment from linked bank accounts if you have a PayPal account.

Reservation Form – send with checks or if vegetarian required

Name _____________________________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________________________
Telephone # _____________________________________
Total # of dinner reservations required _________________
Including (#) __________________ vegetarian meals
Check enclosed for $___________________   ($30 per person)

Please send this form, together with a check to the treasurer, John Homko, at the address above, as soon as possible, but in any case, before Memorial Day, May 27, 2019. Late bookings incur a 50% surcharge from the caterers.

USEFUL EMAILS

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SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES: SPONSORED BY FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, SANTA FE

Fisk Festival at First
Enjoy organ study with two master teachers- Summer 2019 *(For more info, contact Linda Raney)*

**July 26 5:30** 10th anniversary Concluding Recital Larry Palmer

**July 27 3:00** 10th anniversary Concluding Lecture Larry Palmer

Summer Workshop with Kimberly Marshall – [https://fpcsantafe.org/music-art/sfsoa/](https://fpcsantafe.org/music-art/sfsoa/)

**July 29 Study Day** with the Fisk 8-6

Have an hour of practice on the Fisk to prepare for masterclasses.

6:00pm Pay Your Way Dinner at Trattoria de Luna, 204 N. Guadalupe

**July 30 Practice Times** 8-10

- Masterclass 10-noon
- Noon-2 Lunch on your own
- 2-4 Lecture Medieval/Renaissance
- 4-8 Practice Times

**July 31 Practice Times 8-10**

- Masterclass 10-noon
- Noon-2 Lunch on your own
- 2-4 Lecture: Italian Baroque
- 4-8 Practice Times

**Aug 1 Practice Times 8-10**

- Masterclass 10-noon
- Noon-2 Lunch on your own
- 2-4 Lecture: French Classic
- 4-5 Practice Times
- 5:30-6:30 Participant Recital
- 7:00 Pay Your Way Dinner at Santacafé, 231 Washington Ave.

**Participants** - play in masterclass, attend lecture and have one hour practice time per day

$100 per day (July 30, 31 and Aug 1)

**Auditors** - attend masterclass and attend lecture

$50 per day (July 30, 31 and Aug 1)

_During free time enjoy the Santa Fe Opera, the Desert Chorale, the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival and Spanish Market (July 27 and 28)_.

Where Mountains Lift the Eye
DENVER 2019
AGO SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION
July 7-10

FEATURING

John Schwandt
Marie-Bernadette Dufourcet-Hakim
Yoon-Mi Lim
Scott Montgomery
Damin Spritzer
Matthew Dirt

Richard Webb  ♦  Brian Hehn  ♦  Jan Kraybill  ♦  Air & Hammers  ♦  Bryan Dunnewald
Collin Miller ♦  Bennie L. Williams Spiritual Voices ♦  St. Martin’s Chamber Choir
Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado

Percussion in Worship ♦ Practical Planning for Multimedia Events
♦ AGO Certification ♦ AGOYO ♦ Organs in Mexico ♦ A Better Back! And Other
Health Issues on the Organ Bench ♦ “0 Black and Unknown Bards” ♦ Organ Improvisation ♦ Advanced Choral
Techniques ♦ Lessons in Handbells ♦ Denver’s AGO Scholarship Program ♦ Managing Large Music Programs

WORKSHOPS

Join Us In Colorful Colorado
AGO Southwest Regional Convention
in Denver, the Mile-High City
headquartered at the legendary Brown Palace Hotel
with sleeping rooms in the adjacent Holiday Inn Express Downtown

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Greetings from the Steering Committee for the 2019 Southwest Regional Convention!

Colorado is the new member of the Southwest Region of the American Guild of Organists. As such, it is my pleasure to welcome each of you from the Southwest region and beyond to this convention. And it is also my privilege to invite you to share with us as we celebrate the gift of organ and choral music in Denver.

A wonderful program of events has been created for our guests. Hosted by us, the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter, we will enjoy the music presented by world-class artists and ensembles, learn and grow professionally through insightful workshops, network with colleagues and new friends, worship in unique and profound ways, enjoy excellent food and fellowship, and hear newly-commissioned musical works by composers from this country and beyond. And we will share a gift unique in this time – music and the joy it can bring to the world.

Our theme is “Where Mountains Lift the Eye...”, a hymn with text by Tom Troeger, and music by John Kuzma, written in 1991 for the centennial of Iliff Seminary. It has connections with the National AGO convention held in Denver in 1998, and this theme will be a unifying factor for the opening convocation service at Trinity Methodist Church and throughout the convention.

In this edition of your chapter newsletter, you will see a flyer that lists our featured artists and performing ensembles as well as workshop offerings. We will have three unique worship sessions to inspire and perhaps even bring back ideas to your own congregations.

We hope you will join us, and we welcome you to Denver!

Brian du Fresne AAGO, Convention Coordinator

MEMBER DIRECTORY

Please monitor your own entry on our Chapter website’s online directory at: https://agoabq.org/membership/member-directory/. This passworded directory is updated each month, and it does reflect the AGO HQ database information as of the date of the update. If you allow your AGO HQ membership to expire, you will also disappear from our online Chapter directory. We would really appreciate it if you could ensure your AGO HQ database information is complete and up-to-date with addresses, telephone numbers and current employer. The link to the HQ membership section is on our Membership page. If anyone has lost or forgotten (or never had) the password to the Chapter online directory, please contact me at editor@agoabq.org. Thanks.
HAVE YOU USED THE CHAPTER WEBSITE LATELY?

On the Organ Teachers page, you can now find the whole AGO video series of Lessons for New Organists. The whole year’s calendar is on the Calendar page (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 and singers can be advertised. The site has around 400 views each month.

NOTE: Individual Chapter members may post items or notices of general interest directly to the Chapter Facebook page if marked as available for “Public” viewing. www.facebook.com/agoabq/

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The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter due to be published for July and August, will be JUNE 15, 2019. Please email news, articles, or photos, upcoming events or reports, plus other website items to the Editor, Evelyn Henson, at editor@agoabq.org