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**Deadline for the
January / February 2020
Newsletter is
December 15, 2019**



NOTES FROM THE DEAN



Dear Friends:

Every year around this time I tell myself to calm down and enjoy holidays, and every year I struggle! As a church musician, this is really when things become very busy. We have a couple of events during these two months that may help you to recharge your batteries and perhaps enjoy some holiday cheer.

Fred Frahm will be presenting on composing for the organ on Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in Albuquerque. The church has just installed a historic organ, so this is your first chance to see one of the newest organ installations in the area. Workshop participants will compose a piece together, so there is a guarantee of one new piece for your repertoire if you attend!

Maxine Thévenot and **Edmund Connolly** are hosting a Holiday Soirée at their house on Friday, December 20 from 6:30-8:30 PM. The food will be catered, but you are encouraged to bring a small sample of your holiday baking skills, if you would like.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Paul Thornock Recital and Masterclass at First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, and especially to **James Yeager**, host organist and event sponsor.

As we begin what is the busiest season for many organists, I hope each of you will have time to take a breath and enjoy the beauty of the holidays.

Fred Graham – Dean

USEFUL CHAPTER EMAILS

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AGO PROGRAM EVENTS – NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2019



****Saturday, November 16, 10:00am AGO Forum/Lecture by Fred Frahm Composing for the Organ**

Have you ever wished you could kick out creative, inspiring hymn introductions and preludes? Could your preludes and postludes use some new possibilities? New Mexico composer and organist **Frederick Frahm** will present a forum on composing for the organ. The forum will have two parts. First, Fred will discuss composing specifically for the organ and how to think outside the box about registration. In the second section, he will discuss constructing an original

composition. He will focus on creating compositions based on material from hymn tunes. **PLEASE NOTE** change of venue to: [St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church](#), 425 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque 87106.

****Friday, December 20, 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

AGO Christmas Social Event

Chapter family: please join the AGOABQ at the home of Edmund Connolly and Maxine Thevenot for a festive Advent soirée. Catered light hors d'oeuvres, refreshments served. A **small** sample of your seasonal baking to share, would be welcomed. Please **RSVP** by email by Friday, December 13, 2019 to maxinethevenot@gmail.com to receive security gate code. 7327 Old Pecos Trail NE Albuquerque, NM 87113
Tel: 505-821-1956

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS – NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2019

Sunday, November 3 at 3:00 PM Coro Santa Fe

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

The Songs People Sing: Coro Santa Fe sings folk songs in English, arranged for four-part choir by composers including John Rutter, David Wilcocks, **C. Scott Hagler**, and more. Tickets: www.southwestarts.org.

Friday November 8, 5:30pm to 6:15pm

Organ Recital - David Solem

TGIF Series: [First Presbyterian Church](#), 208 Grant Ave. Santa Fe, NM

Program: Vierne and Duruflé. Donations welcome.

Saturday, November 9 at 7:00 PM

Danzas del Toro y Lobos:

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

Founded in Albuquerque, NM in 2014, the Petroglyph String Quartet performs classical and contemporary works by the world's greatest composers. Violinists Michael Allerheiligen and Yakima Fernandez, violist Karl Winkler and cellist Anastasia Nellos perform passionate and exciting music by Heitor Villa-Lobos, Astor Piazzola, Manuel De Falla and more. Tickets available at www.southwestarts.org.

Friday November 29, 5:30pm to 6:15pm

Flute and Organ Recital - David Solem, organ, and Carol Redman, flute: Flute Sonatas of J. S. Bach

TGIF Series: [First Presbyterian Church](#), 208 Grant Ave., Santa Fe, NM. Donations welcome.

December 7, 8, and 14, 6:30 p.m.

Songs of Hope and Light

Santa Fe Women's Ensemble

[Loretto Chapel](#), 207 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501

For many people in Santa Fe, the festive holiday season begins with the **Santa Fe Women's Ensemble's** winter concerts in December. This year's *Songs of Hope and Light* will be especially joyful, as we also celebrate **Linda Raney's** 30th season as music director! With pieces from many centuries and styles, including a spirited and moving array of carols, the Ensemble focuses on bringing forth what is positive, uplifting and light-filled in today's world. [Tickets - Reserved seating only](#)

Tickets from \$20 – \$35 Limited accessible seating.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, 50 Mt Carmel Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87505

December 15 and 16, 3:00 p.m. General admission \$25

Students/military \$10 Accessible seating available

December 6/7 - A Celebration of Women [Sangre de Cristo Chorale](#) Conductor: **Fred Graham**
(Note time & date change at Los Alamos)

From poets to music to subject matter, women are at the center of this holiday concert. We are especially excited to premier a three-movement commissioned work by composer Traci Mendel. Tickets \$20 online; \$25 at the door.

Friday, December 6 at 7 PM at United Church of Los Alamos **2525 Canyon Rd, Los Alamos, NM 87544**

Saturday, December 7 at 4 PM at [St. John's United Methodist Church](#) in Santa Fe

December 17 7:00pm - Carols and Choruses

[Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi](#) 131 Cathedral Pl, Santa Fe, NM 87501, USA

Enjoy the angelic voices of **The Symphony Chorus**, led by **Choral Director Carmen Florez-Mansi**. Sing along with us to some of the most beloved Christmas carols of all time—accompanied by the glorious sounds of **The Symphony Brass & Organ**. This annual performance at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi is The Symphony's gift to the Santa Fe community during the holiday season! No tickets are required, all ages are welcome, and the doors open at 6:15 pm.

December 27, 5:30pm to 6:15pm

Organ Recital: Jan Worden-Lackey

TGIF Series: [First Presbyterian Church](#) 208 Grant Ave, Santa Fe, NM

AGO ABQ IN THE NEW YEAR:

Saturday, January 18 and/or Saturday, February 1, 2020 – 3:00pm

Hauptwerk System Demonstration at the home of **John Homko**

Saturday, February 29, 2020, 1:00pm: *Harpsichord Extravaganza* (St. Paul Lutheran Church in Albuquerque)

AUGUST HUYBRECHTS

August is probably the oldest member or previous member of our chapter still alive in New Mexico and was a dean of the chapter. He lives with his son and is in hospice, but still mentally vibrant. **Pamela McClain**, our Chapter secretary, is looking for someone who would enjoy visiting with August. He is from Belgium and was for many years the organist at the *Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church* in Albuquerque. Please contact Pamela at pjm1952@aol.com if you are interested in visiting with him. His 99th birthday was October 13th. If you would like to send a (belated) birthday card to August, it doesn't matter in the least if you have never met him, just put AGO on it somewhere. His address is: [1620 Singletary Drive NE, Albuquerque, 87112](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1620+Singletary+Drive+NE,+Albuquerque,+NM+87112).

SANTA FE SUMMER ORGAN ACADEMY REPORT 2019

Seven masterclass participants and four auditors attended the Santa Fe Organ Academy with Kimberly Marshall this past summer at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe. The workshop was organized by **Linda Raney** and ran from Tuesday, July 30 to Thursday, August 1. Monday was a study day in which masterclass participants could practice on the wonderful C.B. Fisk, Op.133, organ at First Presbyterian.



Each day of the workshop began with a two-hour masterclass. After lunch, Dr. Marshall presented lectures on early organ music beginning with keyboard music of the 14th and 15th centuries, progressing into the music of the Renaissance, and finishing up with the evolution of the German Praeludium. There was sufficient time each day for masterclass participants to have additional practice time on the Fisk. The workshop culminated with a recital on Thursday

afternoon. Each masterclass participant played one or more of the pieces they had prepared.

As someone who didn't know much about these early organ works, I learned a lot from both the lectures and the masterclasses. Kimberly was a wonderful teacher. I am now inspired to incorporate some early music in my own repertoire. Plans are underway for another Organ Academy next summer focusing on early Spanish Music. I'm know it will be very enlightening and I am certainly already planning on attending. I would encourage other AGO members to join me.

Patricia Oakley

AGO WEBSITE

Updates: the website always has the latest information about times and venues for events. Please check that you have correct and updated information before you set off to an event. Also, please notify me of changes to the membership listing, especially if you have changed jobs, moved house or retired during the summer. If newly free organists wish to be put on the substitute list, please let me know. We do get enquiries from churches about substitutes.

Donations: The Chapter only receives part of your national AGO dues for Chapter expenses and sponsorship of events. In this season of giving, please consider using the donation button on the website to give us a little more flexibility in 2020.

Evelyn Henson (editor@agoabq.org)

MEMBER NEWS

Dean **Fred Graham** and Member **Scott Hagler** have both taken new positions over the summer at St. John's United Methodist Church, in Santa Fe. Secretary **Pamela McClain** is currently moving to a new position on staff at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, in Santa Fe. Member **Lana Zoltowski** is currently moving to Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples). We wish them all well in their new posts. Please send your Member News items to the Editor, editor@agoabq.org.

NOT TO BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY





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HAVE YOU USED THE CHAPTER WEBSITE LATELY?

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. Our website gets about 400 views per month.

NOTE: our Facebook page has 122 followers and can be used for posting notices about events, vacancies, etc. If you "Like" our page, you will receive new postings in your own News Feed. The post reporting our Annual Dinner received over 300 views in one week!

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

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