Summer Recital Series
July 2020

July 5
Robert Dicks
Live-Streamed

July 12
Brent Nolte
Cancelled

July 19
Alex Wilson
Live-Streamed

July 26
Stigall Scholars
St. Patrick’s Cathedral
Recital
1621 Dilworth Rd. E

Please see page 10 for the full recital series schedule.

For all live-streamed recitals, please visit www.charlotteago.org.

Please consider signing up to be an usher at one of our summer recitals by clicking here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aaed2dabfb6-agosummer

For the most recent information regarding recitals, please check the Charlotte AGO Chapter website.

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IN THIS ISSUE
Sometimes it is difficult making decisions while in a leadership position. Kathy Alexander, your sub-dean, and I have been stressing about our September 25 meeting—the Progressive Dinner. We have the 3 churches, as well as the 3 recitalists, but no positive word from any of the churches that we will be able to actually be there, due to the pandemic. And if we can be there, will we be permitted to serve food? After seeing how demonstrators and rioters were not observing social distancing during the last few weeks, I believe we may see a dramatic upswing in Covid-19 cases. Who knows!

Given the above, I made a call to Elizabeth George, our NY Headquarters person in charge of Membership and Chapter Development. Chapters across the country are being told to have virtual meetings until January, and we’ll re-evaluate then for the rest of the year. So….the Progressive Dinner is not going to happen, at least not in September. Kathy and I are contacting recitalists, churches, and program presenters, to come up with a slate of virtual programs. NY is actually creating virtual programs that any chapter can use. It’s going to be an “interesting” year!

Meanwhile, 69 members of our chapter are due to renew membership on July 1. And there are 10 to 15 others who are overdue at this point. Without your payment, we can have no programs. PLEASE go to the national website at www.agohq.org and renew online today. The staff in NY is still working from home, and they cannot access US mail sent to the NY office. Online payment is the only option. If you need help doing this, please let me know. Help is available!

Stay tuned….we’ll have programs lined up soon.

Nancy Watson, Dean
Charlotte Chapter AGO
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The American Guild of Organists is thrilled to announce the first online OrganFest, which will take place July 20-24. Each evening’s broadcast will premiere a new work which had been commissioned for the 2020 National Convention in Atlanta, accompanied by interviews with the composers.

Featured performers will be Jens Korndörfer, Amanda Mole, Alan Morrison, Thomas Ospital, and Catherine Rodland. Additional recorded performances by recent international organ competition winners will be presented, and short presentations will share exciting news and updates from the AGO.

The daily YouTube premiere (8pm Eastern) and accompanying Festival website will be available at no charge. OrganFest 2020 promises to be an exciting way to showcase our beloved instrument and the great work of the AGO. Please share this information widely with your music-loving friends.

While we are saddened by the cancellation of many musical events this spring and summer, including our National Convention in Atlanta, we look forward to celebrating the future of organ music together online this month.

A Message from the AGO National Office

The American Guild of Organists recognizes and affirms that Black Lives Matter. We call upon every chapter and all of our members to speak out against racial bias and take action to make the world a better, safer, and more secure place for the members of the Black community.

Now is the time for us to search our souls for ways to be more caring, to be better brothers and sisters to our Black colleagues, and to demonstrate our unwavering support for their professional advancement and success.

The tragic murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, the equally senseless killing of Rayshard Brooks in Atlanta on June 12, and the death and injury of so many others are heartbreaking and inexcusable. We extend our condolences to their families and friends, and we stand in solidarity with the countless thousands of people around the world who have marched to protest systemic racism against the African-American community.

It is our turn to step up to the challenge. We must listen to diverse voices in crafting solutions to our problems. We must reach out to find new partners to help us chart the best path forward. We must engage.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Bedford, AAGO, ChM
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James E. Thomashower, CAE
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Congratulations to Jane Cain on her retirement from Davidson College Presbyterian Church. Jane served for 41 years as Director of Music at DCPC. We hope your retirement is filled with rest and relaxation!

The Charlotte AGO is now able to accept online donations! Please visit www.charlotteago.org/donate to make a one-time or recurring donation.

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The board of the Charlotte AGO Chapter met on Monday, June 8, 2020, via Zoom. Highlights of the meeting were discussions around:

- The new Web site for our chapter
- Adjustments to the Summer Recital Series due to Covid-19
- Upcoming programming for 2020-21
- Membership and installation of new officers
- Membership survey
- Stigall Scholarships - recorded auditions

Our next meeting will be July 13 via Zoom. Please let any board member know if you have any issues that need to be discussed.
Thank You.

St. Peter’s Basilica, Vatican, is the largest church in the world. Its size creates special challenges for an organ. Large scaling of an instrument creates excessive volume near the organ, but still not enough to fill the entire sanctuary. The Vatican chose an Allen Organ with a flexible audio solution to resolve this challenge. During the 2017 Christmas Eve celebration, a new Allen GeniSys™ Organ was used throughout the Mass, as heard worldwide in a live telecast.

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I offer a huge “thank you” and congratulations to all involved in the many efforts and events over the years that led to this amazing story.

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www.stmartins-charlotte.org

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115 W. Seventh Street
www.st-peters.org
Upcoming AGO Webinars

A Smoother Experience for Substitute Organists and Hosts - July 10 at 2:30pm
This webinar will address important questions for both substitute organists and hosts to ensure smooth service playing for all houses of worship. Presented by Dr. Sara Bereza.

Virtual Choir for the Rest of Us - July 23
“We’ve all seen gorgeous “Hollywood Squares” videos of virtual choir music, but what if your budget, and your choir’s technical comfort, is small? Carol Spradling, Director of Music at a Congregational church in New England, decided that the COVID “stay at home” order was going to mean that her small but mighty choir was going to adapt, rather than disband. Using Zoom rehearsals, smartphones, electronically distributed music, and the online digital audio workstation BandLab, she and her choir started scaling the learning curve between live choral singing and digital recording. This is a hands-on, nuts-and-bolts course in how to produce socially distanced audio recordings of your choir or ensemble (from home), using smartphones, laptops, and free software.” Presented by Carol Spradling. See here for more details: https://www.agohq.org/upcoming-ago-webinars/
# Summer Recital Series

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**All Recitals to Begin at 7:00 PM. Free Admission.**

Freewill offerings will be collected at recitals and online to support the Nashville AGO to assist in organ rebuilding following the March tornadoes (July 5 & 12), and the Stigall Scholarship Fund for young organists (all other recitals).

Schedule subject to change. This schedule current as of June 29. Please refer to [www.charlotteago.org](http://www.charlotteago.org) for the most up-to-date schedule.

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Resources for Online Worship

Curated by Artistic Director, David Cherwien, and utilizing the gifts of the entire National Lutheran Choir Community, these resources are yours to use!
Anthem's include: “Hope and Quietly Wait,” “When Peace like a River,” “When the Green Blade Rises,” and more.
Free for all. See: https://nlca.com/resources

Online Worship and Music Resources for Live-streaming, by Diana Sanchez-Bushong

This Web site provides a large list of resources for online worship, including multiple lists for “Music & Singing.” Music resources include lists of hymns, anthems, and worship songs in a variety of styles. Most links will send you to resources outside of the United Methodist Church and some will require sign-ins and subscriptions.
See: https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/online-worship-music-resources-for-livestreaming

Music that Makes Community

Videos and recordings of songs and anthems in a variety of styles for use during worship, collected and compiled by Music that Makes Community, a non-profit organization working with ecumenical communities and leaders to empower worship through singing.
Free for use: See: https://www.musicthatmakescommunity.org/resources
Seaside United Methodist Church
Sunset Beach, North Carolina
A beautiful beach and retirement area is the home of Seaside United Methodist Church. Replacing an Allen Organ from 1994, the new Rodgers 599 was installed in the fall of 2019. The organ search committee, headed by Kathy Parker, Director of Music and Organist, began their search for a new organ by visiting some Rodgers and Allen installations. The incomparable Rodgers Sound, features, and advanced technology won out over the competition. The decision was to purchase a new Rodgers Artist 599, with 16 channels of audio. The organ’s diverse specification thrilled the committee and is serving all of the worship needs of the congregation.

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The Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists to me means three things: growth, support, and joy. Through this active and cultivating chapter, I am able to grow in skill and ability by attending monthly programs and learning about new topics. I know the chapter is also there as a support group for any type of issue I may have or for celebrating achievements of myself and others. Lastly, the chapter gives me joy by presenting so many different concerts where I am able to listen to beautiful music played by so many talented individuals from Charlotte and elsewhere. I am so grateful for this chapter and the many friends I have already made through the many activities it offers.

Kathie Riebe: Director of Music Ministries - St. John’s United Methodist Church (Fort Mill, SC)
I have found the AGO to be an important way to connect with and learn from organists who are nearby. This kind of support is a valuable way to keep the work I do fresh as well as find options to help solve difficult situations. I keep a focus on education so I can continue to get better at what I do. Local chapters of the AGO allow us to do this with the programs that are offered during the year. Being a part of the Board is an exciting way for me to help the Guild which offers so much to so many of us.
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Zach Bowyer, Newsletter Editor  
Submissions to: zach@smpchome.org with “Charlotte AGO Newsletter” in the subject of the email.

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