



Utah Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists

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The Dean's Message

September 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to another year of AGO! The chapter board met during the summer and planned some wonderful events for this year. A couple highlights are a Youth Scholarship Audition program that we will introduce at the opening social, launch it at the Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, and hold in February, and a POE (Pipe Organ Encounter) that we will host in July 2016. For the scholarship program, we are in need of members to donate their time to teach a few private lessons in 2016. If you are interested in teaching lessons, please contact Lori Serr or myself. We are also in need of volunteers to assist with the POE. Please contact Anna Judkins, Lori Serr, Paul Duncombe, or myself for more POE information. Additional information about these events will be forthcoming.

Our Opening Social, on Saturday, Sept. 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, at the Provo Stake Center, 1315 E 900 S, Provo. Jim Kasen will show us the newly renovated and enlarged Wicks organ. There will be time to play the organ, followed by a potluck brunch. Please join us!

There will be an Ogden Utah Tabernacle Organ Concert on Sunday, September 20. A flyer for the concert and the Ogden organ specifications are attached to the newsletter. If you are attending and would like to carpool, please post it at our [Facebook group](#).

There are too many events planned to mention them all here. Please be sure to check the calendar section of the newsletter for information concerning other events.

Thank you for your support! We're looking forward to a wonderful year! If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Sheri

Upcoming Events

Chapter Activities

- Sep 12 Opening Social, Provo Stake Center chapel, 1315 East 900 South, Provo, 9am-noon. Come see, hear, and play the renovated and enlarged Wicks organ with Jim Kasen. Bring a brunch dish to share.
- Sept 20 Festival of Hymns and Organ Music, Ogden Tabernacle, 7 pm. Celebrating the completion of the newly rebuilt, revoiced and enlarged instrument of 51 ranks. (Free, but ticketed event. Call 801-725-4517 to reserve tickets.)
- Oct 24 Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza & kick off of the UVAGO "Young Organists Scholarship/ Audition," Sharon Stake Center, 545 South 800 East, Orem, 9am-noon.
- Nov 6 Liturgy Class with Fr. Peter Van Hook, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 50 W 200 N, Provo, 7 pm. Learn how the liturgy and music come together in the Catholic and Episcopal tradition.
- Dec 13 Christmas Hymn Sing & Fireside, Spanish Fork Stake Center, 1006 E 200 S, 7 pm. Come hear special Christmas organ music, several choirs, and sing favorite organ accompaniment.
- Jan 9 Organ Crawl at First United Methodist Church, 203 200 E, SLC, 10 am. Come see, hear, and play the newly re-built 3 manual organ by Bigelow with David Chamberlin as guide.
- Feb 20 UVAGO Young Organists Scholarship Audition and performance, Sharon Stake Center, 9 am.
- March 18 Bach Recital, Provo Central Stake Center, 7:30 pm.
- April 23 Super Saturday, Harris Fine Arts Center, BYU, 8am - 3p
- May Closing Social: Frank & Franks
- July 24-30 Pipe Organ Encounter, sponsored by UVAGO and SLAGO, Organists ages 13-18 take lessons, attend master classes, and attend concerts.

Organ Recitals and Events

- Sept 13 [Gabriele Terrone](#), Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC, 8 pm
- Sept 18 Jan Vermeire, Salt Lake Tabernacle, 7: 30 pm
- Sept 18 Lorelea Anderson, student of Ken Udy, Alpine Tabernacle, 110 E Main St., American Fork, 7 pm
- Oct 11 [David Enlow](#), Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC, 8 pm
- Oct 23 Organ Fest VIII, Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC, 8 pm
- Nov 6 Richard Elliott, Salt Lake Tabernacle, 7:30 pm
- Nov 8 [Christopher Houlihan](#), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8 pm

POE Highlights

by Anna Judkins

This coming year in 2016 the Utah Valley AGO is proudly hosting a Pipe Organ Encounter. A Pipe Organ Encounter or more commonly known as a POE is a youth organ summer camp. At this camp youth, ages 12-18, from all backgrounds of organ training come together to learn and become inspired by the organ. Every day for a week, the students attend private lessons, master classes, concerts, and visit the local organs of the area.

We are fortunate to have the help of the Tabernacle organists, to be able to use Temple Square as part of these events. We will also be able to visit St. Mark's, the Madeleine, St. Ambrose, and others in the area. We will also take a trip down to BYU to see the facilities there.

As we are in the process of planning this wonderful event, please spread the word to all our friends of the organ who would be willing to volunteer their time/ resources to help us put on this event. I know that it would be a great asset to our community! The youth are our future, and we have an obligation to pass our love of this great instrument to them!

Congratulations!

Heidi Rodeback passed the CAGO exam. Lorelea Anderson passed the AGO Service Playing exam.

UVAGO Youth Organ Scholarship Program

The chapter's Education Committee is announcing the Utah Valley AGO Youth Organ Scholarship program. Auditions for the scholarship will be in February 2016. The auditions are open to organ students 18 years old or younger and pianists who are interested in lessons introducing them to organ. Awards may be used for organ study, AGO membership, and the POE in July of next year.

More information including rules and policies, repertoire requirements, and application information will be made available in the coming months. Donations are being accepted with all donations going toward the Claire Rodgers fund to be used for the scholarship program. If you are interested in volunteering or judging at the auditions, or teaching lessons as part of the scholarship awards you may contact the chapter Education Chairman Lori Serr or Sheri Peterson.

Christmas Hymn Sing

The Utah Valley Chapter will collaborate with the Spanish Fork Stake to hold a Christmas hymn sing this year. It will be Sunday, December 13 at 7 pm at the Spanish Fork Stake Center (1006 East 200 South) on the 1971 Wicks II/18. Any UVAGO members who wish to accompany a hymn for the event should contact Jack Stoneman (jackstoneman@byu.edu) by September 15. The program will include 8-10 hymns, so space is limited for those who wish to accompany. As soon as possible, but definitely by 9/15, send Jack what carol you would like to accompany. All the Christmas hymns in the LDS hymnal are of course available. Carols not in the LDS hymnal are welcome too, so long as they are familiar enough to be sung by a lay congregation and in keeping with the sacred character of the carols in the hymnal.

Chapter Newsletters Archived on Website

DeeAnn Stone found her AGO binder with old newsletters in it. She has scanned them and archived them all online at the chapter website. They go back to 1987, when she first became a member of the chapter. She found all but 7 or 8 newsletters (which she can post if she comes across them). DeeAnn would like to collect the newsletters going back to when the chapter was first created in 1979—eight years worth. She wonders if any of the older members of the chapter might still have copies. She says that "It sure brought back a lot of fun memories going through all these. I'm glad we've finally got them archived."

David Chamberlin Featured on Pipedreams: "Salt Lake Celebration"

by Mike Carson

David Chamberlin was featured recently with other well-known area organists on a Pipedreams program that aired on the radio the week of August 10, 2015. The program consisted of excerpts from inaugural concerts played on Utah-built Bigelow pipe organs at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral and St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Salt Lake City. David is the tonal director for Bigelow & Co. and currently serves as our chapter treasurer. You may view program notes and listen to the program ["Salt Lake Celebration"](#).



A Note from the Treasurer/Registrar

by David Chamberlin

First a big THANK YOU to almost half of you who have paid your dues for the 2015-2016 chapter year! To the rest of you a friendly reminder that we need everyone's support to make all that we do possible. And a personal Thank You to those of you who have availed yourselves -- or will avail yourselves -- of the option to pay your dues online for making my job a little easier! And a reminder to those of you who subscribe to *The American Organist* magazine: Your dues need to be received at headquarters by Sept. 15 in order for your subscription to continue without interruption.

To those who have yet to renew or who wish to join, there are two ways to do it:

1. ONLINE with a credit card. Go to [AGO website](#) and find the appropriate option under Membership. Our [chapter website](#) also has links under Membership that will take you there.
2. EMAIL/MAIL paper form with your check. Print the attached PDF file on your computer and mail with your check to the address on the form. If you are reading this on paper or away from your computer, you can also contact me at dchamberlin@uvago.org or 801-376-1399, and I will be happy to mail you a form.

Your board has planned a truly wonderful year! Thank you all for your support and participation!

Classical 89 Presenting "Organ Fest VIII"

Classical 89 is pleased to present "Organ Fest VIII" in The Cathedral of the Madeleine on October 23. The concert, now in its eighth year, features organists from the Salt Lake Tabernacle - Richard Elliott, Clay Christiansen, Andrew Unsworth, Bonnie Goodliffe, and Linda Margetts and the organist at The Cathedral of the Madeleine, Gabriele Terrone. The concert is free and will be presented at The Cathedral of the Madeleine at 331 E. South Temple in Salt Lake City on Friday, October 23rd at 8:00 p.m.

This event is a gift to the community from Classical 89, The Cathedral of the Madeleine, and the organists. Classical 89's Organ Fest has become a highly anticipated annual event on the Utah organ scene. This year, it is being held a little later than usual, due to issues with the performers' schedules. We have occasionally showcased a particular composer or local organ icon; this year, we will simply feature music that we each really enjoy playing. Donations in support of Classical 89's weekly organ program, *Pipedreams* (airs Sundays at 9pm), will be welcomed.

Information about "Organ Fest VII" at www.classical89.org or contact Anna Forsyth, Event Coordinator, at 801-615-0959 or anna.forsyth@byu.edu.

Resources for Organists

"The LDS Organist"
(created by Jennifer Morgan)
www.organlessons.blogspot.com

"Pedal Points"
(created by Florence Hawkinson)
www.ldsorganist.wordpress.com

[Hymnal Trivia Quiz](#)
(created by Lella Pomeroy and James Welch)

David Chamberlin's hymn
voluntaries
www.chamberlinmusic.com

Free music for the LDS organist
www.ldsorganist.org

Music for the LDS organist:
www.wardorganist.com

Resources for the LDS organist
www.ldsorganists.info

BYU organ information
www.organ.byu.edu

Local organ builder of fine
mechanical action organs
www.bigeloworgans.com

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