



Utah Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists

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The Dean's Message

December 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

During this holiday season, I am grateful for all that the members of our chapter do to share their talents with their families, friends, and congregations to celebrate and worship Christ. The holiday time often gets so busy, and as musicians we are sometimes overscheduled or called at the last minute to play. When I feel overwhelmed, I remember the final stanza of Christian Rossetti's hymn, "In the Bleak Midwinter."

What can I give him,

Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd,

I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man,

I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him;

Give my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) was born into an artistic family. Her deep faith is thought to be partially the result of the solace that she found in writing devotional poetry as a result of her poor health from age sixteen. Like the shepherds, she was not employed; like the wise men, she held no degree. Yet Rossetti shared her talent, and her hymns and hymn translations have become beloved to many. I invite each of us to offer our own gift to the Christ Child, however meager or imperfect we may perceive it to be, just as the shepherds and wise men did, for the most important gift is our hearts.

May you all have a Merry Christmas filled with music and a Happy New Year.

Season's Greetings, Sheri

Upcoming Events

Chapter Activities

- 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, 545 South 800 East, Orem 9 am.
- March 18 Bach Recital, Provo Central Stake Center, 7:30 pm.
- April 23 Super Saturday, Harris Fine Arts Center, BYU, 8 am - 3 pm
- May Closing Social: Franck & 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

- Dec 7 BYU Students Area Recital, Madsen Recital Hall, Harris Fine Arts Building, BYU, 5:00 pm
- Dec 10 Krissa Hendricks, student of Don Cook, Multi-Stake Building on 9th East, Provo, 8:30 pm
- Dec 11 Levente Medveczky and Andrew Fellows, Multi-Stake Building on 9th East, Provo, 7:30 pm
- Jan 17 [Thierry Escaich](#), Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC, 8 pm
- Feb 14 [Daniel Roth](#), Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC, 8 pm

Please Join Us

The Utah Valley Chapter will join with the Spanish Fork Stake in celebrating Christmas with a hymn sing on Sunday, December 13 at 7 pm at the Spanish Fork Stake Center (1006 East 200 South). Organists from the guild and the stake will accompany the congregation on the 1971 Wicks II/18.

Volunteers Needed

- Join the POE committee! Contact Sheri Peterson or Lori Serr.
- Edit the chapter newsletter and manage the chapter listserv in 2016. Contact Miranda Wilcox.

POE Highlights

by Lori Serr

As stated on the AGO website, "Pipe Organ Encounters are one of the most successful outreach programs sponsored by the AGO. POE's offer teenagers and adults a rewarding opportunity to learn more about the pipe organ and its construction, instruction with experienced faculty, visits to hear and play outstanding instruments, and the chance to meet and interact with peers who share an interest in the King of instruments."

One of the biggest challenges in running a successful POE is funding. It takes money to run a successful POE. Most of the money that comes from participants is just enough to cover the cost of housing and food, which is about one-half the total budget. The other portion of the budget comes from grants and donations.

Grant applications to the Salt Lake Arts Council and to the national office of the AGO are currently being completed and sent in for approval. But we need your help. The POE committee is asking that AGO members contribute \$20 each to help finance the event.

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But any amount you could contribute will be very appreciated!
Your much needed contribution will help cover the cost of hosting this important event.

You may send your contribution (payable to the Utah Valley Chapter, AGO) to the chapter treasures, David Chamberlin, 313 Yale Circle, American Fork, UT 84003. Thank You!



Resources for Organists

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

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

[Pedals & Pipework](#)
(created by Nick Banks)

[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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