



# Utah Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists

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## Dean's Message

January 2016

Dear Friends,

I hope that you all had a marvelous Christmas and New Year celebration and that this coming year brings you much joy and peace. I know that many of you have been actively involved in the AGO in the past and that you continue to support the mission of the AGO. We sincerely appreciate all those who have assisted our chapter. This past year has been a challenge for many of those who serve on the board. At this time, we could certainly use the help of more chapter members. I do not ask you to extend beyond what you can reasonably do, but I invite all to look at your lives and evaluate what you can contribute to the UVAGO. We have a number of wonderful events planned for the next several months, but we cannot effectively carry them out without your help. Currently, we could use some assistance with the following events:

- In February, we will be holding our **Youth Scholarship Auditions**. As this is the first year that we have offered this program, and we are just getting it up and going, we ask that each of you help spread the word, in an effort to make people aware of it. We are in need of students to audition, as well as AGO members to offer their services to teach a couple weeks of free lessons to some of the students who audition. Please invite your students, friends, and acquaintances to participate and please let me know if you are interested in teaching lessons. This is a fabulous opportunity to introduce youth to the organ and for them to receive some free organ training. There is detailed information concerning the Youth Scholarship Audition in the documents sent with the newsletter email.
- Preparations are underway for our annual **Super Saturday**, which will be held April 23. If you would like to be involved in the preparations, or, if you are interested in teaching a class, please contact Paul Duncombe ([paulduncombe@hotmail.com](mailto:paulduncombe@hotmail.com)) or myself ([sheri.peterson@gmail.com](mailto:sheri.peterson@gmail.com)).

## Dean's Message, continued

- We are hosting a **POE (Pipe Organ Encounter)** which will be held July 25-30. There is much to be done in the organizing and carrying out of this event. Please contact our co-chairs, Anna Judkins ([anna@fredricknet.net](mailto:anna@fredricknet.net)) and Lori Serr ([ljzserr@yahoo.com](mailto:ljzserr@yahoo.com)) to see what YOU can do to help.

Please see the calendar section for specific details concerning these and other events.

As always, I anticipate this to be a wonderful year. Each of you help to make it that way. Thank you for your service.

*"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."* – Albert Schweitzer

Sincerely,

Sheri

### Upcoming Events

#### Chapter Activities

- 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

- Jan 17 [Thierry Escaich](#), Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC, 8 pm
- Feb 14 [Daniel Roth](#), Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC, 8 pm

### POE Highlights

The POE committee would like to remind everyone to contribute \$20 to help fund the POE that is being sponsored by our chapter and held in SLC this coming July. One of the biggest challenges in running a successful POE is funding. 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.

Your twenty dollar contribution will help to run a successful POE, but any amount you feel that you could contribute will be very appreciated! Your much needed contribution will help cover the cost of hosting this important event.

Please send your contribution (payable to the Utah Valley Chapter, AGO) to the chapter treasurer, David Chamberlain, 313 Yale Circle, American Fork, UT 84003.

## *DON'T FORGET!*

The AGO Youth Scholarship deadline is next week, January 15th! Please help us advertise this event by contacting youth and passing along the scholarship information to at least one interested organist and/or pianist to audition. You can print out the scholarship information to distribute or forward the attachments included in the newsletter email. Organists will be auditioning for free lessons and/or a scholarship for the POE to be held this July in SLC. Pianists will be auditioning for introductory organ lessons. *Thank you!*

The annual Bach Birthday Recital will be March 18 at the Provo Central Stake Center. If you haven't already started preparing a piece to play, hurry and do so, and let Carol Dean know what you plan to play. Carol has already begun to organize the program. You can reach Carol at [carolorg1111@gmail.com](mailto:carolorg1111@gmail.com)



## Resources for Organists

"The LDS Organist"  
(created by Jennifer Morgan)  
[www.organlessons.blogspot.com](http://www.organlessons.blogspot.com)

"Pedal Points"  
(created by Florence Hawkinson)  
[www.ldsorganist.wordpress.com](http://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](http://www.chamberlinmusic.com)

Free music for the LDS organist  
[www.ldsorganist.org](http://www.ldsorganist.org)

Music for the LDS organist:  
[www.wardorganist.com](http://www.wardorganist.com)

Resources for the LDS organist  
[www.ldsorganists.info](http://www.ldsorganists.info)

BYU organ information  
[www.organ.byu.edu](http://www.organ.byu.edu)

Local organ builder of fine mechanical action organs  
[www.bigeloworgans.com](http://www.bigeloworgans.com)

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[www.slago.org](http://www.slago.org)

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