

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Utah Valley Chapter

Utah Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Welcome to the Chapter's New Term

The chapter's new executive officers met with other board members this week to plan monthly chapter events through next May. We look forward to some fun, some entertainment, and many opportunities to perform and play the organ for each other. When the plans are finalized, we will publicize them in the newsletter, on our website, and on Facebook. We're excited for the new year and hope to see many of you at our meetings and events.



The new 2018-2020 executive officers are: (from left) Miranda Wilcox, sub-dean; David Chamberlin, registrar/treasurer; Lori Serr, dean; Dorothy Jensen, secretary.

The 2018-2020 board members are:

Sheri Petersen, Education & Super Saturday

Mike Carson, Newsletter

DeeAnn Stone, Webmaster

Glen Hicks, Social Media

Laura Pettersson, Historian

Kari Nay, Photographer

Members at Large: Lella Pomeroy, Paul Duncombe, Jennifer Morgan, Ruth Eldredge Thomas, Linda Rehart

Upcoming Events in September

Organ Fest XI

Friday, September 14

Salt Lake Tabernacle

7:30 pm

Organ Fest XI features performances by all five members of the Tabernacle organ staff (Richard Elliott, Andrew Unsworth, Brian Mathias, Bonnie Goodliffe, and Linda Margetts) as well as the organist of the Cathedral of the Madeleine (Gabriele Terrone). The concert is co-sponsored by Temple Square Performances and Classical 89. Admission is free and open to everyone eight years of age and older.

Hymn Sing by Lella Pomeroy and Ann Moyle

Friday, September 21

7:00 p.m.

LDS Meetinghouse, 2557 Dalton Drive,
Springville



The program will include organ solos, as well as hymns for the congregation to sing in an uplifting

style. The program is designed to be inspirational to those who play the organ or like to sing in church. This is the fourth in a series of organ events in the Kolob Stake over the past year.

Roy Darley Centennial Gala Concert

Friday, September 21

Salt Lake Tabernacle

7:30 p.m.

Temple Square Performances 2018 Series presents a Gala Concert celebrating long-time LDS Tabernacle organist Roy Maughan Darley. Admission is limited to those age 8 and older unless otherwise noted. Tickets are not required. For more information call 801-240-3323 or visit the events page at lds.org.

How did the Utah Valley chapter come to be?

In the fall of 1979, a group of organists gathered at the home of Ephraim and Verena Hatch in Provo for the purpose of forming a local chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The chapter was named the Utah Valley Chapter. Officers were selected, with Gerald Dick as the first dean, and a petition was then sent to National Headquarters for the official chartering of the chapter. The charter was issued October 9, 1979, and it was signed by Roberta Bitgood, National President of the AGO.

Think about the many things that would be different in your life today, if the charter members had not met that night in the fall of 1979. Because of them we enjoy a community of friends who share a common cause and purpose; we are encouraged, inspired, and challenged; and we share an outlet for musical growth and improvement. Next year in 2019 the chapter will celebrate its 40th birthday! Visit our website at www.uvago.org for more historical facts about the chapter.

Founding Charter Members

Parley L. Belnap, Michael C. Bigelow, Heidi Brown (Alley), Janice Burton, Douglas E. Bush, Robin Cardon, Don Cook, Gerald Dick, Gladys Farmer, Verena Hatch, Lillian Heil, J.J. Keeler, Erla Knudson, Lawrence E. Weidmann, Steven Wright, Zara Tonks

Is Your Name on This List of New or Renewed Members?

Here is a list of our new or renewed members through May 2019. If your name isn't on this list, and you would like it to be, we encourage you to renew your membership. Please register as a national member or a chapter friend. We need you!

Thank you to the following members who are new or renewed through May 2019.

Ashlyn	Anderson
Krysten	Anderson
Lorelea	Anderson
Becky	Azera
Dallin	Baldwin
Nicholas	Banks
Joan	Barnett
Jerri	Bearce
Matthew	Beesley
J. Cordell	Bott
Holly	Brinkle
Mike	Carson
David B.	Chamberlin
Skylie	Cheney
Mark T.	Clark
Teresa	Clawson
Carla	Cleavinger
Dr. Don	Cook
Joyce	Davies
Shirley	Davis

Bradley S	Dickson
Paul	Duncombe
Andrew	Fellows
Scot	Gilbert
Jay	Goodliffe
Neil	Harmon
Nora	Hess
Dorothy	Jensen
Melanie	Jones
Connor	Larsen
Sandra	Mangum
Valerie W.	McDougal
Carol	Mercier
Scott	Mills
Jennifer	Morgan
Denis	Nicholson
Ruth	Nielsen
Janet	Olsen
Blaine	Olson
Laura	Pettersson
Lella E	Pomeroy
Jeralyn	Ream
Linda E.	Rehart
Lois	Rigtrup
Heidi	Rodeback
Katherine	Rosenvall
Marcine	Sawyer
Amber R	Schumann
Christine	Schumann
Lori Z.	Serr
Daniel	Splattstoesser
Gary	Starr
Kathleen	Stitt
Bonnie T.	Walker
Julie	Ward
Weldon	Whipple
Miranda	Wilcox
David	Worlton
Kari	Nay

If your name is not on this list, please consider renewing your membership from our chapter's website or reply to this email with questions.

Renew Membership

ORGAN PEDAL BOOSTER NOW AVAILABLE

Some of you are aware of the Organ Pedal Booster that Nora Hess and Don Cook created a couple years ago to allow young children to learn organ. It hovers above a standard AGO pedalboard, bringing the keys six inches closer to young feet. Its weight is suspended by two outer supports that rest on the floor, enabling the Booster keys to gently depress the host pedal keys with felt-tipped dowels. Spring tension for each key is still controlled by the host pedalboard as the Booster keys rest lightly on top. The entire Booster pedalboard adjusts up and down, and each dowel is also adjustable.

The original intent was to create plans that people could follow to create their own. But due to their complexity, it was decided to build them and offer them for sale. They are now available through Ard Publications (ardpublications.com).

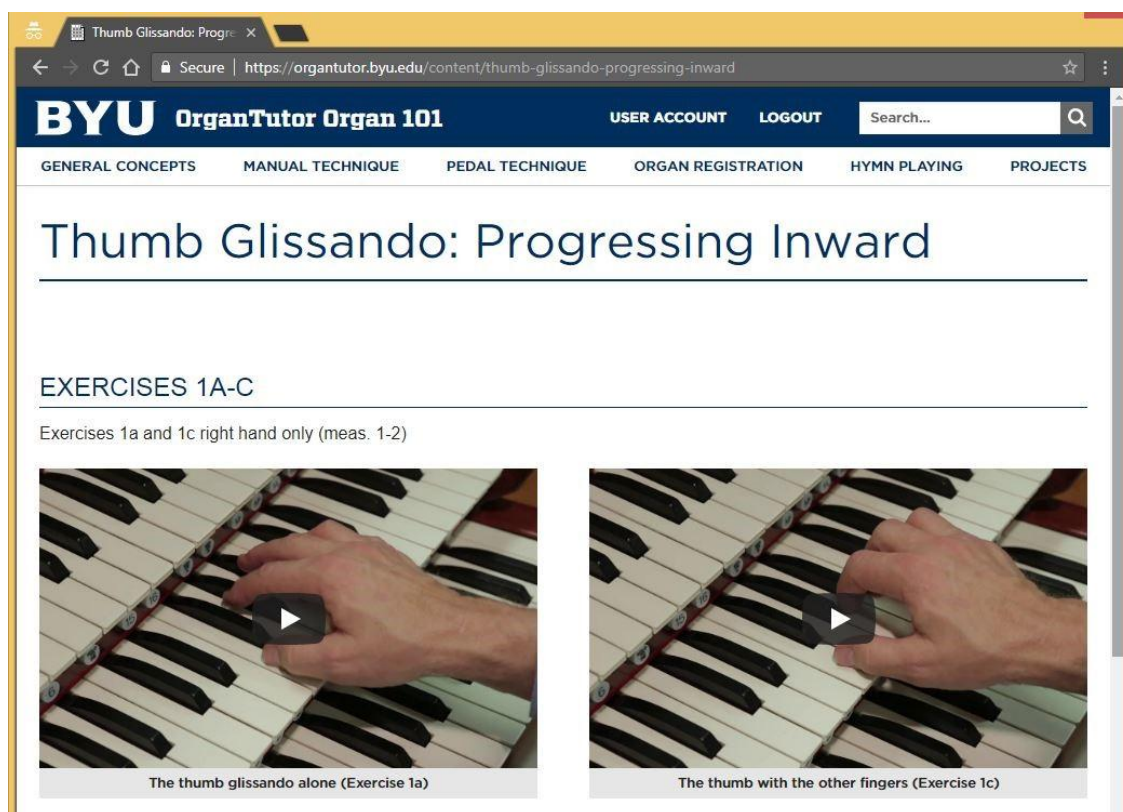


ORGANTUTOR ORGAN 101 ONLINE OVERHAUL COMPLETE

Don Cook's OrganTutor has undergone a complete overhaul:

- Now delivered online (as a web site)
- Formatted for smartphones, tablets, laptops, or desktops
- All videos, photos, and graphics were rebuilt for high-resolution delivery
- In-lesson Quick Reviews provide immediate feedback
- End-of-lesson tests now include links review topics
- All 61 lessons have been fine-tuned
- The option of a PDF version (e-book) of the complete 300-page workbook makes possible a truly paperless and immediate delivery

It is available in 4-month (\$30) and 3-year (\$50) subscriptions at organtutor.byu.edu. Or email Sharee Thompson (organ@byu.edu) for a free 2-week trial subscription.



The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL <https://organtutor.byu.edu/content/thumb-glissando-progressing-inward>. The page header features the BYU OrganTutor Organ 101 logo, navigation links for USER ACCOUNT and LOGOUT, and a search bar. A menu bar includes GENERAL CONCEPTS, MANUAL TECHNIQUE, PEDAL TECHNIQUE, ORGAN REGISTRATION, HYMN PLAYING, and PROJECTS. The main heading is 'Thumb Glissando: Progressing Inward'. Below this, the section 'EXERCISES 1A-C' is introduced, followed by the text 'Exercises 1a and 1c right hand only (meas. 1-2)'. Two video thumbnails are shown: the first is titled 'The thumb glissando alone (Exercise 1a)' and the second is titled 'The thumb with the other fingers (Exercise 1c)'. Both thumbnails include a play button icon.

Note from Newsletter Editor: We welcome chapter and guild news and other related items that would be of interest to our members and organ friends. Please email all items, including photos, to Mike Carson at mcarson@uvago.org. Please send submissions by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. Thank you!



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