



*Utah Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
Newsletter • October 2018*

Engage, Support, and Uplift Every Organist



Dean's Message

Lori Serr, BM, CAGO, NCTM

Before we begin another year of AGO activities, I would like to thank the outgoing board members and executive officers for their hard work and dedication over the past couple of terms. They have given many selfless hours in service to each one of us—inspiring us to become better and more competent organists and musicians.

The autumn season is one of my favorite seasons of the year. Besides the cooler temperatures and beautiful colors on the landscape, it brings a sense of new beginnings with new schedules, new goals and new opportunities. As we find ourselves hurrying around meeting schedules and deadlines in the busyness of our lives, it would do us good to remember the message of one of my all-time favorite hymn texts written by W. D. Longstaff:

"Take time to be holy, speak oft with the Lord: abide in him always and feed on his word; make friends of

God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone; by looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see."

Connecting, enhancing, celebrating, enjoying, receiving encouragement, finding inspiration and challenge are some of things you can expect from your membership in the AGO. But it will only be through your involvement that many of these things can happen. Be willing to be a contributing member this year to the UVAGO. Take some time to look around you and reach out to others as you find ways to strengthen, lift and give experience to the inexperienced. Perhaps you can find inspiration in the vision of the AGO which is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.

The new chapter officers are excited to serve! In a short amount of time, they have been planning and scheduling activities for the upcoming year. I, along with all the board members, look forward to meeting with each of you as we make connections and enjoy the camaraderie in sharing and experiencing this year's events of the UVAGO chapter!

Chapter Events for 2018-19

October 19

Opening Social: Dinner and Program

RSVP by October 12

You are invited to the 2018 UVAGO opening social! This year we will install new officers and have a historical presentation highlighting some of the impressive achievements of the chapter. To sweeten the occasion, we've opted for a catered meal.

Dinner Menu
Grilled Chicken
Spinach Salad
Artisan Bread
Mashed Potatoes or Rice Pilaf
Chocolate Cream Cheese Cake

Dinner is free to current UVAGO members, who have paid membership fees as national AGO members or as Utah Valley Chapter Friends. Dinner for guests, including non-current members, spouses and partners, will be \$12. Payment can be made via the RSVP button below or by check or cash at the event.

All dinners must be reserved by October 12.

[RSVP](#)

If you have questions about your AGO membership, please contact Jennifer Morgan via email at: jenniferorganist@gmail.com. If you have trouble with the RSVP link, please call Ruth Eldredge Thomas at 303-408-9094.

The social will be held at the LDS meetinghouse at 2445 North 650 East in Provo. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and the program begins at 7:00 p.m.
We look forward to seeing everyone at the social!

UTAH VALLEY CHAPTER
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Opening Social

Friday, October 19
2445 N 650 E, Provo

Dinner at 6:30 pm
RSVP by October 12
Program at 7:00 pm

*Officer Installation
Chapter History
France Tour Highlights*



November 10

Parley Belnap Tribute Recital
American Fork East Stake Center
6:00 p.m.

Former students of Dr. Parley
Belnap convene at the American
Fork East Stake Center to perform a
tribute recital in his honor. The recital



will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you'd like to play on the recital, please contact Lori Serr at: serr.lori@gmail.com.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT: In November 2008, Mike Ohman met with Dr. Belnap to compile information for a historical sketch of Parley's life. The interview provides a bit of history of the BYU School of Music and the organ area, and also Parley's background and perspective on his work in the area of the organ.

[Read Historical Sketch](#)

November 30

"Informal" Member Recital

Time & Location TBD

Come, play your favorite Christmas organ music in an informal, sharing setting.

January (Date TBD)

Member Recital

Time & Location TBD

This will take place in Jack Stoneman's stake center in Spanish Fork, possibly on a Saturday afternoon. Please email Miranda Wilcox at mirandawilcox96@gmail.com to sign up to perform.

February 9

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza!

883 North 1200 East in Provo

10:00 a.m.

All youth (and parents, too!) are invited to see the inside workings of a pipe organ, ask questions, and try playing the organ! A pizza lunch follows. This will take place in Ruth Eldredge Thomas' home at 883 North 1200 East in Provo (Ephraim and Verena Hatch's former home) from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

March 22

Bach's Birthday Recital in Honor of Carol Dean
Provo Central Stake Center
7:00 p.m.

Please contact Miranda Wilcox at mirandawilcox96@gmail.com to reserve a performance spot on the recital.

April 27

Super Saturday for Church Organists
Details forthcoming!

REMEMBER! Our chapter news and event details are always available on our website. You can also find contact information for our members on the directory page (directory password is Bigelow16), organ teachers, and much, much more! Everything is just a click away.

uvago.org

The 2018-2020 board members are here to serve you!

Executive Officers

Lori Serr, dean

Miranda Wilcox, sub-dean
David Chamberlin, registrar/treasurer
Dorothy Jensen, secretary

Board Members

Jennifer Morgan, membership coordinator
Sheri Petersen, education coordinator & Super Saturday
Mike Carson, newsletter
DeeAnn Stone, webmaster
Glen Hicks, social media
Laura Pettersson, historian
Kari Nay, photographer
Bradley Dickson, BYU student liaison

Members at Large

Lella Pomeroy
Paul Duncombe
Jennifer Morgan
Ruth Eldredge Thomas
Linda Rehart



Getting to Know You!
Lori Serr, BM, CAGO, NCTM
Chapter Dean

Lori Serr (pronounced "sear") is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) in both piano and organ and has taught both instruments for several years. She has also achieved the Colleague Certification through the American Guild of Organists (CAGO) and a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance from Brigham Young University.

Lori has served as the Education Coordinator and chairman of the Super Saturday

Training for Church Organists in the UVAGO. She frequently teaches organ training workshops for local units of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

An active member of the UMTA, Lori serves on the state board as the State Certification Chairman and as the certification chairman for the Nebo Chapter, where she teaches and mentors study groups for teachers working towards certification.

Lori and her husband Casey live in Mapleton. They are the parents of four children and eight grandchildren.



2019 AGO/QUIMBY REGIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR YOUNG ORGANISTS (RCYO)

Utah Competition

Tuesday, February 24, 2019

Location TBD

Hosted by Utah Valley and Salt Lake City Chapters

Contacts: Jennifer Morgan (UVAGO) & Heidi Alley (SLCAGO)

The purpose of these competitions is to encourage younger organists to pursue excellence, to gain performance experience, to develop service playing skills, and to receive recognition for their achievements.

These competitions begin at the Chapter level and conclude at the seven Regional Conventions. The winner of each Regional Competition will be invited to perform

as a Rising Star at the 2020 National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

The AGO/Quimby Regional Competitions are made possible by a generous grant from Michael Quimby, President, Quimby Pipe Organs Inc.

Official Rules

Time to Renew an Expiring or Expired Membership!

For your convenience, here's a list of current members. If you don't see your name, or if your name is towards the bottom of the list, now is a good time to renew.

Questions? Please contact the chapter's membership coordinator, Jennifer Morgan, at jenniferorganist@gmail.com.

Gastelum	Renee
Anderson	Kyrsten
Davies	Joyce
Dickson	Bradley
Hunsaker	Judith
McDougal	Valerie
Pomeroy	Lella
Tomkinson	Larry
Hicks	Glen
Larsen	Connor
Nay	Kari
Splattstoesser	Daniel
Anderson	Lorelea
Azera	Becky
Banks	Nicholas
Barnett	Joan
Bott	J. Cordell
Carson	Mike
Chamberlin	David
Clark	Mark
Clawson	Teresa

Cook	Don
Duncombe	Paul
Goodliffe	Jay
Harmon	Neil
Hess	Nora
Mills	Scott
Olson	Blaine
Pettersson	Laura
Rehart	Linda
Rodeback	Heidi
Rosenvall	Katherine
Serr	Lori
Stoneman	Jack
Worlton	David
Davis	Shirley
Dahlberg	Amber
Mercier	Carol Ann
Wilcox	Miranda
Cleavinger	Carla
Hoopes	John
Olsen	Janet
Fellows	Andrew
Jones	Melanie
Nielsen	Ruth Ann
Ream	Jeralyn
Rigtrup	Lois
Schumann	Christine
Starr	Gary
Stitt	Kathleen
Walker	Bonnie
Ward	Julie
Whipple	Weldon
Jensen	Dorothy
Morgan	Jennifer
Baldwin	Dallin
Nicholson	Denis
Sawyer	Marcine
Brinkle	Holly
Cheney	Skylie

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).

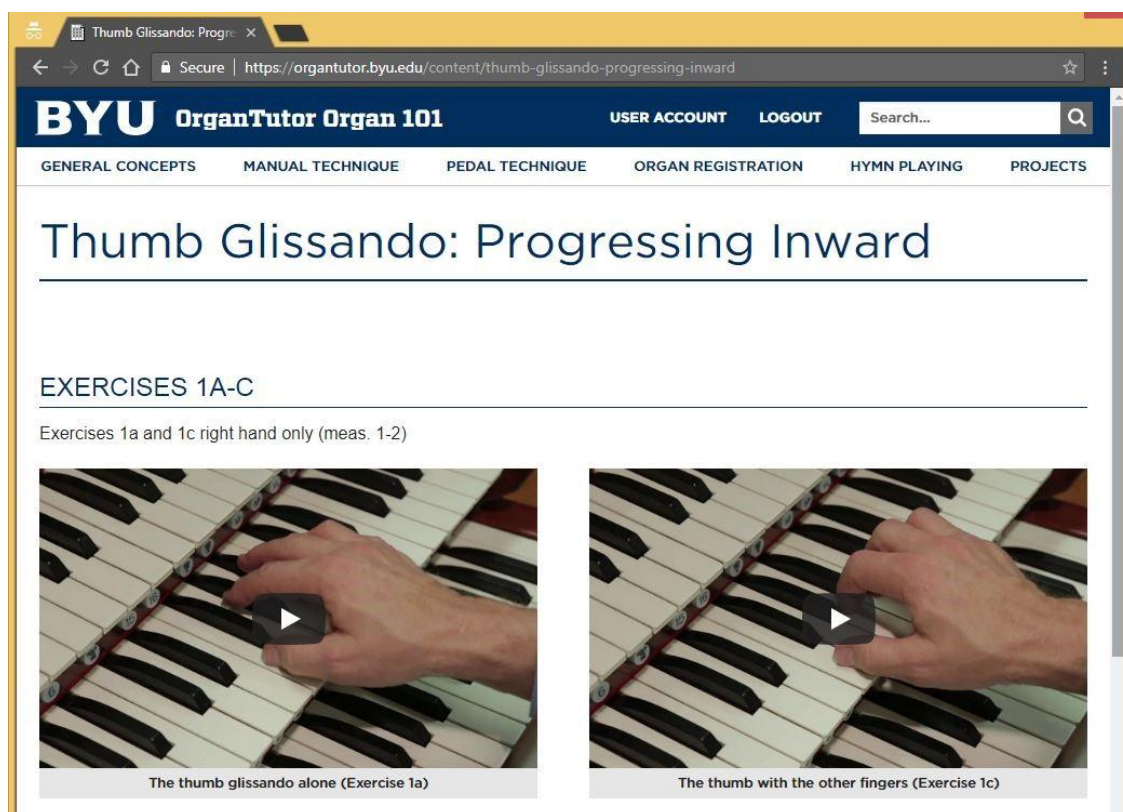


ORGANTUTOR ORGAN 101 ONLINE OVERHAUL COMPLETE

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 shows a web browser window displaying the OrganTutor website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://organtutor.byu.edu/content/thumb-glissando-progressing-inward>. The website header features the BYU logo and the text 'OrganTutor Organ 101'. Navigation links include 'USER ACCOUNT', 'LOGOUT', and a search bar. A menu bar contains 'GENERAL CONCEPTS', 'MANUAL TECHNIQUE', 'PEDAL TECHNIQUE', 'ORGAN REGISTRATION', 'HYMN PLAYING', and 'PROJECTS'. The main content area is titled 'Thumb Glissando: Progressing Inward'. Below the title, it lists 'EXERCISES 1A-C' and notes 'Exercises 1a and 1c right hand only (meas. 1-2)'. Two video thumbnails are shown: the first is labeled 'The thumb glissando alone (Exercise 1a)' and the second is labeled 'The thumb with the other fingers (Exercise 1c)'. Both thumbnails show a close-up of a hand playing an organ keyboard.



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!

A background image of a handwritten musical score on aged paper. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font. At the top, there is a line of handwritten text: "Der Tag der so freierweib. 5. allav. et Peo".

PREP
FOR THE
BACH BIRTHDAY RECITAL
IN HONOR OF CAROL DEAN
—
22 March 2019
Provo Central Stake Center



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