



*Utah Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*  
*Newsletter • July 2020*

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### Sub-Dean's Message

Heidi Rodeback

Hello Friends,

I am honored to serve the chapter this year as sub-dean. By way of introduction, I need to begin with my mother, who was called to serve as ward organist in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 12. Bravely, she approached the other ward's organist with a question: "Do you know how these buttons work?" All she said was, "Yes," as she took her hymnal and swept off the bench.

When it was my turn, I was 14, and by then my mother had logged 30 years' experience on the organ, but no

more training. I played for 15 years in stocking feet with only my ear to guide me. I moved to Utah in 1998 and was lucky to land in the ward of Mike Bigelow. With his encouragement, I began attending UVAGO events and taking private lessons, first with Evelyn Hardy and then with David Chamberlin. I am now certified through the AGO as a Colleague.

I maintain a private piano studio in American Fork and freelance as a collaborative pianist, grateful to be able to add organ to my resume for the choirs who need it. In 2016, I began teaching beginning organists, grateful for something better to say than yes, when they ask if I know how the buttons work.

All this is to say I truly appreciate the mentors in the UVAGO who have helped me so much—and I appreciate equally the beginners and lay members looking for support. There is a synergy here that blesses us all, and I'm so happy to be part of it.

Today's newsletter brings announcements of five summer opportunities, all streaming directly to your living room, studio, home office, or backyard:

- AGO Organfest 2020, with a daily YouTube premiere and accompanying festival website available at no charge
- Piping Up! Tabernacle Organists in concert, no longer in person, but still at noon, streaming

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

- BYU Organ Workshop—August 4-6, 2020. The same great instruction from the comfort of your own home. Early registration ends July 15.
- Eccles Organ Festival—from The Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City. Engaging content.
- Tabernacle Choir celebrates 90 years of broadcasting with ‘Music for a Summer Evening’ on July 18.

Please keep scrolling to learn more about these great opportunities.

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A promotional banner for AGOrganFest 2020. The banner has a yellow header with the website 'agoorganfest2020.org' and a Facebook icon. On the left is a colorful, fan-like graphic of overlapping petals in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. The main text reads 'AGO ORGANFEST 2020' in large, bold letters, with 'AGO' in red, 'ORGANFEST' in purple, and '2020' in teal. Below this is the tagline 'beauty in the midst of chaos' in a gold, cursive font. At the bottom left, it says 'JULY 20-24, 8 PM EASTERN' in red. On the right is the logo of the American Guild of Organists, which features a shield with an organ console and the text 'AGO American Guild of ORGANISTS'.

[AGOrganFest 2020](#) is now just two weeks away! These nightly musical offerings and the accompanying [festival website](#) are a gift to you and available to all at no charge; no registration or membership is needed. Each evening’s program will be archived on the festival website so you can return and enjoy this beautiful

music as often as you'd like.

The highlight of each day will be the world-premiere of a new organ work that had been commissioned for the AGO National Convention in Atlanta. Each performance will be preceded by a conversation between Chelsea Chen and the featured composer.

Check out the video below for some highlights from the week's online activities.

A promotional graphic for the AGO OrganFest 2020. It features a colorful, fan-like logo on the left composed of overlapping, semi-transparent petals in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "AGO ORGANFEST 2020" in a bold, sans-serif font, with "ORGANFEST" in purple and "2020" in teal. Below this, the tagline "beauty amidst of chaos" is written in a gold, cursive font. A large red YouTube play button icon is overlaid on the text. Below the tagline, the dates "JULY 20-24, 8 PM EASTERN" are displayed in a bold, dark font, followed by the website "agoorganfest2020.org" in a smaller, dark font. The entire graphic is set against a light gray background with a yellow horizontal bar at the top and a dark gray border at the bottom.

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*beauty amidst of chaos*  
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For more OrganFest news and events, [click here](#) to access our festival Facebook event page.



Noon organ concerts have been a tradition on Temple Square for more than a century. The current pandemic has halted this tradition temporarily, but now via the internet the noon organ recitals will resume without an audience but with full COVID-compliant precautions.

The five accomplished Tabernacle and Temple Square organists, Richard Elliott, Andrew Unsworth, Brian Mathias, Linda Margetts, and Joseph Peeples, are featured in a new online concert stream:

***PIPING UP: Organ Concerts at Temple Square***

- Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday at noon (mountain)
- 30-minute concerts, each featuring a different organist
- Streamed on The Choir's [YouTube channel](#), [Broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](#), [TheTabernacleChoir.org](#).

**"Kick-Off" Concert**

The premier "kick-off" concert event *Piping Up: Tabernacle Organists in Concert* was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m and is streamed from the same locations as listed above. This concert features each of the five

selections from classical to traditional hymns and spirituals.

[Printed Program](#)

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## 2020 BYU Organ Workshop

*This Year's Workshop Will Be Online!*

Early registration ends July 15



No lines. No travel expenses. No crowded classrooms. Instead, participate from the comfort of your high-speed-internet-enabled locations. The workshop will take place August 4-6, 2020 (Tuesday through Thursday). Here are some of the highlights:

- Over 80 classes and events (click [here](#) to see the schedule)
- Easily connect by clicking links we will provide
- Use your laptop, desktop, or notebook computers, or smart phone (video and audio enabled)
- Tracks of classes at Beginning Organ, Experienced Organ, and Advanced levels
- A special Youth Track (age 12-18)
- Virtual Organ Crawls
- An Instructors Recital
- A “Hymn Play” by workshop instructors
- Three to six levels of instruction on these topics:

- Music Theory
- Organ Technique and Repertoire
- Organ Registration
- Hymn Playing
- Interactive Question/Answer sessions
- One free “Supervised Practice” session. Submit a five-minute “Practice” and receive comments via [collabramusic.com](http://collabramusic.com)
- Schedule online private lessons (for adults only) with your choice of workshop instructors (available Mon. through Fri., August 3-7, \$60 per 50-minute lesson)

Those who register for the Organ Workshop Online (\$100 per person) will have *exclusive access* to all events during the workshop. After July 15, registration is \$115.

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Or register by phone at 877-221-6716 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. mountain time, excluding holidays.

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## Tabernacle Choir celebrates 90 years of broadcasting with ‘Music for a Summer Evening’

This July 18 celebration replaces their annual July concert, usually held in conjunction with community-wide Pioneer Day celebrations. The commemorative concert will be available worldwide on broadcast and internet channels.

[Learn More](#)

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# Eccles Organ FESTIVAL

*Monthly Newsletter*

**July 2020**

*Sharing meaningful and engaging content with you throughout the summer! Keep reading and find out what we have in store for you this month.*

## **Concert Schedule Coming Soon...**

We have been working very hard to finalize the Concert Schedule for the 27th Annual Eccles Organ Festival. Be on the lookout for a special message announcing the forthcoming 2020/2021 concert season.

## **26th Season *Replay***

Looking for some newly released recordings of great performances? Subscribe to our YouTube Channel and enjoy most of the performances from the past 26th Season. New recordings released every Saturday. And don't forget to "Like" and to "Share"!

[Subscribe today!](#)

### **This Month's Selection**

July 11

Maurice Duruflé, **Scherzo**

*performed by Benjamin Sheen*

July 18

Josef Rheinberger,

**Introduction and Passacaglia**

from Sonata No. 8 in E Minor

*performed by Amanda Mole*

July 25

Louis Vierne

**Choral**, from Symphonie No. 2

*performed by Michel Bouvard*

***Have you missed something?***

[Click here](#) for a complete list of available recordings.



### **Moments of Prayer and Organ Music**

A **few minutes** of Organ Music, Prayer and Visual Arts presented weekly by Cathedral of the Madeleine Organist Gabriele Terrone, on **Instagram** and **YouTube**. Join and enjoy!

**Previous Moments include...**

George Friedrich Haendel, Orgelkonzert Op. 4 No. 4

Léon Boëllmann, Verset de Procesion

Percy Whitlock, Prelude on Darwall's 148th

[Click Here for the Complete Playlist!](#)

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## We Value Your Membership

The chapter appreciates your continued support of its mission to "engage, support, and uplift every organist." If you already have a membership, you may receive an email reminder when it is time to renew it. Your contributions enhance the chapter's ability to sponsor monthly organ events each year, including Super Saturday. Please reflect on how your associations in the guild have supported and uplifted you, and consider joining or renewing today!.

[Learn How](#)

## Did You Miss It?

The chapter's Bach Birthday Recital, previously scheduled for March 20, 2020, was moved online. Listen to the performances at [uvago.org](http://uvago.org).



## Bach Recital

Do you have Facebook?

So do we!

"Like" our page to stay in touch with people, events, and important information regarding the Utah Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.



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