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A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

November: All Saints, All Souls, Christ the King, Thanksgiving, Advent I. Then the headlong rush to finish Advent and welcome Christmas. As organists, most of us have at least two jobs—serving a church somewhere and either working on a college degree or selling real estate or teaching or “fill in the blank”. Our time, which we can never have enough of, is now spoken for twice. We are working on Thanksgiving services, Advent Services, and Christmas. Some of you have church concert series you are working on. Some are trying to get the repertoire learned before juries and/or recitals. All of us have too many notes to perfect, one last item to put on that bulletin, one last addition to Sunday’s service by Pastor, or one last “something” that has to be taken care of when you are already out of time. So take time for yourself. Just for five minutes as you prepare yourself for the day, give thanks. I am thankful for the opportunity to meet and grow to know so many different organists! I have learned, and continue to learn, from you. I am thankful for my board as we continue to learn how to work this relatively new chapter and grow in programs offered. November’s program is coming up soon.

Look for Alvez’s flyer regarding this month’s hymn festival. Even if you do not play one of the hymns on the hymn festival please plan to attend and lend your voice to the singing. The hymn festivals are a great way to promote both the pipe organ and the singing of hymns. We will not have a program in December—we are too busy serving our congregations! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving

Musically yours,

Cindy



The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

PROGRAM EVENTS 2015-2016

Friday, September 4	6p – Potluck Dinner 7:30p – Vespers and Installation of Officers University Lutheran, Norman
Friday, October 16 7:30p	3 rd Annual Composers in Our Midst/Anthem Workshop St. Thomas More, Norman
Sunday, November 15 3p	Hymn Festival First Baptist Church, Norman
Friday, January 8 6:30p	Epiphany Party Pullin Residence
Friday, February 5 7p	Hymn Festival [UPDATED INFORMATION] Reprise of November Festival on the Road! First Methodist, Altus
Friday, April 22	6p – Potluck Dinner 7:30 – Member Recital First Christian Church, Norman

A NOTE FROM THE SUB-DEAN

Greetings! The SPAGO Board is pleased to present the above Program Events for our 2015-2016 Season! We hope that you will consider attending all of these events, as you are able. We also strongly encourage you to invite your choir members, family, and friends to any SPAGO event! Each event will have a flyer that I will send out several weeks in advance and I hope that you all will distribute them widely. Inclusion in church bulletins and posting flyers in your choir rooms will likely generate a lot more participation.

After such a successful Hymn Festival last year, we have decided to do **two** this year. The first will be held at First Baptist Church, Norman in November and the second will be a reprise of the same program, but taken out on the road as an outreach program.

I hope to see you all at these great events!

Alvez

A NOTE FROM THE DEAN OF THE AGO YOUNG ORGANIST CHAPTER, SOUTH WEST REGION

Hi, it's me again...

AGO National recently began a new program to encourage more participation among young organists (below 30). This program is called the Young Organists (or Virtual) Chapter. The presence of the chapter takes place online, largely on a closed Facebook group. AGO members in good-standing below the age of 30 are encouraged to join this group if they have not already. Each of the six AGO regions has a Dean,

Sub-Dean, and Secretary. Our chapter is lucky enough to also have a Member-at-Large. The Southwest region officers are:

Alvez Barkoskie IV, Dean (The University of Oklahoma)
Collin Boothby, Sub Dean (Texas Christian University)
Logan Herod, Secretary (Oklahoma City University)
Jillian Gardner, Member-at-Large (Baylor University)

Below is a Call for Participation for our first on-going program, the "Composer of the Week" project. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about this exciting new endeavor.

Best,

Alvez

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION:
THE NEW AGO YOUNG ORGANISTS CHAPTER IS ACCEPTING
SUBMISSIONS FOR THE "COMPOSER OF THE WEEK" PROJECT**

Dear Southwest Young Organist Chapter Members,

Your executive board has decided on a "Composers of the Week" project as one of our contributions to the Virtual Chapter Facebook page. I hope you have seen some of the first posts and that they have been informative.

I am excited to announce that member Graham Schultz will be taking over this project. He will be the one posting to Facebook every week and keeping an archive of all the posts.

As a virtual chapter, it can often be difficult for members to participate. At this time, on behalf of the executive committee, I would like to enlist your help. We need people to write a short bio of composers like the ones posted. If you have a favorite composer that you think the organ world needs to know about, this is your chance! All posts should be kept relatively short - under 200 words. Included should be the composer's website (if they are living) or a link to scores, video, or audio of the music. This is a chance to share organ music that is not studied in organ lit class with the greater organ community.

If you would like to participate, please contact Graham Schultz at gschultz@incarnation.org. All composers will need to be approved.

A running list of the composers who have been written about can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eMvJ25pqhMS1VvMv6rjggS4efkyioaeauGIT4rqiYH8/edit?usp=sharing>

Please, share your knowledge of organ composers that might be forgotten or unknown. The organ has a vast repertoire and this is a great opportunity to share it with your peers!

Thank you,

Collin

PRAYER SERVICE AND ORGAN RECITAL IN MEMORY OF PAUL JENKINS

On Sunday, November 22, at 4:00 pm an organ recital will be presented at Christ the King Catholic Church in Oklahoma City, in memory of Paul Jenkins. Paul was the organ instructor at Stetson University in Deland, Florida for 37 years. He passed on August 12, 2015 in Oklahoma City after living in Oklahoma City with his wife Janice for the past several years.

The recital will be presented by three of Paul's "grand students". Alvez Barkoskie, Edwin Day, and Silviya Mateva all studied organ with former students of Paul Jenkins. The program will include works by Albright, Bach, Bolcom, Bruhns, Hindemith, Locklair, and Vierne. The recital is free and open to the public. Christ the King is located at 8005 Dorset Dr. in Oklahoma City.

**The Deadline for inclusion of events and articles for the December
Newsletter is Friday, November 27**

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