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A note from the Dean



Friends,

The fall term has finally arrived and the University and its surrounding communities, including our SPAGO chapter, are coming back to life. We have planned a full and varied program year detailed below in a letter from our Sub Dean, Dr. Damin Spritzer.

To begin our season, on Friday, August 26th at seven o'clock in the evening, we will celebrate our chapter's Convocation Vespers and Installation of Officers at Saint Thomas More University Parish. We are excited and honored to have the President of the American Guild of Organists, Dr. Michael Bedford, join us to lead the installation portion of the ceremony. In addition to Dr. Bedford, we are also pleased to have Drs. Sproat, Pajan, Spritzer, and Schwandt join us to play voluntaries, hymns, and anthems. Following Vespers, a members' dinner will be served in the Louise Kay Education Center. Please RSVP to nolanpatrickreilly@gmail.com by Wednesday, August 24.

Saint Thomas More is located at 100 Stinson Street in Norman, Oklahoma. Parking is available in the lots to the East and North of the church campus.

One of our important missions for this year is to *grow the guild*. The mission of the AGO is to promote good organ and choral music within our communities, and you do not have to be an organist to join. If you know of any organists, choir directors, piano teachers, or clergy members that would benefit from joining our professional organization, please consider inviting them to join. We would also like to encourage fans of organ music to become "Friends of the Guild."

I hope this newsletter finds you rested and ready for a busy and productive season!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Nolan Patrick Reilly

A Note from the Sub Dean



Dear Fellow SPAGO Members,

Welcome to our Fall 2016 slate of programs! I am delighted to be your Sub-Dean and look forward to serving. We are so looking forward to the season and have enjoyed planning a really varied series of events. We are also excited that we will have multiple opportunities to partner with the American Organ Institute at OU, and with our sister AGO chapter in Oklahoma City.

Our season begins with a Convocation Vespers and a catered dinner on Friday night, August 26th, at St. Thomas More University Parish. Participants in the service include chapter members, faculty, OU alumni, and our AGO President, Dr. Michael Bedford.

Dr. Tim Sharp, the president of the American Choral Directors Association, will be presenting a workshop for us (location TBC) on November 11th, and will be teaching basic conducting skills for organists.

Dr. John Schwandt, noted concert organist and the head of the organ department at OU, will be featured later this year in a narrated and accompanied performance of “Peter and the Wolf,” aimed specifically at the elementary schools of our communities. (Dr. Schwandt will also be featured in his 11th Annual Holiday Pipes concert at OU on December 9th, and admission will be free!).

I look forward to seeing you all!

Pax et bonum,
Damin Spritzer

Calendar

Southern Plains Events – Fall 2016

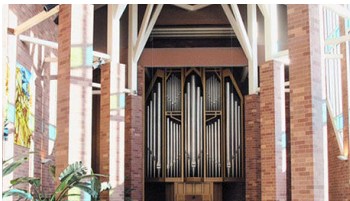


Convocation Vespers, Installation of Officers, and AGO Dinner

Friday, August 26

Seven o'clock in the evening

100 Stinson Street, Norman
www.stm-ou.org - 405.321.0990



OU Faculty Recital featuring Dr. Damin Spritzer

Sunday, August 28

Three o'clock in the afternoon

500 W Boyd St, Norman
aoi.ou.edu - 405.325.4101

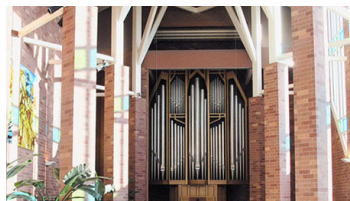


SPAGO Conducting Workshop featuring Dr. Tim Sharp, President of ACDA

November 11

Seven o'clock in the evening

Location TBA



OU Holiday Pipes featuring Dr. John Schwandt

December 9

Seven o'clock in the evening

500 W Boyd St, Norman
aoi.ou.edu - 405.325.4101

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