



The Tulsa Tracker

Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter,
American Guild of Organists
January, 2019

From the Dean...

Dear friends,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season! As I write, 2018 is drawing to a close and I have been trying to rest up from all the Christmas services. I hope you all have had a break too.

The next few months will be an exciting time for me. The new Schoenstein organ at St John's Episcopal Church will be dedicated on Sunday, February 24 with an organ recital at 5:00 pm by yours truly, followed by the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm. I invite you all to mark your calendars and be present for this grand occasion!

At St John's our Rector of twelve years has just moved on to serve a new parish in San Antonio. At the same time, Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa as well as St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in OKC are also going through clergy transitions. This is a lot of change for our Diocese, and I'd like to think that the music programs of all three parishes will provide stability right now.

I mention these transitions to make this point: as musicians in religious institutions all of us play a key leadership role, not merely a musical one. In 2019 I hope we will all be mindful of our roles not just as functioning musicians, but of the pastoral and spiritual dimensions our profession calls us to.

I wish you abundant blessings in this new year! In the meantime, I hope many of you can attend our chapter brunch at Ol' Vine. See you in January,

Joseph

Joseph Arndt, Dean



From the Sub-Dean...

Dear friends and colleagues,

I trust the Advent and Christmas seasons have been as much of a blessing to you as they have been to me. There has been so much great music. I particularly enjoyed the excellent performance of Messiah, directed by Timothy Brown, at St. John's. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful events right here in Tulsa. After all the hard work that I know each of you put in, here's hoping you can enjoy a little rest and recuperation.

Our January meeting is a brunch at Ol' Vine Fresh Grill in Brookside. Join us at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 12 for a well-earned time of relaxation and conversation. If you have not yet made your reservation, please contact me ASAP.

I am really looking forward to our February meeting, featuring performances by several students from the American Organ Institute in Norman. This will be a great opportunity to support these talented young organists at First Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be at 6:30, and the recital at 7:30, on Friday, February 1st. Please make your reservations with Fred Elder by January 27th.

See you there!

Terry

Terry Cast, Sub-Dean

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Please Come to a New Year's Brunch!



10:00am on Saturday, January 12, 2019

Ol' Vine Fresh Grill

3523 S Peoria – parking is available behind the restaurant

Planning to come? Please let Terry Cast know as soon as possible:

918-240-5559 or tcast978@gmail.com

It is helpful to have a head count to reserve the appropriate room at the restaurant!

Mark your calendar:

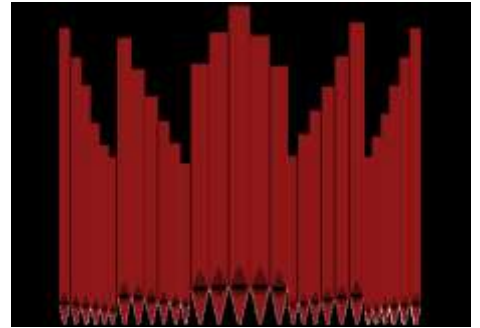
Friday, February 1, 2019 at 6:30pm

Dinner and Chapter Dinner and Meeting

Reservations: fredelder@cox.net or 918-622-1472

*Recital by Students at the American Organ Institute of OU
at 7:30pm*

First Presbyterian Church, 709 S Boston Ave, Tulsa



In the Community:

Epiphany Procession • Sunday, January 6 at 5:00pm

Candlelight service celebrating the arrival of the larger-than-life Three Kings; choral music will include Jacob Handl's *Ab Oriente* and Malcolm Archer's *Bethlehem, of noblest cities*; please bring a gift for a child in need to leave at the altar. Gifts will be donated to DHS for distribution.

Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati, Tulsa • followed by chili supper in the Great Hall

Tuesdays at Trinity • 30-minute recitals starting at 12:05pm

Jan 8 – **Karen Rich**, Organist

Jan 15 – **John Riester**, Organist – University of Oklahoma

Jan 22 – **Stephen Wurst**, Organist – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmond

Jan 29 – **Nicholas Wilson**, Organist – St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Broken Arrow

Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati, Tulsa



36th Annual Masterworks Concert • Thursday, January 10 at 7:00pm

Featuring "Requiem" by Maurice Duruflé; **Kevin Pearson**, director; **Casey Cantwell**, organist

Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati, Tulsa

Second Saturday Silents • Saturday, January 12 at 11:00am

The romantic comedy *Ella Cinders* starring Colleen Moore will be shown with accompaniment provided by

Bill Rowland on the Circle's Robert Morton theatre pipe organ

Circle Cinema, 10 S Lewis Avenue, Tulsa • \$5 admission; \$2 age 16 and under

Third Thursday Recital Series • January 17 at 12:15pm

Presenting organist **Karen Rich** • University UMC, 500 S College Ave, Tulsa

Choral Evensong • Sunday, January 20 at 5:00pm

Sung by the choir: William Smith *Responses*; Willan *Service in E-flat Major*; Turner *O Trinity, most blessed Light*

Trinity Episcopal Church, 502 S Cincinnati, Tulsa • Reception following

Winter Silent Movie • Monday, January 21 at 7:00pm

Sooner State Chapter American Theater Organ Society • Circle Cinema, 10 S Lewis Avenue, Tulsa

Farewell Concert • Sunday, January 27 at 5:00pm

Presented by the Choir in celebration of the ministry of Father Stephen McKee on his retirement
Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati Ave, Tulsa • Free

Choral Evensong • Sunday, January 27 at 5:30pm

Music to include *Service in B minor* by T. Tertius Noble and *Alma Redemptoris Mater* by Samuel Backman
Samuel Backman, Organist; **Joseph Arndt**, Director • St. John's Episcopal Church, 4200 S Atlanta Place, Tulsa

Vocal Master Class • Monday, January 28, 3:00 – 5:00pm

Led by J. Donald Feagin visiting artist **Elaine Alvarez**, Soprano
Meinig Recital Hall in the Lorton PAC, 8th & S Harvard, University of Tulsa Campus • Free

Recital with Commentary • Tuesday, January 29 at 7:30pm

Cuban-American soprano Elaine Alvarez is a Metropolitan Opera artist who has garnered international acclaim for her passionate portrayals of bel canto and verismo operatic heroines and whose “melting, voluminous” voice of “buffed bronze” has also been described as “lush and soulful.” In collaboration with TU pianist Brady McElligott, Ms. Alvarez will perform song cycles by Spanish composers Joaquin Turina and Xavier Montsalvatge, and speak about their relevance to the Afro-Cuban experience during the Spanish-American War. The recital will include works by Bizet, Liszt, and Strauss, among others.

Gussman Concert Hall in the Lorton PAC, 8th & S Harvard, University of Tulsa Campus • Free

In the Region:

Music for the Nativity • Friday, January 4 at 12:00 Noon

Presented in the sanctuary choir loft by organist **Scott Raab**, followed by lunch in Watchorn Hall
First Presbyterian Church, 1001 NW 25th Street, Oklahoma City

Richard Hixson Birthday Concert • Friday, January 11 at 8:00pm

Organist **Michael Kleinschmidt** in concert • Christ Episcopal Church, 509 Scott Street, Little Rock, AR

Choral Evensong and Organ Recital • Sunday, January 13 at 5:00pm

Sung by the Cathedral Choir and Organist **Robert Fasol**, St. Luke's UMC, Oklahoma City
St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 127 NW 7th Street, Oklahoma City

Transfigured Nights • Sunday, January 13 at 7:00pm

Recital by organist **Craig Cramer** • Church of the Transfiguration, 14115 Hillcrest Road, Dallas, TX

Organ Recital • Friday, January 18 at 7:00pm

Organist **Alcéé Chriss** in concert • Landreth Hall, TCU Campus, Fort Worth, TX

Kemp Concert Series • Saturday, January 19 at 7:30pm

Presenting the Concert Choir of Westminster Choir College
First Presbyterian Church, 1001 NW 25th Street, Oklahoma City • Free

Faculty Recital • Friday, January 25 at 8:00pm

Organist **Damin Spritzer** in concert • Catlett Music Center, 500 W Boyd Street, Norman



Coming in February:

Student Recital • Friday, February 1 at 7:30pm

Featuring organ students from the American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma
First Presbyterian Church, 709 S Boston Ave, Tulsa

Dedication of the Schoenstein Organ • Sunday, February 24

5:00pm – Organ Recital by **Joseph Arndt**

5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist with The Right Rev. Neil Alexander, Dean of the School of Theology at the
University of the South • St. John's Episcopal Church, 4200 S Atlanta Place, Tulsa

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