



The Tulsa Tracker

Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter,
American Guild of Organists
Special Edition for March, 2020

From the Dean...

Dear Members and Friends of the Tulsa AGO,

Every hour I hear of more churches closing or scaling down their activities. Boston Avenue UMC is closed until mid-April. All Souls Unitarian Church is closed until further notice. The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma is closing all churches at least through Lent. Many churches are making plans for streamed liturgies and services. I hear of more concert and rehearsal cancellations. As a Chapter, we have followed suit and postponed the recital by Daniel Chang on March 27.

This is a very difficult time for freelance musicians who depend on gigs for income. As your Dean, I would like to encourage all of you to consider any tickets for cancelled concerts to be donations. I hope you will encourage others to do the same. And as you are able, I hope you will work to compensate musicians for cancelled events.

As a people and nation, we are experiencing surreal moments. But here are several facts I know to be true: we need each other, we need to be there for each other, and our religious communities need what we offer. Most importantly, we are stronger when we stand and persevere together.

In lieu of an official chapter meeting occurring on March 27, I am proposing a few other possibilities. Depending on the circumstances (if public health and safety allow), I would like our members to meet in smaller groups in other locations that day. Or perhaps anyone able can attend a chapter Skype or Zoom conference. I will work to set this up and perhaps we can offer this on a regular basis until a sense of normalcy returns. The purpose would be to check in with each other. I will share information about this within the next several days.

I hope all of you remember that your Chapter leadership is here to support you. Please reach out to me or any of the other officers if you have any concerns or just want to chat. Remember: we need each other.

May the Peace of God be with you,

Joseph

Joseph Arndt, Dean
13 March, 2020



**Chapter Dinner/Meeting and Daniel Chang Concert
on March 27 at First Presbyterian Church
has been cancelled
but will be rescheduled**

UPDATED LIST OF CANCELLATIONS AS OF MARCH 13, 2020:

The Bishop of Oklahoma has closed the doors of all Episcopal Churches in the Diocese through the last Sunday in Lent, March 29, 2020.

Lenten Organ Recital Series has been cancelled for the season
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Oklahoma City

“Out of the Depths” Lenten Concert • Sunday, March 15 has been cancelled
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, AR

Tuesdays at Trinity series has been cancelled until further notice
Trinity Episcopal Church, Tulsa

Music at Midday series has been cancelled for the rest of the season
St. John’s Episcopal Church, Tulsa

Bach’s St. John Passion • March 22 has been cancelled; will be rescheduled
St. John’s Episcopal Church, Tulsa

Dedicatory Recital by Thomas Ospital • March 22 has been cancelled; will be rescheduled
Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa

Carroll Craft Memorial Recital by Daniel Chang • March 27 has been cancelled; will be rescheduled
First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa

Improvisation Masterclass at OU with George Baker • March 27 has been postponed

Degree Recitals at the University of Oklahoma • all have been postponed until later in April
Contact Dr. Damin Spritzer for information about these events dspritzer@ou.edu

