



The Tulsa Tracker

Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter,
American Guild of Organists
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Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

We hope that you were able to join us online for the hymn-playing workshop led by Adam Pajan this past month. If you have not yet had the opportunity to view it, a video of the workshop can be found on the Chapter's YouTube page. Thank you to chapter members Terry Cast and Broc Hite for playing for the workshop. We are grateful to Ron Pearson and First Presbyterian Church for hosting the event, as well as to Lyndon Meyer for coordinating the audio and video components of the live-stream. During the live-stream we had confirmed viewers in Ireland, Maryland, and Wisconsin. The workshop is available as a chapter resource on the AGO national site and there have been more than 230 views as of late September.

The next online program will be a workshop on organ tonal design held at Saint John's Episcopal Church and led by Adam Pajan on Saturday, October 17, starting at 10:00 a.m. We hope that you all will be able to join us for this workshop.

Regards,

Joseph Arndt and Jacob Drenkler

Dean and Sub Dean



ORGAN TONAL DESIGN WORKSHOP by Adam Pajan
Saturday, October 17 from 10:00am to 12:00noon at St. John's Episcopal Church

"But I need a Rohrschalmei!" - Understanding Tonal Design in Mainstream Traditional Church Music Instruments
How often do we see or hear of a scenario where an organist insists on having their one favorite stop on an instrument before supplying it with something more practical? Worse yet, how often have organs been removed or neglected because the organist at the time of design insisted on having a specific style of organ that may or may not be sympathetic to the congregation it serves? In this hour, we will take a survey of tonal design in organs in mainstream traditional music programs from 1900 to the present, tracing changes in aesthetic trends and noting the necessities of a service-playing instrument. After a review of what "belongs" in specific divisions and why, we will design an organ of 30 stops jointly by committee, seeing where our collective knowledge, experience, and preferences take us.

Find the link to the livestream at the Chapter Website: www.tulsaago.org

Or find the livestream at the Chapter's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzZrCylmiL71r9c4NFs_Vhg

Calendar of Virtual and In-person Events:

Tuesdays at Trinity • Streams at 12:05pm www.facebook.com/trinitytulsa

- Oct 6 – Tulsa Opera
- Oct 13 – **Ron Pearson**, Organist, First Presbyterian Church
- Oct 20 – **Linda Paul**, Harp
- Oct 27 – **David Anderson**, Organist, Graduate Assistant at OU

Music at Midday • Streams on Wednesdays at 12:00noon at situlsa.org

- Oct 7 – Trio for violin, cello, and organ, Opus 149 – Rheinberger
Grace Wollett, violin; **Eric Smith**, cello; **Adam Pajan**, organ
- Oct 14 – **Sarah Coburn**, Soprano; **Joseph Arndt**, Organ
- Oct 21 – **David Carter**, Clarinet; **Paul Sweet**, Piano
- Oct 28 – **Adam Pajan**, Organ



Second Saturday Silents • Saturday, Oct 10 at 11:00am livestreamed www.circlecinema.org

The 1923 classic silent movie *The Covered Wagon*, starring Alan Hale, plus a funny Felix the Cat silent cartoon, will be accompanied by Bill Rowland on the 1928 theatre pipe organ.

47th Annual Concert • Sunday, October 11 at 4:00pm

Organist **Ron Pearson** in Recital, in-person with proper precautions, and livestreamed at firstchurchtulsa.org Music will include *Variations de Concert* by Joseph Bonnet, three pieces by J.S. Bach, *Three Pieces* by Gabriel Pierne, and Hymn Improvisations • First Presbyterian Church, 709 S Boston Ave, Tulsa

"Revolutionaries: Beethoven and the Beatles" • Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30pm

Tulsa Chorale will present a socially-distanced concert at the Admiral Twin Drive-In. The concert will feature an on-screen virtual performance of Beethoven's Mass in C, a screening of the film "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," and a live performance of songs by The Beatles by Tulsa's own Retro Rockets. Tickets and information available at tulsachorale.org.

Organ Tonal Design Workshop • Saturday, Oct 17 at 10:00am

Led by **Adam Pajan**, the event will be livestreamed from St. John's Episcopal Church at www.agotulsa.org

Organ Recital • Friday, Oct 30 at 7:00pm

Terry Cast, Organist with **Steve Haefner**, trumpet. Open to the public (face coverings and physical distancing required) and live-streaming at thekirk.online.church. Kirk of the Hills, 4102 E 61st St, Tulsa

Coming in November:

OKLAHOMA CITY - TULSA CHAPTER EXCHANGE RECITAL
Friday, November 6 at 7:00pm

Melissa Plamann, Organ and **Joseph Wenda**, Oboe
St. John's Episcopal Church



Virtual Check-in!

On Thursday, September 25, Dean Joseph Arndt hosted a Zoom meeting. Chapter Chaplain Father Lee Domenick led us in a time of prayer, and everyone present reported on how they are doing. Many different churches and denominations were represented, and it was interesting to learn how each is handling the challenge of worship in the time of COVID. It was reassuring to "see" friends that we may not have seen for many months, and to catch up with them all. The AGO is still here!!

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