



# The Tulsa Tracker

Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter,  
American Guild of Organists

April, 2021

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Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

As I type this column, we are on the cusp of another Holy Week different from most. I think most of us agree it is at least better than last year, as many of us have moved on to various forms of in-person worship. But no matter our situations, we all have reduced capacity with congregation and choir. I wish you all the best with your ministries at this time.



Earlier in March many of us enjoyed an informative presentation from **Damin Spritzer**. I got some ideas for service voluntaries, and I imagine many of you did too. I encourage you to watch the archived video if you have not yet done so. By the way, I am so pleased that our chapter YouTube channel now has over 100 subscribers!

At our last Chapter Executive Committee Zoom meeting, our officers unanimously approved my nomination of **Adam Pajan** to be Chapter Education Coordinator. In the coming months you will hear about enriching offerings on a range of topics that will prepare our membership for certification exams. I hope you will consider taking certification on later this year!

Stay tuned for another Chapter Check-In meeting later this spring. These have proven popular and I look forward to us offering another one.

I wish you a blessed Passover, Holy Week, and Easter. See you on the other side!

*Joseph*

Joseph Arndt, Dean

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Thank you to Damin Spritzer for presenting a workshop on “Lesser-known Gems of the Organ Repertoire” on Saturday, March 13. The workshop can be viewed on the Tulsa Chapter website [www.tulsaago.org](http://www.tulsaago.org) where you will also find the handout that was provided.

You are sure to find something new to you that will also prove to be useful – enjoy!

## AGO Certification - Looking for the Next Challenge

By Stephen Kucera, CAGO

In 2017, I graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Music (Organ). After completing my Senior Recital the semester before graduating, I began looking for my next challenge.

Upon further reflection, the AGO certification program seemed to be the next logical step in my journey as an organist. I researched the testing and repertoire requirements for each certification level at <https://www.agohq.org/certification/>, settling on the Colleague (CAGO) certification as the best fit for me.

The CAGO process encouraged me to keep learning beyond my degree. If you are looking for a new challenge as an organist, pursuing AGO certification is a great way to push yourself and adds an extra layer of credibility to your music resumé/CV.

Collaborating with my local chapter, we recorded my certification exam the morning of my graduation and thankfully passed it on the first try. Here is a look at the music I played for the certification test.

### *Solo Repertoire:*

- "Fugue" from Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549 (J.S. Bach)
- "Prelude" from Chorale Prelude and Fugue on "O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid" (Johannes Brahms)
  - "Processional" (William Mathias)

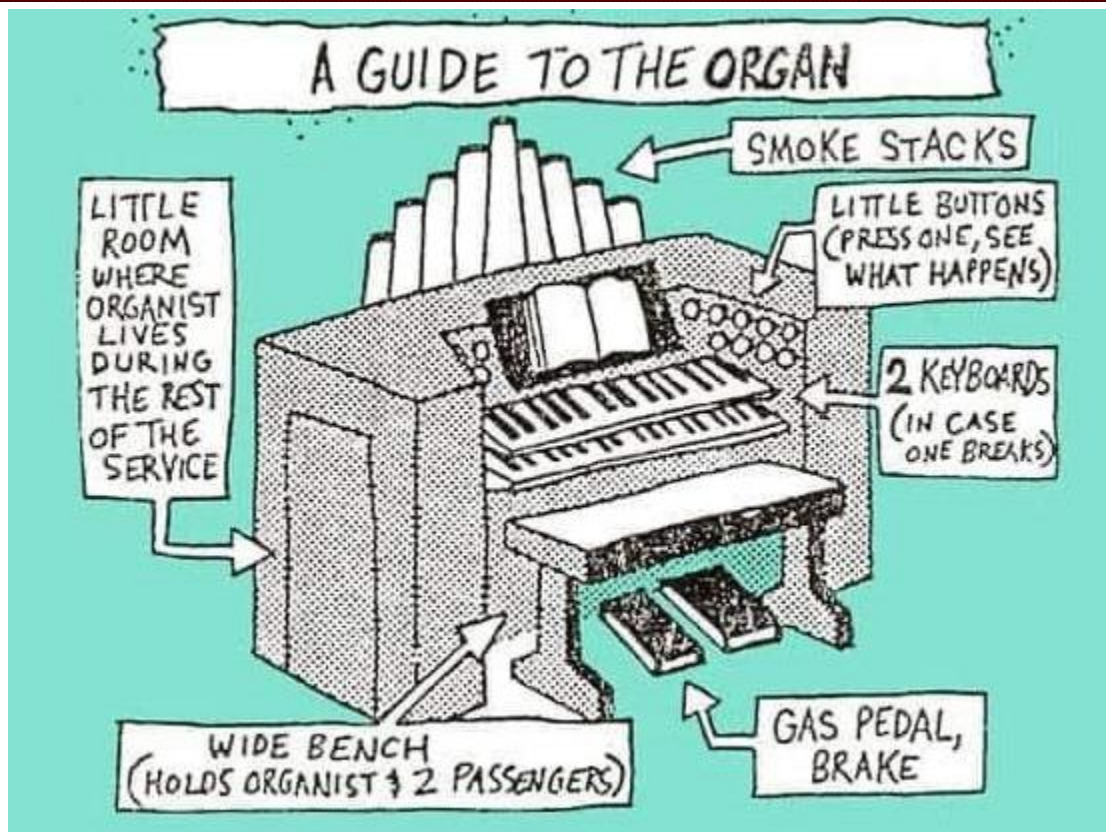
### *Hymns:*

- "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
- "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Choir Accompaniment: "Jubilate Deo" (Benjamin Britten)

Solo Accompaniment: "Ave Maria" from 4 Motets, Op. 9 (Marcel Dupré)

Brief Sight Reading and Hymn Harmonization sections



Humor courtesy of Mike McCrary!

## Virtual and In-person Events:

### Good Friday Service • Friday, April 2 at 7:00pm

Chancel Choir and Orchestra present a Tenebrae service featuring Joseph Martin's *Song of the Shadows*  
Asbury UMC, 6767 S Mingo Road, Tulsa

### Music at Midday • Wednesdays at 12:00noon [sjtulsa.org](http://sjtulsa.org)

Online and in-person up to 50 people; masking, distancing and reservation required at [dcarter@sjtulsa.org](mailto:dcarter@sjtulsa.org)

April 7 - *Okna* (Windows) by Petr Eben with **Caleb Hudson**, trumpet and **Adam Pajan**, Organ

April 14 - **Mary Ann Stewart**, soprano and **Paul Sweet**, piano

April 21 - **Patrick Scott**, organist, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN

April 28 - *The King of Instruments* by William Albright with **Scott Cantrell**, narrator and **Joseph Arndt**, organ

### Second Saturday Silents • Saturday, April 10 at 11:00am in person in the theatre!

Featuring Buster Keaton in the 1924 film *Sherlock, Jr.* accompanied by Bill Rowland on the Circle Cinema's 1928 theatre pipe organ • Admission \$5 Adults; \$2 for 16 and under • Circle Cinema, 10 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa

### Tuesdays at Trinity • Streams at 12:05pm [www.facebook.com/trinitytulsa](http://www.facebook.com/trinitytulsa)

April 13 – **Karen Gingrich**, Soprano

April 20 – **Jacob Drengler**, Organist, Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

April 27 – Tulsa Opera Filstrup Young Artists

### Living Proof Live • Weekend of April 16-17

Two-day, three session conference led by best-selling author Beth Moore with worship led by Dove Award-Winning artist Travis Cottrell. Purchase tickets: [Beth Moore with Living Proof Ministries | Asbury United Methodist Church | Tulsa \(asburytulsa.org\)](http://Beth Moore with Living Proof Ministries | Asbury United Methodist Church | Tulsa (asburytulsa.org)) • Asbury UMC, 6767 S Mingo Road, Tulsa

### Degree Recitals at OU • 12:00noon and 2:00pm • Streams at [www.ou.edu/finearts/music/performances-events](http://www.ou.edu/finearts/music/performances-events)

Saturday, April 17 at 2:00pm – **Benjamin Clark**, DMA

Saturday, April 24 at 2:00pm – **Luke Staisiunas**, MM

Saturday, May 1 at 2:00pm – **Sam Alderman**, MM

### Degree Recitals at OCU • Livestream only at [www.okcu.edu/music/performances](http://www.okcu.edu/music/performances)

Saturday, April 17 at 2:00pm – **Grace Jackson**, Senior Recital

Saturday, April 24 at 2:00pm – **Carolyn Sargent**, MM

### Organ Recital • Saturday, April 24 at 6:00pm

**David Pickering**, Professor of Music at Kansas State University, in recital • Free in-person and livestream  
St. Cornelius Episcopal Church, 200 W Spruce Street, Dodge City, KS • [www.stcorneliuschurch.org](http://www.stcorneliuschurch.org)

### A Global Affair • Thursday, April 29 at 7:30pm

TU School of Music Faculty **John Rush**, flute; **Lorelei Barton**, harp; **Paulo Eskitch**, viola; and **Maureen O'Boyle**, violin present duo and trio music with global appeal • <https://artsandsciences.utulsa.edu/music/>

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John Riester (Red River Pipe Organ Company) is selling his Estey Model T reed organ on Craigslist: [oklahomacity.craigslist.org/msg/d/norman-reed-organ/7293042303.html](http://oklahomacity.craigslist.org/msg/d/norman-reed-organ/7293042303.html)



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Nunc dimittis – **Jim Craven**, long-time Tulsa Chapter member, died on March 16, 2021. Jim was a former choir director, and a lover of all choral and organ music. A memorial service will be held when it is safe to gather and to sing.



My brother Bob Cox was an organ enthusiast in the Tulsa area. He sadly passed away in 2019. His widow has a perfect 1970's Schober Recital organ that Bob built and updated to MIDI for use with Hauptwerk pipe organ simulation software. It sounds just amazing. It has two keyboards, full pedal board, and all the stop keys and presets automated with the software. Bonus is a second unmodified organ for spare parts.

We would like to find a home in the Tulsa area to donate the organ. It would need an electronic hobbyist or engineer to take care of it. Please let me know if you or anyone you know is interested. Bob's widow is moving and we need to find a new home for the the organ ASAP.

Best regards,  
Steve Cox (in Sharon, Massachusetts)  
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**Bob was a member of the Tulsa Chapter AGO for several years when he moved to the area. He was faithful in attendance at recitals, chapter meetings, and other programs. This is an excellent opportunity for the right person or church or school. Please consider it!**



## Hyechka Club of Tulsa Announces its 2021 Scholarship Winners March 21, 2021

**Miriam Spindler Lynch Piano Scholarship for High School Juniors (\$500)**  
Kayla Cao, piano (student of Thomas Lanners)

**Zula A. Burkhart String Scholarship for High School Seniors (\$4,000)**  
Addison Darby, cello (student of Kari Caldwell)

**Hyechka Vocal Scholarship for High School Seniors (\$4,000)**  
Travis Guillory, tenor (student of Candy Coonfield)

**Jane Heard Clinton Scholarship for High School Seniors (\$6,000)**  
Anthony Tan, piano (student of Gloria Johnson)

**Robert Heckman Memorial Collegiate Orchestral Scholarship**  
Second place (\$1,000): **Corey Burton**, trombone (student of Paul Compton)  
First place (\$1,500): **Jordan Davenport**, bass trombone (student of Paul Compton)

**Laven Sowell Collegiate Vocal Scholarship**  
Second place (\$1,000): **Abigail Williams**, soprano (student of Judith Raiford)  
First place (\$1,500): **Jessi Rhinehart**, soprano (student of Judith Raiford)

**Patti Johnson Wilson Collegiate Piano Scholarship**  
Second place (\$1,000): **Cole Cribbs**, piano (student of Stuart Deaver)  
First place (\$1,500): **Elizabeth Grice**, piano (student of Heather Lanners)

**Congratulations to all!**



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