



The Tulsa Tracker

Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter,
American Guild of Organists
May, 2021

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

Over the next two months, the Program and Executive Committees will finalize plans for our 2021-2022 season. With all the difficulties of the past year, it will be so exciting to present our first Nelson Recitalist in many months. Program and artist details are being confirmed soon, but we are looking at a November date at First Presbyterian Church with music commemorating the anniversaries of Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) and Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968).

AGO national leadership has recently announced **The Year of the Young Organist** from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. During this twelve month period, we will be offering a year of free Guild membership for all individuals under the age of 30. Do you know of a young person who is a potential Guild member, or do you know someone whose membership may have lapsed? Please let me know if I can help reach out to anyone who may be interested in joining us!

To be honest, it can be easier to gain new members when we welcome them appropriately with effective outreach. The bigger challenge is sometimes demonstrating the long-term value of membership in our organization! Not only does this strengthen our own commitment, but it is much more likely to result in lasting growth. In other words, are we interested in numbers so we prevent a decline, or are we offering something of value that is sustainable on the merits?

So, I invite you to think about this question: what has Guild membership done for you in the past? What is it doing for you now? Are we doing enough? Can we do better, and in what ways?

In addition to program information for next season, stay tuned for a summer Chapter gathering. I am hoping for a patio meal. I look forward to seeing you, and thank you for your dedication to the work of the AGO during an otherwise disruptive period!

Joseph

Joseph Arndt, Dean



Renewal reminders are being sent from National AGO by email.

As the date approaches for you to renew your membership, you will receive that email! Please help by renewing promptly, and always consider a gift to National AGO and the Tulsa Chapter. Thank you!

Virtual and In-person Events:

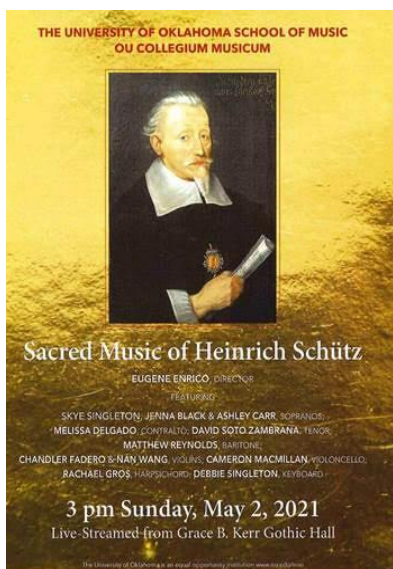
Degree Recitals at OU • Saturday, May 1 • Streams at www.ou.edu/finearts/music/performances-events

12:00noon – Rachel Gros, DMA

2:00pm - Sam Alderman, MM, with Noah Smith

To Broadway and Back • Saturday, May 1 at 7:30pm

Featuring a variety of songs from the Broadway stage, pianist, conductor and singer **Cathy Venable** will join with the orchestra as she shares her career: from Tulsa to New York and beyond. Music from Gershwin, Sondheim and a host of popular Broadway composers under the direction of Music Director Lauren Green. Tickets www.bartlesvillecommunitycenter.com



OU Collegium Musicum • Sunday, May 2 at 3:00pm

Presenting *The Sacred Music of Heinrich Schütz*

<https://www.ou.edu/finearts/music/live>

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

May 4 – Anna Norberg, Pianist

May 11 – Lise Glaser, Oboist

May 18 – Beau Baldwin, Organist, Cathedral of St. Andrew, Little Rock

May 25 – Chad Johnson, Pianist

“The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace” • Friday, May 7 at 5:30 and 7:00pm

The Tulsa Chorale will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre with two performances of Karl Jenkins’ moving *Mass for Peace*.

Two performances will be offered

outdoors at AHHA Tulsa, 101 E Archer Street, as well as an option to livestream. The performance is in collaboration with AHHA, Tulsa's Mayfest and the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission.

Tickets are \$20 at www.tulsachorale.org



Second Saturday Silents • Saturday, May 8 at 11:00am in person

Featuring Greta Garbo and Lionel Barrymore in the 1926 film *The Temptress*, accompanied by Bill Rowland on the Circle Cinema’s 1928 theatre pipe organ • Admission \$5 Adults; \$2 for 16 and under

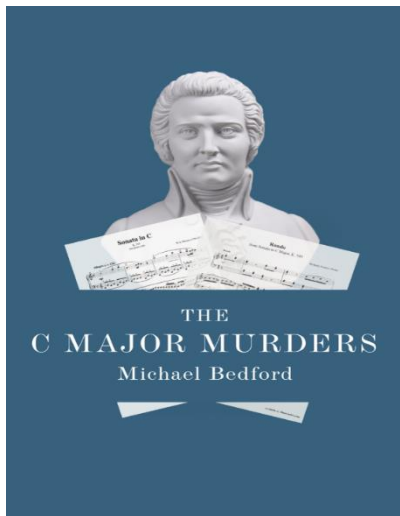
Circle Cinema, 10 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa

Organ Recital by Adam Pajan • Sunday, May 23 at 5:10pm preceding Evensong

Variations on *Veni Creator Spiritus* by Nicolas de Grigny, with men of the choir singing the Chant verses

Festive Choral Evensong for Pentecost • Sunday, May 23 at 5:30pm following Organ Recital

Both events are in person at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 4200 S Atlanta Place, Tulsa



Michael Bedford has recently published his first musical mystery novel. *The C Major Murders* is set in a small East Texas college music department and is available on Amazon in both Kindle and paperback editions. Here is a link to the book:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/Bo8ZBRK5GY>

The **Rodeo Cinema** in Oklahoma City is having a monthly silent film screening on the First Saturday morning. The post will be vacant as of June. The organ is an Allen theatre model, and the organist will have a library of silent movies to choose from. They are offering \$150.

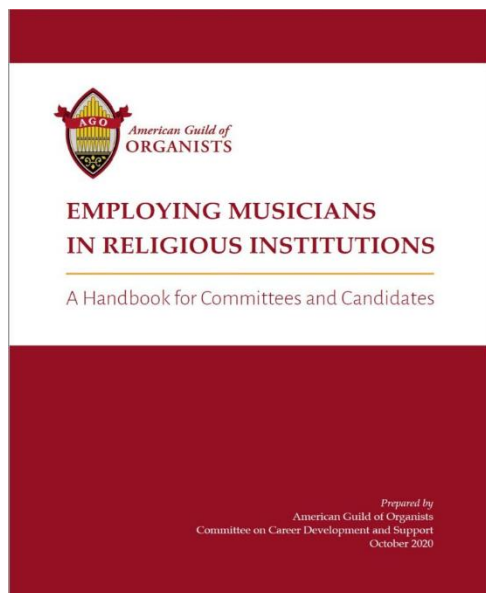
Please contact Sean Peel, <sean@rodeocinema.org> or Randy Heyer, <randy@rodeocinema.org> to discuss.



AGO Year of the Young Organist

From July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, any individual under the age of 30 can become a new member of the Guild or renew her/his membership for free! All young organists will receive full membership benefits, including a complimentary one-year subscription to the print version of TAO. This is a great opportunity!

Take advantage of this offer by visiting <https://www.agohq.org/free-membership/>



NEW!

Employing Musicians in Religious Institutions A Handbook for Committees and Candidates

Prepared by the AGO Committee on Career Development and Support, this booklet provides perspective for clergy and lay persons responsible for the process that will bring effective and talented musicians to religious institutions and their diverse memberships.

Available online and free to AGO members.
Call 212-870-2310 to request a printed copy.

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*Instruction in Harp also available

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