



The Tulsa Tracker

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

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

As we still find ourselves in the midst of the pandemic, please know that chapter leadership is again committed to offering a range of programs tailored to different needs and levels of comfort. There are some changes to the beginning of our fall programming, and provisions for both in-person and online components will be priorities.

Our fall party, which was to be graciously hosted by **Nick Wilson**, has been cancelled. I'd like to thank Nick for his willingness to host us, and perhaps we can reschedule when the time is right. Our first event will now be dinner and a recital by **David Preston**, RCYO Competition winner, at Saint John's Episcopal Church on October 1. The October 1 recital and the Dupré recital on November 5 will both be streamed on our chapter YouTube channel as well as in-person. The lecture by **Jesse Eschbach** will likely be in-person only, but more information will be announced as it develops.

This fall **Jacob Drengler**, our Sub Dean, begins the DMA program at OU where he will study with **Adam Pajan**. I would like to congratulate Jacob on behalf of our chapter on being accepted to the program. He will continue to live in Tulsa and continue in his leadership role in our chapter.

While there continue to be challenges for all of us going forward, there are still so many reasons to be optimistic about our chapter! This summer I have visited with a number of our new members via phone call or lunch when possible. Karen Rich has been very good about publishing the names of new members in our newsletters. I hope you will reach out when you see a new member announced!

See you this fall,
Joseph

Joseph Arndt, Dean



David Preston in Recital October 1, 2021

Meet David Preston, the winner of the Southwest Region AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists:

David is a church music major at Texas Christian University, where he studies organ with H. Joseph Butler. He was awarded the Nordan Young Artist Scholarship to attend TCU in 2018 and was awarded the first prize and hymn-playing excellence prize at the William B. Hall Pipe Organ Competition in San Antonio in 2019. David has played in numerous chapter recitals in both the Fort Worth and Dallas chapters of the AGO and earned Colleague certification from the AGO in 2016. He is presently director of music and organist at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Haslet, Texas.

Chapter Dinner and Meeting at 6:00pm – Cost is \$15.00 and reservations are due Monday, September 27:

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**David will perform on October 1, 2021 at 7:30pm
St. John's Episcopal Church, 4200 S Atlanta Place, Tulsa**

2021-2022 Tulsa Chapter Programs

Friday, September 10, 2021 at 6:30pm **Party has been cancelled – please be safe!!**

Friday, October 1, 2021 **Southwest Region AGO/Quimby RCYO Winner Recital**
Dinner at 6:00pm Cost is \$15.00/Reservations due September 27 – karen.rich.tulsa@gmail.com
Recital at 7:30pm *David Preston*, Competition winner in recital
St. John's Episcopal Church, 4200 S Atlanta Place, Tulsa

Friday, October 15, 2021 at 7:00pm **OKC-Tulsa Exchange Recital**
Joseph Arndt performs "The King of Instruments" by William Albright
Scott Cantrell, narrator
All Souls Episcopal Church, 6400 N Pennsylvania Ave, Oklahoma City

Friday, November 5, 2021 **Marcel Dupré 50th Anniversary Lecture and Recital**
Dinner at 6:00pm
Lecture at 6:30pm *Jesse Eschbach*, Organ Professor at University of North Texas
Recital at 7:30pm *Adam Pajan* and *Joseph Arndt*, Organists
Dupré's "Second Symphony" and the "Three Preludes and Fugues" from 1912
St. John's Episcopal Church, 4200 S Atlanta Place, Tulsa

Friday, November 19, 2021 **Douglas A Nelson Memorial Recital**
Dinner at 6:00pm
Recital at 7:30pm *Thomas Gaynor*, Organist
DMA Candidate at Eastman, studying with David Higgs
Winner of St. Albans, Bach-Lizst, Sydney, and Ft Wayne Competitions
First Presbyterian Church, 709 S Boston Ave, Tulsa



Friday, January 28, 2022 at 6:30pm **Dinner and Conversation**
Featuring Tulsa Chapter Chaplain, *Father Lee Domenick*
Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati Ave, Tulsa

Friday, February 25, 2022 **Tulsa Chapter Members Recital**
Dinner at 6:00pm
Recital at 7:30pm
Fellowship Lutheran Church, 6727 S Sheridan Road, Tulsa

Greetings from Sheryl Sebo, Southwest Regional Councillor:

I want to wish the Tulsa Chapter well as you launch a new season of inspiring and refreshing AGO events! Thanks to your dedicated officers and other volunteer leaders, who have worked valiantly throughout this challenging time! I have been strengthened by your various worship services, concerts, and other events. That collective energy helps to motivate each of us in our own personal and professional endeavors. I look forward to seeing many of you next summer in Seattle. Keep up the good work, and best wishes as you continue the preparation for our Tulsa 2023 convention!

**We have a new Tulsa Chapter logo - see it on the newsletter's title page.
Many thanks to Lyndon Meyer for the Centennial design!!**

Calendar of Events:

Things change – if you have any questions about whether an event will be held, please check before you go!

Tuesdays at Trinity • Half-hour concerts at 12:05pm

- Sept 7 – **Casey Cantwell**, Organist – Trinity Episcopal Church
Sept 14 – **Jacob Drengler**, Organist – Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sept 21 – **Anna Norberg**, Pianist
Sept 28 – **David Anderson**, Organist – University of Oklahoma
Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati, Tulsa

Faculty Organ Recital • Friday, September 10 at 7:30pm

Damin Spritzer in recital at Catlett Music Center, Norman

Second Saturday Silents • Saturday, September 11 at 11:00am

The 1925 Rudolf Valentino classic *"The Eagle"* will be featured, accompanied by **Bill Rowland** on the 1928 theatre pipe organ. A funny cartoon will also be offered, with "walk-in" music provided by **Phil Judkins**.
Circle Cinema, 10 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa • Adults \$5; 16 and under \$2

Choral Evensong • Sunday, September 19 at 5:00pm

Offered by the Trinity Choir in honor of the Twentieth Anniversary of **Casey Cantwell** at Trinity • Music by Hancock, Howells, and Gardiner
Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati, Tulsa • Because of Covid, there will be no reception.
A celebratory reception will be held when it is safe to do so.

Music at Midday • Free Half-hour recitals at 12:00noon

- Sept 22 – **Barron Ryan**, piano
Avowal from 4 Poems - Leopold Godowsky
Sonata in B-flat, Op. 1 "Magic City" - Barron Ryan
I. Allegro; II. Adagio cantabile; III. Vivace; IV. Allegro con brio
Sept 29 – **Joseph Arndt**, Organ

Prelude and Fugue in F minor – Marcel Dupré and other French music
A boxed lunch from Queenie's will follow each recital. This includes a half sandwich (chicken salad, egg salad, or ham and swiss) plus fruit and a cookie. The cost is \$12 a person – please pay when picking up your lunch. To reserve your lunch, contact Diana Carter by 12 noon on the preceding Monday. dcarter@sjtulsa.org

Cello and Harp Recital • Friday, September 24 at 7:30pm

Hayoung Lim, cello and **Lorelei Barton**, harp will perform music by Mahler, Bruch, Faure', and Franck
Timko-Barton Music Building, ORU Performance Hall, 7777 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa

Symphonic Masterpieces • Saturday, September 25 at 7:00pm

Beethoven's Choral Fantasy for Orchestra and Piano will feature pianist **Cathy Venable** and the Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 *The Organ*, with organist **Ernest Neal**. Holy Family Cathedral, 8th & S Boulder, Tulsa • Free

Concert at Trinity Woods • Thursday, September 30 at 7:00pm

Meray Boustani, Soprano and **Joseph Arndt**, Piano; presenting sacred classics and music of Sondheim and Gilbert and Sullivan • Trinity Woods, 4134 E 31st Street, Tulsa



FRI, SEP 10 AT 7:30 PM CDT

Faculty Organ Recital - Damin Spritzer
Catlett Music Center

Coming in October:

Competition Winner's Recital • Friday, October 1 at 7:30pm

David Preston, first prize winner of the Southwest Region AGO/Quimby RCYO in recital
(Dinner at 6:00pm – cost is \$15, and reservations are due Sept 27 to karen.rich.tulsa@gmail.com)
St. John's Episcopal Church, 4200 S Atlanta Place, Tulsa

The University of Tulsa School of Music welcomes two *J. Donald Feagin Visiting Artists* to campus, tenor **Steven Tharp** and fortepianist, **Janice Wenger**, October 2-4, 2021. Both are associated with the University of Missouri and they will be bringing a McNulty/Walter reproduction of an 18th-century Viennese fortepiano, on loan from MU, to the Lorton Performance Center for their presentations and performance.

Saturday, October 2, 2021 - Fortepiano "Open House" - Meinig Recital Hall, 4:00-6:00 pm - presented by Dr. Janice Wenger for TU pianists where she will introduce the fortepiano (the precursor to the modern piano) - it's history and idiosyncrasies. TU students will then have the opportunity to play appropriate excerpts (Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert) and receive specialized instruction and coaching. This event is not open to the general public, but if you are interested in attending, please email Judith Raiford (judith-raiford@utulsa.edu) to make a reservation.

Sunday, October 3, 2021 - Meinig Recital Hall, 7:30 pm. Song Recital presented by tenor Steven Tharp and fortepianist Janice Wenger in a program of art songs by Haydn, Beethoven, and Schubert.

Monday, October 4, 2021 - Meinig Recital Hall, 3:00-5:00 - Vocal Masterclass presented by tenor Steven Tharp with students from the TU School of Music. This event is not open to the general public, but if you are interested in attending, please email Judith Raiford (judith-raiford@utulsa.edu) to make a reservation, Covid restrictions pending.

Organ Dedication Recital by Alcée Chriss, scheduled for October 10 at Boston Avenue UMC, has been postponed. Stay tuned for a new date!

30th Anniversary Concert • Sunday, October 10 at 7:00pm

Tulsa Festival Ringers will celebrate its 30th Anniversary with a concert directed by former directors **Bill Mathis, Elizabeth Warren, Mike McCrary, Sheryl Martin and Jerome Robinson.** **Jean Hendon** will also be present
First Baptist Church, 403 S Cincinnati Ave, Tulsa (Please use Detroit Avenue entrance)

48th Annual Organ Recital • Sunday, October 17 at 4:00pm

Organist **Ron Pearson** in a concert which will include the TU Chamber Orchestra performing Rheinberger's Concerto No. 1 in F Major • First Presbyterian Church, 709 S Boston Ave, Tulsa

Anniversary Organ Recital • Sunday, October 24 at 4:00pm

Organist **Rebecca te Velde** in Recital to celebrate her 30th anniversary as Organist at First Presbyterian Church and the Reuter Organ's 65th anniversary year • Free admission; donations to *Soli Deo Gloria* Music welcomed
First Presbyterian Church, 524 Duncan, Stillwater, OK

In the Region:

Gould Family Organ Recital Series • Sunday, October 3 at 3:00pm

Organist **Chelsea Chen** in Recital • Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora Street, Dallas • Tickets \$25-\$27

Organ Recital • Friday, October 8 at 7:00pm

Colin MacKnight, recently appointed Organist and Director of Music, will present a recital that will include the Reubke *Sonata on the 94th Psalm* • Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 310 W 17th Street, Little Rock • Reception follows

Dynamic Duos Recital • Sunday, October 17 at 2:00pm

Fort Worth AGO chapter members will perform a *Dynamic Duos* concert. Recitalists include **Dr. Kiyo** and **Chiemi Watanabe**, **Katie** and **Scott Scheetz**, **Dr. Ahreum Han-Congdon** and **Sunny Yu**, and **Dr. Beverly Howard** and **Rebecca Sawyer** • St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2700 MacPherson Ave, Ft Worth, TX

Organ Rededication Concert • Sunday, October 17 at 3:00pm

A celebration of the renovation of both the Aeolian-Skinner and Schantz pipe organs will include the Imperial Brass Ensemble, with **Sheryl Sebo** as primary organist, Jason Alden, guest organist on a work featuring both organs, and Jimmy Emery, Director of Music. Compositions by J.S. Bach, Handel, Roger-Ducasse, Langlais, Florence Price, and others will be featured • Lovers Lane UMC, 9200 Inwood Road, Dallas, TX or llumc.org/live

Oboe and Organ Recital • Sunday, October 31 at 2:00pm

Dr. Patricia Nelson, Organist (Oklahoma Baptist University) and **Dr. Rachel Messing**, Oboist (Texas A&M at Corpus Christi) in Concert • Potter Auditorium of Raley Chapel, OBU, 500 W University Street, Shawnee, OK

East Texas Pipe Organ Festival

November 7-11, 2021

New Orleans, LA

We began tentatively scheduling this year's festival in January and had most of our artists lined up and matched with their instruments very early on. A large portion of our flagship organ, the 1949 Aeolian-Skinner, Opus 1173 at First Presbyterian Church, Kilgore was removed for long overdue restoration/releathering work at the beginning of the year, with the plan that the organ would be returned in early summer and playable for our in-person festival this November 7-11. Unfortunately, a devastating ice and snowstorm struck Texas in mid-February. As a result, the Pedal chamber at First Presbyterian, Kilgore suffered substantial structural damage and it is not presently known when the repairs will be complete.

After much consideration, we have decided to move this year's festival, November 7-11, 2021 to New Orleans. We are all so eager to be with each other again and hear live organ recitals that we did not even consider postponing the in-person festival for another year. All of our artists are excited to be playing again, and we have a terrific lineup of performers, speakers, and instruments, including two important "Perriola" Aeolian-Skinners in New Orleans and Laurel, Mississippi.

This year's roster of guest artists includes Sandor Balatoni, David Baskeyfield, George Bozeman, Brink Bush, Ken Cowan and Lisa Shihoten, Stefan Engels, David Higgs, Jan Kraybill, Organized Rhythm, Marcus St. Julien, Simon Templet, Clark Wilson, and more, with organs by Aeolian, Aeolian-Skinner, Goulding & Wood, Holtkamp, Simmons & Willcox, and E. M. Skinner.

We have a one-rate registration fee of \$500 which includes all concerts and private events, meals, and bus transportation during the festival. Transportation to and from the festival and hotel accommodations are not included in this fee. Register online today at www.easttxaspipeorganfestival.com



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