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The Dean's Column

Dear Members,

I'm wishing you all a wonderful Summer. As we begin our vacation time I'd like to remind you that we have some wonderful opportunities for meaningful experience and fellowship coming right up.

First, let me encourage you to consider like membership in the guild. If you sign up between now and July first, you can save a tidy sum of \$500 dollars on your membership and never have to pay a national or chapter membership dues again. Here's the message from our National Headquarters:

BECOME A LIFETIME MEMBER BEFORE JULY 1 AND SAVE

National and chapter dues that will increase on July 1, the price of Lifetime Membership will go from \$3,000 to \$3,500. You can save \$500 if you sign up today, and never worry again about renewing or missing an issue of *The American Organist*. Lifetime Membership is payable in one lump sum or annual installments. [Click here for more information.](#)

Next, let me once again remind you that we have a great opportunity coming right up at our Southeast Regional Convention in Augusta, Georgia starting on June 18th! Many wonderful artists will perform and there are many opportunities for workshops including two led by your chapter Dean. Here is the message from our regional leader.

The AGO Southeast Regional Convention, 18-21 June, is the leader in registrations of all six American cities hosting conventions. Because we're so popular, we're extending your opportunity to register through June 10th.

Why is the Southeast Region Convention so popular? Because generous grants from foundations and individuals, have made it possible to host six celebrated headliners, instead of the usual two. Chelsea Chen, the Chenault Duo, Vincent Dubois, Jens Korndorfer, Monica Czausz Berney, and Alcee Chriss III are playing recitals on superb instruments in live rooms with visible consoles.

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CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS

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You can also find us on Facebook, thanks to Lyn Francisco's administration:

<https://www.facebook.com/cncago/>

Additional concerts are being given by Southeast Region stars. Dr. Charles Tompkins and his son Kevin, violinist with the Omaha Symphony, are premiering our commissioned work composed by William H. Bates. Jared Johnson, the newly appointed Director of Music and Organist of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, will play a Wednesday afternoon recital. (cont. pg. 3) The Charlestons, an acapella male vocal group from Charleston, SC, are singing in the spacious acoustic of Augusta's Sacred Heart Cultural Center.

Workshops? Too many to list! All the information on the convention is at
Please join your AGO colleagues from the Southeast and around the country for a blockbuster 4-day event.
Questions? Contact the Convention Coordinator, Keith Shafer or the Registrar, Ken Courtney.
I hope to see you there!

Keith Shafer, Coordinator--AGO Southeast Regional Convention
18-21 June 2023 Hosted by the Augusta Chapter

MARK ANDERSEN
DEAN, CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
AND STATE CONVENER FOR AGO

Have a great summer!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Katherine Johnson:
Cooper Mills Scholarship Winner 2014
Duke Chapel Organ Scholar 2023



Katherine Johnson, currently a senior at Oberlin College and Conservatory, will be the next organ scholar in the American Guild of Organists Organ Scholar Program at Duke Chapel.

As an organ scholar, Johnson will play the organ during services in the Chapel and at Duke Divinity School, assist with weekly choir rehearsals, and receive regular lessons and coaching in organ playing, accompanying, conducting, composing, and vocal techniques. She begins the ten-month position on August 15.

Learn more about Katherine and the Organ Scholar Program:

<https://chapel.duke.edu/national-organist-training-program-brings-talented-musician-duke-chapel>

THE CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
SENDS A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER
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The American Guild of Organists remains dedicated to the needs of our members and fulfilling our vision and mission: To engage, support, and uplift every organist and To foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ. Your membership will be expiring soon and it's time to renew!

The AGO continues to create new programs and resources to support personal and professional development:

Discounts with Sheet Music Plus, OneLicense, the Church Music Institute's online Sacred Music Library, and affiliate membership in the Royal College of Organists, with its content hub of videos, workshops, and academic papers.

Online programming with new workshops, webinars, and recordings added weekly, all accessible 24/7. Exclusive access to the online AGO Jobs Center, listing full- and part-time positions across the country. Last July, we held our first in-person National Convention since the pandemic. Six exciting Regional Conventions will be held across the country this summer.

Your dues also include membership in your local chapter, a one-year subscription to THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine (TAO), and access to all of the Guild's programs, services, and member benefits.

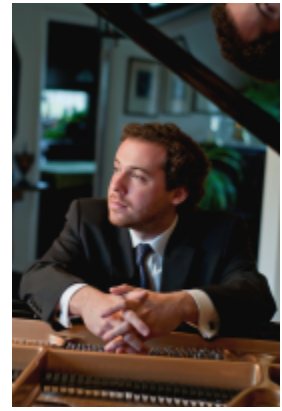
You can access your renewal information at <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

MUSIC ST. ST. MICHAEL'S
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“ODE TO RACH’S 150TH BIRTHDAY”

SOLOMON EICHNER, PIANO

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 AT 3 P.M.
ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPLA CHURCH



Consistently in demand throughout the United States, Polish-American concert pianist Solomon Eichner has performed in England, Italy, Germany, Poland and Austria. Join us for a thrilling performance of music celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Rachmaninoff's birth in 1873.

Mr. Eichner will be playing many concerts showcasing the composer at various universities and concert series throughout the U.S. Learn more about Solomon [here](#).

Mr. Eichner's program will include: Brahms: A Selection of Waltzes & Hungarian Dances #1 and #5, Liszt: Liebestraume No. 3 in A flat major "Love Dream", Schumann/Liszt: Widmung "Dedication", Gershwin: Three Preludes, Chopin: Nocturne in C sharp minor Op. Posth. & Nocturne Op. 9 No. 2 in E flat major, Rachmaninoff: Prelude Op. 3 No. 2 in C sharp minor and Prelude Op. 23 No. 5 in g minor, J. S. Bach/Rachmaninoff: Gavotte from the Violin Partita in E major, BWV 1006, Rachmaninoff/Vyacheslav Gryaznov: Vocalise, and Rimsky Korsakov/Rachmaninoff: Flight of the Bumblebee.

ORGAN CONCERT

DAVID FLOOD, ORGAN

MONDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 7:30 P.M.



David Flood was Organist and Master of the Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral in England for 32 years, until his retirement in 2020. We are fortunate that David will be in North Carolina this summer to lead a sacred music conference, and that we will enjoy this treasured opportunity to hear him play at St. Michael's.

There is no admission fee for either concert, but contributions in support of concerts at St. Michael's will be accepted with gratitude. Checks may be made payable to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, with "Music Program" on the memo line.

**All
concerts
are at
7pm**

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2023 Summer Organ Recital Series



David Jernigan

June 7



Sandro Silva

June 14



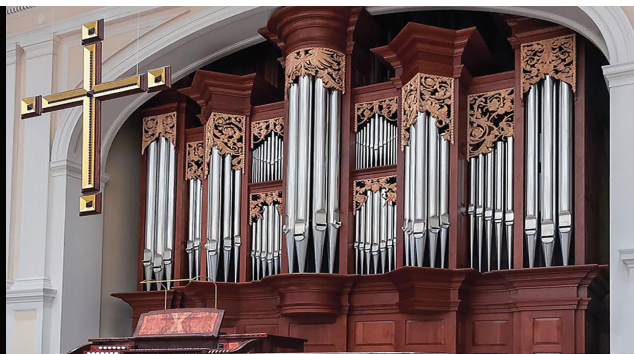
Dr. Filippa Duke

June 21

details at www.opus126.com



Alcee Chriss



Chelsea Chen

ARE YOU KIDDING? THIS IS A REGIONAL?



Monica Czausz Berney



The Chenault Organ Duo



Vincent Dubois



Dr. Jens Korndörfer



Jared Johnson

Looks more like a National Convention to me! Southeast Region Convention

Celebrated Artists | **Fabulous Organs** | **Live Rooms** | **Visible Consoles** | www.ago23augusta.org



Charles Tompkins



Kevin Tompkins



The Seipp/Sheets Duo



The Charlestons



Alvin Blount



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AVAILABLE POSITIONS

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) provides a professional opportunities service to its members by sharing information about Positions Available. This includes both permanent “open benches” and also one-time “substitute dates.” The Guild cannot endorse or recommend any person for a job or substitute date. Membership in the AGO is open to all who pay dues, regardless of education, experience, ability and/or skills. The AGO Professional Relations Director passes along information, which may include salaries offered by institutions and specifics about jobs/dates, as information is received from an institution. AGO members are encouraged to negotiate salaries and explore options with each offered position. The Central North Carolina Chapter, AGO does not accept responsibility for the accuracy of material provided for these listings, nor does inclusion of information in the listings imply endorsement by the chapter.

It has come to the attention of the Professional Relations Director that we have churches that do not understand that resumes are for the purview of the appropriate search committee. If confidentiality is critical to you, please make it clear in your cover letter that this is a requirement for you, at least in the initial stages of inquiry and dialogue.

If you are seeking a supply organist, the fastest method is to contact the Professional Relations Director with all the pertinent information. When sent to all members by email, many requests are filled within one hour. This method has saved a lot of time otherwise spent in calling an ever-changing list of names. Contact information is listed below.

If you are aware that a church/synagogue position is becoming available, (i.e., you are making a change), please advise the Professional Relations Director as soon as possible for listing and distribution. Contact:

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The Professional Relations Director will neither recommend anyone for a position nor serve as an agent for any member. The Professional Relations Director is always available to members and to hiring institutions for the purpose of answering questions.