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Dean's Letter

Friends,

I hope you all are doing well!

What a whirlwind February was for our chapter! Looking back, I am thrilled to say we had the opportunity to make two significant investments into the scholarship program, and our young organists!

On February 8th, we held our annual Cooper-Miller Scholarship auditions at Church of the Nativity. The day was filled with exceptional talent among our five finalists. After the judges' deliberation, we awarded one First Prize of \$1,500 and four Second Prizes of \$800 each. With that, our entire fund was depleted. Thank you to Lorraine Magnuson for leading our scholarship programs so well each year!

With the task of rebuilding our scholarship fund before us, we were also excited to host the "Festival of Piano and Organ Duets" scholarship benefit concert on February 22nd. The concert was incredibly well received, and the funds raised will go directly to our Cooper-Miller and Andersen scholarships. A tremendous thank you to all of the performers who made this a success, and a huge thank you to AGO member, Hye Jin Park for her hospitality at North Raleigh United Methodist Church in making this vision a reality!

As we look forward, Easter is right around the corner and will bring significant responsibilities! I hope all goes well for each of you, and that you can take a few moments between the many activities to reflect on the meaning of this season in each of our lives.

Thanks,

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The Chapter is very grateful for
contributions to the
General Fund and the
Cooper Miller Scholarship Fund



CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS

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<https://www.centralncago.org/>

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

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

Chapter Event



Festival of Piano and Organ Duets

***February 22
at North Raleigh UMC***

Performer Leslie Fox shared,

"The Festival of Piano and Organ Duets made for a delightful Sunday afternoon. The music was truly inspiring, and the performances were outstanding! I especially enjoyed seeing the harpsichord in concert. A heartfelt thank you to all the musicians who shared their talents and to everyone who attended!"



Good news!
**The recital brought
in \$2,000 to fund
future scholarships!**



The Central North Carolina Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Announces Results of the 2025 Cooper-Miller Organ Scholarship

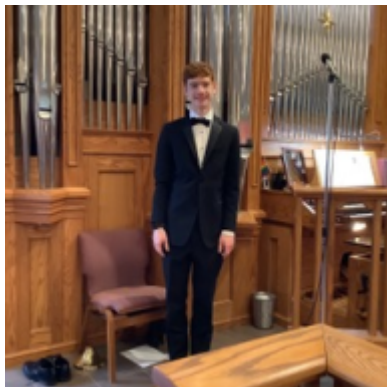


What an amazing year for our scholarship! Five talented teens performed for us in February and made it very difficult to decide what awards to give. We decided on one First Prize of \$1,500 and four Second Prizes of \$800 each. We emptied the entire fund, and now we have a year to replenish it!

Each of these students will be “on the bench” for the rest of their lives. I hope you are inspired to make a donation to our scholarship fund.

The chapter website is <https://www.centralncago.org/>

LORRAINE MAGNUSON
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR



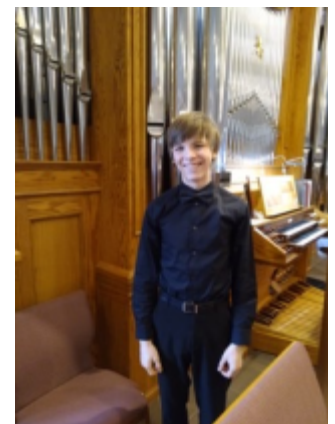
Andrew Otto - 17, from Raleigh. Awarded \$1,500. He is currently the regular organist at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in downtown Raleigh. His teacher is Filippa Duke, Music Director at Edenton Street. Yes, Andrew wore a tux because of another activity that day!



Miles Fox - 14, from Cary. Awarded \$800. Miles auditioned a year ago on the piano. His return performance after 10 months of organ lessons was quite impressive.



Sophia Tellier - 13, from Chapel Hill. Awarded \$800. She is our youngest this year, at 13! Sophia recently played for her first full worship service at a local Lutheran Church. One of her goals is to be a Music Theory Professor.



Thomas Broome - 15, from Raleigh. Awarded \$800. Thomas is studying with Filippa Duke, and he plays frequently at a local Lutheran Church.



Brody Bett - 15, from Greensboro. Awarded \$800. He is the regular organist at Irving Park UMC. He won our First Prize of \$1,500 last year.

We welcome our new members
(some have already been participating in Chapter events,
so you may have met them....)

Hunter Cox and ***Lee Ann Spahr*** from Raleigh
and
Eric Surber of Wake Forest.



We are so glad to have you!

MEET HUNTER

Hunter Cox is the organist at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. He is also the Piano and Music Theory teacher at Enloe Magnet High School in Raleigh, NC. Previously he taught at Andrew Jackson High School in Kershaw, SC for 5 years. He graduated from Appalachian State University with a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance. Hunter also holds Bachelor of Music degrees in Piano Performance and Music Education from Appalachian State. While teaching in South Carolina, he served as the president of the South Carolina Music Educators Association Piano Division and as the Media and Communications Chair for the South Carolina Music Teachers Association. He lives in Raleigh with his West Highland White Terrier, Schroeder.



Calling All Organ Teachers!

Our chapter would like to compile a list of teachers of the pipe organ as a resource for prospective parents and students. If you would like to be listed, contact John Massenburg at jmj777@att.net.



Central North Carolina AGO Chapter Events 2024-2025

Saturday, October 19 Preludes, Postludes and Pastries at Hayes Barton Baptist Church

Saturday, November 9 Cooper-Miller Celebration Recital at Meredith College

Saturday, January 25
 "The Art of Hymn Playing and Organ Registration" n

Saturday, February 8
 Cooper-Miller Scholarship Competition

Saturday February 22
 Piano and Organ Duet Concert (members and friends)

Quimby Competition Auditions
 Details to follow

Spring Fellowship Event
 May--Details to follow

Charlotte Organ Crawl-Saturday, June 28
 Visiting Calvary Church and Providence UMC
 Carpools encouraged
 Contact Tanner Winchester at tanner.winchester@gmail.com
 to register and for more information



EAST CAROLINA AGO CHAPTER
PRESENT

Music Sharing Event

Come and share your favorite organ music
and connect with other ECAGO members.
If you would like to play or are planning to
attend please RSVP to Bill Wood (email
below)

Saturday, March 8, 2025
10:00 a.m.-12:30p.m.

Lunch to follow

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
800 Rountree St
Kinston, NC 28501

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EVENTS AT DUKE



SPRING ORATORIO AMERICAN VOICES

MARCH 30, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M.

DUKE CHAPEL CHOIR

DUKE CHORALE

AMALGAM BRASS

MALLARMÉ MUSIC

ALLAN FRIEDMAN, CONDUCTOR

ZEBULON M. HIGHBEN, CONDUCTOR

The Duke Chapel Choir and the Duke Chorale join forces with Mallarmé Music and the Amalgam Brass for an afternoon of music celebrating American poets and composers, past and present.

The concert begins with Aaron Copland's stirring Fanfare for the Common Man and a hope-filled setting of Walt Whitman verses from Leaves of Grass by composer Ola Gjeilo. A set of shorter works featuring contemporary American voices—including Caroline Shaw, Joel Thompson, Margaret Burk, and Mia Malhotra—comprise the center of the program, while Randall Thompson's cantata A Feast of Praise and Copland's "The Promise of Living" from The Tender Land form its exuberant conclusion.

Tickets available at the Duke box office.

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.