

# LA PIPELINE

The monthly newsletter of the Los Angeles Chapter  
American Guild of Organists

February 2024

## OUR NEXT EVENT

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - 9am to 4pm**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY ORGAN FESTIVAL  
ORGANS OF THE RACHO PALOS VERDE AREA**

The 16th Annual Organ Festival comes to the Palos Verdes area.  
Four exciting venues with performances at each.

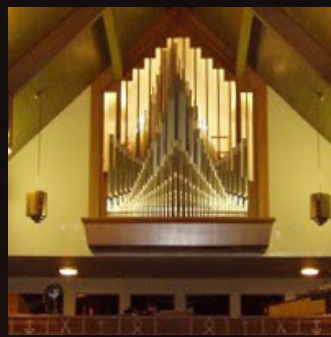
*Lot and street parking available at each church.*

See the [festival website](#) for schedule details, performers, venue addresses, to RSVP for lunch, and for the very latest information.

Please RSVP for lunch on the [festival website](#) by Thursday, February 15.



First Lutheran Church  
Torrance  
Reuter/Allen Hybrid



St. Mark's Presbyterian Church  
Lomita  
Schantz



Mt Olive Lutheran Church  
Rancho Palos Verdes  
Abbot & Sieker



St. John Fisher Catholic Church  
Rancho Palos Verdes  
Schantz

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### Performers

Peter Bates  
Yoojung Chung  
Kent Eggert  
Lukas Hasler  
Alison Luedecke  
Hektor Pitstick  
Ty Woodward  
Tyler Zimmerman



[www.laorganfestival.com](http://www.laorganfestival.com)

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# FROM THE INTERIM DEAN

## SEAN O'NEAL



In case you missed it, Kevin Cartwright announced in the January Pipeline that he is stepping down as dean due to his relocation and new endeavors.

At the Executive Committee meeting on January 15 I was appointed interim dean to lead the chapter through the rest of the program year. I am honored and look forward to stepping into this brief appointment. I, as well

the entire chapter, extend to Kevin Cartwright our gratitude for his many months/years of leadership and wish him the best in his new adventures.

I am currently a member of all three Southern California AGO chapters, having started out as a member of the Long Beach chapter in my teens. I have served on the Executive Committee for all three chapters, including serving as sub-dean for the Orange County Chapter many years ago.

Professionally, many of you already know that I have served

several southland churches as organist and/or director of music, and currently hold the position of Organist/Choirmaster for St. Cross Episcopal in Hermosa Beach. In addition to organ

### The Los Angeles Chapter Welcomes a New Interim Dean

playing, I am the owner and president of O'Neal Pipe Organs, Inc., which provides pipe organ maintenance and building services to the greater Los Angeles and Orange Counties. I also hold the distinction of having competed in the 1995 and 1997 regional competitions for young organists, placing first in both (under the guidance of James Walker since 1993 with whom I continue to study).

I look forward to serving as interim dean for the LA chapter, and the possibility of continuing to serve in various capacities for many years to come. I hope to see you all at our next chapter event on Presidents' Day where I look forward to officially greeting you in my new role.

Best wishes in this new year to you all!

## NEWS AND EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the AGO 2024 national convention to be held in San Francisco June 30 through July 4. Take advantage of a reduced hotel rate and a 5% Alaska Airlines discount.



Extend your stay! The AGO group hotel rate of \$169 per night is available both before and after the convention dates from June 23 through July 10. Take the opportunity to enjoy San Francisco. Asking your employer for funds to attend the convention? Download and adapt our [model financial support request letter](#) to use when requesting financial support to attend the 2024 AGO National Convention.

Register at [www.sfago2024.org](http://www.sfago2024.org)

### FROM MEMBER FRAN JOHNSTON

Come to San Francisco this Summer!



If you have never attended a national convention of the AGO, I want to let you know that you are missing a fun and inspiring time. My first was Washington D.C. in 1982, and I have only missed two since then. I especially want to invite you to attend this year in San Francisco, June 30 through July 4, with some pre-convention events preceding, if you are interested.

I am honored to have been invited to present a workshop on Monday, July 1, at 10:00 a.m., entitled "An Organist Prepares." It is designed for keyboardists not comfortable with improvisation. In it I will present some simple service-playing ideas, including creating your own preludes and postludes, hymn introductions and accompaniments, and "filler" music.

Whether or not you come to my workshop, I know you will find other workshops and concerts of great value. I hope to see you there.



# PIPE ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rotary Club of Claremont &  
Los Angeles Chapter American Guild of Organists



Invite you to participate in the opportunity to win a scholarship to study pipe organ!

The audition will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at  
Claremont Presbyterian Church  
Choir Room

### Audition Guidelines

- Candidates must have no experience playing pipe organ, but must have an interest to learn
- Candidates must have had a minimum of three years of piano/keyboard lessons
- Auditions will be on a piano, and candidates must come prepared with the following:
  - ◆ Play two to three pieces of their choosing (maximum 10 minutes)
  - ◆ Bring four copies of music

Candidates will be judged based on their performance on the above criteria.

Candidates selected to receive a scholarship will be notified during the third week of May 2024.

Please confirm your participation by emailing the attached application to Dr. Jim Elsasser, [jelsasser@cusd.claremont.edu](mailto:jelsasser@cusd.claremont.edu), by no later than February 16, 2024.

We look forward to your participation.

[Click here to download the application](#)

## JENNIFER ZOBELEIN - A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Ventura County AGO, in collaboration with Ascension Lutheran Church, cordially invites our colleagues in Los Angeles to celebrate with us the life and memory of Jennifer Zobelein, past chapter dean, patron of the arts, and friend of the organ.

**Christoph Bull, Organist**  
**Manuel Rosales, Organ Builder and Commentator**  
**Walt Disney Concert Hall "Forest of Pipes" Documentary**

Sunday, February 18 at 4:00pm  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
1600 East Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA.

Free-will Offering | Cherry pie reception to follow  
Email Sub-Dean Gary Henricksen for more information:  
[gwhenricksen@hotmail.com](mailto:gwhenricksen@hotmail.com).

## R.I.P. THOMAS FOSTER (1938-2024)

We have received word of the passing of Thomas Foster, former Director of Music at All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills.

From the Seattle Chapter:

Thomas (Tom) Foster was born in Durham NC on April 26, 1938 and died in Plano TX on January 27, 2024. He is survived by his wife Carol, sons James and Thomas, grandsons Nicholas and Christopher, and his faithful canine friend of 14 years, Lizzie. Tom received degrees in organ performance from Syracuse University and the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. He served churches in New England, New York state, Jacksonville FL and Beverly Hills CA prior to coming to Epiphany Parish in Seattle WA in 2007. He served at Epiphany for ten years. Tom was also a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) and served as its National President in 1983-84. He and Carol retired to Plano TX in early 2023.

A memorial service and burial will be held at Epiphany Parish in Seattle on Saturday, February 17, at 2:00 pm. The service will be live-streamed for colleagues and friends far and wide. Memorial gifts would be gratefully received at All Saints Episcopal Church, 504 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills CA 90210 or Epiphany Parish of Seattle, 1805 38th Ave, Seattle WA 98122.



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### JOIN THE AGO!

Not a member? We invite you to join the AGO with a Los Angeles Chapter affiliation to receive access to our on-line directory, jobs listing, a subscription to The American Organist, and much more. Membership in the American Guild of Organists is open to all - professional organists and choir directors, students, and organ enthusiasts alike - regardless of musical ability or denominational affiliation. See our website for more information. <https://www.laago.org/membership>

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- Browse fascinating historical photos
- ...and much more!

# CALENDAR

Calendar items may be submitted on the LA AGO website at <https://www.laago.org/calendar-submit>. The Submission deadline to include in the newsletter is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Please review listing guidelines before submitting. Entries may be edited for size and content. Visit the on line calendar at <https://www.laago.org/calendar> for the most recent updates.

## Sun Feb 4, 2024

**7:30pm - 8:30pm Festival Choral Evening Prayer**

**Where:** Church of the Good Shepherd 504 N Roxbury Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Description:** Observance of the 15th Anniversary of Noack Opus 151. Choral music of Paulus, Howells, and other ecumenical sources. Organ music from the 17th-21st centuries. Parking free in Santa Monica Blvd. structures. <https://www.gsbh.org/directions>. Contact Terry Hicks, Music Director: [thicks@gsbh.org](mailto:thicks@gsbh.org), office 310-285-5425 x1005. Free.

## Sun Feb 11, 2024

**4:15pm - 5:15pm Solemn Evensong**

**Where:** St James' Episcopal Church 3903 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles CA 90010

**Description:** Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Live-stream and OnDemand at [GreatMusicLA.org](http://GreatMusicLA.org). Free.

## Sun Feb 18, 2024

**4pm - 5pm Celebrating "Forest of Pipes"**

**Where:** Ascension Lutheran Church 1600 E Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

**Description:** Lecture and pipe organ presentation honoring Jennifer Zobelein's efforts in direction of a CD demonstrating work which culminated in installation of the pipe organ at Walt Disney Concert Hall. Freewill offering. Reception.

## Mon Feb 19, 2024

**9am - 4pm Presidents' Day Organ Festival [LA AGO]**

**Description:** Palos Verdes area organs. Details to be announced in LA AGO newsletter and on website.

## Sun Feb 25, 2024

**4pm - 5:30pm Olivier Latry, Organist**

**Where:** Claremont United Church of Christ 233 W Harrison Ave, Claremont, CA 91711

**Description:** Olivier Latry, Organiste Titulaire de Notre-Dame de Paris, in concert on the Glatter-Goetz/Rosales organ. Compositions by Bach, Dupré, Vierne, and more. Plus an improvisation. Tickets available at [claremontucc.org/concerts](http://claremontucc.org/concerts). \$35 general/\$25 senior/ \$15 student suggested donation.

## Sun Mar 10, 2024

**4:15pm - 5:15pm Solemn Evensong**

**Where:** St James' Episcopal Church 3903 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles CA 90010

**Description:** Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Live-stream and OnDemand at [GreatMusicLA.org](http://GreatMusicLA.org). Free.

## Sun Mar 17, 2024

**6pm - 7pm International Laureates Organ Series presents Nicole Keller, Organist**

**Where:** St James' Episcopal Church 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

**Description:** Live-stream and On Demand at [GreatMusicLA.org](http://GreatMusicLA.org). Free.

## Sun Mar 24, 2024

**4:15pm - 5:15pm Solemn Evensong**

**Where:** St James' Episcopal Church 3903 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles CA 90010

**Description:** Palm Sunday Solemn Evensong sung by visiting choir, ICantori of Walla Walla University, Dr. Kraig Scott, director. Live-stream and On Demand at [GreatMusicLA.org](http://GreatMusicLA.org). Free.

## Sun Apr 7, 2024

**6pm - 7pm International Laureates Organ Series presents Adam Brakel, Organist**

**Where:** St James' Episcopal Church 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

**Description:** Live-stream and On Demand at [GreatMusicLA.org](http://GreatMusicLA.org). Free.

### **Sun Apr 14, 2024**

#### **3pm - 4pm A Celebration of Frederick Swann [LA AGO]**

**Where:** First Congregational Church of Los Angeles 540 S Commonwealth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90020

**Description:** Details to be announced in LA AGO newsletter and on website.

#### **4pm - 5:30pm Path of Miracles by Joby Talbot**

**Where:** St James' Episcopal Church 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

**Description:** Choir of St. James' and guests, Maura Tuffy, Guest Conductor, perform this captivating music capturing the pilgrims' sights and stories of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Live-stream and On Demand at GreatMusicLA.org. Free.

### **Sun May 12, 2024**

#### **4:15pm - 5:15pm Solemn Evensong**

**Where:** St James' Episcopal Church 3903 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles CA 90010

**Description:** Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Live-stream and OnDemand at GreatMusicLA.org. Free.

### **Sun May 26, 2024**

#### **6pm - 7pm International Laureates Organ Series presents Bruce Neswick, Organist [LA AGO]**

**Where:** St James' Episcopal Church 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

**Description:** Live-stream and On Demand at GreatMusicLA.org. Free. Co-sponsored by St. James Church and the Los Angeles chapter of the AGO.

### **Sun Sep 1, 2024**

#### **5pm - 6pm Choral Evensong**

**Where:** All Saints' Episcopal Church (Beverly Hills, California) 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Description:** A service of Choral Evensong sung by the All Saints' Choir. June Nixon- Oculi Omnium, Humphrey Clucas - Preces & Responses, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange - King's College Service, C.V. Stanford - Coronation Gloria. Free.