



# LA PIPELINE

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

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## FROM THE INTERIM DEAN SEAN O'NEAL

Greetings! The President's Day Organ Festival was a wonderful event, full of a variety of music and performers. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who made this festival possible, including the clergy and musicians of the four venues, the hospitality committee which provided a wonderful lunch, and the artists who presented a wide variety of music. I hope you will join me in extending gratitude to Nelson Dodge for his 8 years of PDOF coordination. Thank you, Nelson!



It was wonderful to see so many turn out for the PDOF, including so many new faces – friends and family of our guild membership, as well as members of the various churches. I hope we will all continue to invite people to our guild functions, which is a great way to expand our presence as a guild in the communities we serve as church musicians.

Since Easter is at the end of this month, we will not have a chapter event in March. I wish you all a blessed Lenten season, and a joyous Eastertide. Our next chapter meeting will be a memorial celebration for Fred Swann, which will take place at First Congregational Church of Los Angeles on April 14th. Christoph Bull has organized a wonderful concert, which will include performances by several chapter members. Please, stay tuned for more details regarding a reception which will follow that concert.

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## NOTE

Due to the Easter Holiday, the Los Angeles Chapter has no event scheduled for March.

We wish you a blessed Lenten season and a joyous Eastertide.

See you in April!

## NEWS AND EVENTS

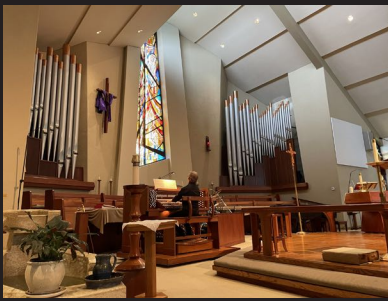
### CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLIAM BECK

The choir loft at Wilshire Boulevard Temple has been named in honor of William C. Beck for his 50 years of service to the congregation. Two plaques were issued by the city and county of Los Angeles to commemorate the event.

Congratulations, Bill Beck!



**PRESIDENTS' DAY ORGAN FESTIVAL**  
**Monday, February 19, 2024**



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.

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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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# 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 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. 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. Free.

## Sun Mar 24, 2024

### 3pm - 4pm Joshua Roebuck

**Where:** Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Description:** One hour concert including a reception with light refreshment. Free admission. Free parking available.

### 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. 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. Free.

### 7:30pm - 8:30pm Rescheduled: 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-20th 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 x 1005. 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 Apr 21, 2024

### 3pm - 4pm Lukas Hasler, Organist

**Where:** Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Description:** One hour concert including a reception with light refreshment. Free admission. Free parking available.

## Sun May 5, 2024

### 4pm - 5pm Frederick Burgomaster, Organist

**Where:** Saint Edmund's Episcopal Church 1175 S San Gabriel Blvd, San Marino, CA 91107

**Description:** Canon Organist & Choirmaster Emeritus at Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis. FWO.

## Sun May 12, 2024

### 4pm - 5:15pm Ty Woodward, Organist

**Where:** Saint Edmund's Episcopal Church 1175 S San Gabriel Blvd, San Marino, CA 91107

**Description:** Organist at First United Methodist Church, Santa Monica and staff organist at Disney's El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood. FWO

### 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 19, 2024

### 4pm - 5pm Robert Hovencamp, Organist

**Where:** Saint Edmund's Episcopal Church 1175 S San Gabriel Blvd, San Marino, CA 91107

**Description:** Organist/Choirmaster of St. Edmund's Episcopal Church. Music of Wyton, Howells, Tournemire, Kalejs. FWO.

## 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.