



LA PIPELINE

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

March 2025

OUR NEXT EVENT

NATHAN LAUBE, ORGANIST

**Sunday, March 9
4:00 p.m.**



Rosales Organ, Opus 23, 1998

Program

Concert Overture No. 1 in C minor
Alfred Hollins

Passacaglia, BWV 582
Johann Sebastian Bach

Overture to William Tell
Gioacchino Rossini / Transcription by Nathan Laube

Trois Pièces pour Grand Orgue
Fantaisie en La
César Franck

Sonata Eroïca pour Grand Orgue, Op. 94
Joseph Jongen

St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catholic Church

15520 Ventura Blvd., Encino
Dinner to follow program.



Dinner

Rigatoni Bolognese, Chicken Parmigiana, Fusilli Gulf Shrimp Scampi, Penne with Pink Sauce, Grilled Seasonal Vegetables, Focaccia Bread Tray, Special Dessert, Wine, Soft Drinks, Water

\$25, payable at the door | \$5, students with ID

Please RSVP for dinner by Friday, March 7
RGSchertle@gmail.com or (323) 828-3633

NEWS AND EVENTS

PRESIDENTS' DAY ORGAN FESTIVAL

February 17, 2025

Event report by Joseph Simms



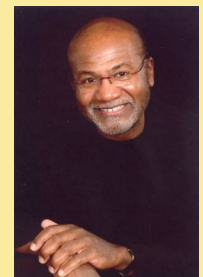
Los Angeles Dean Sean O'Neal welcomed over 100 members, friends, and guests to the Chapter's 17th Annual Presidents' Day Organ Festival in Glendale. Eight member organists played four different organs over the full day of music. The following organists performed: Russell Litchfield, Jay Brunot, Aryell Cohen, Jason Klein-Mendoza, Katrina Liao, Michelle Kardos, Makena James, and Haesung Park.

Featured churches were Salem Lutheran Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, and Vallejo Drive Seventh Day Adventist Church. The day featured organs built by Schlicker, E. M. Skinner, Estey, and Casavant-Frères. Those who attended enjoyed a catered boxed lunch and fellowship at First Baptist Church. The day concluded with a reception at Vallejo Drive Adventist Church.



DR. JAMES HURD MEMORIAL

A Celebration of Life for Dr. James Hurd will be held Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 1 p.m. in Marsee Auditorium located on the campus of El Camino College, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, California, 90506. Kansas services are pending. Please email friendsofjameshurd@gmail.com to receive additional updates.



BACH-A-THON AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL

March 3 6:00 am - March 4 1:00 am

In collaboration with the Southern California Chapters of the American Guild of Organists, Christ Cathedral presents the complete organ works of J. S. Bach. Organists from Southern California will play beginning at 6 a.m. In the evening, Christ Cathedral will present an introduction to Bach's music featuring favorites like Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Singet dem Herren for double-choir, the Diocesan Children's Choir singing Christe Eleison from the b-minor Mass, a Brandenburg Concerto arranged for organ duet, and Bach's "Wedge" Prelude and Fugue in e minor. Commentary will be provided throughout the day by Michael Barone, host of nationally-syndicated radio show Pipedreams, alongside Roger Sherman from GOTHIC Records and host of The Organ Loft. No tickets or reservations required. Reserve your BACH-XED lunch at <https://bachathon.eventbrite.com>. More information: <https://www.christcathedralmusic.org/concerts2425/bachathon.v>

Bach-a-Thon! 19 Hours of Bach

Monday, March 3, 2025 • Starting at 6:00AM

Hosted by Michael Barone of NPR's *Pipedreams*

Recorded by Roger Sherman, Gothic Records



IT'S BACH'O'CLOCK!

Christ Cathedral, Garden Grove, CA | The Hazel Wright Organ

40 Organists | 200+ Pieces | 17,000 Pipes

6:00 AM The Complete Leipzig Chorales, "the Great Eighteen" | BWV 651 - 688

Tom Mueller | Professor of Music, Music Department Chair, & University Organist
Concordia University Irvine, California

7:30 AM The Canonic Variations and other works | BWV 769, 588, 550, 545, 536, 568

Charles Raasch and Patricia Lamb | Christ Cathedral Sub-Organists

9:00 AM Members of the Orange County and Long Beach Chapters of the American Guild of Organists

BWV 538, 546, 574, 609, 615, 625, 634, 636, 639, 763, 1095

Adam Booher, Phil Smith, Nicholas Galinaitis, Randy Woltz, Matthew Cook, Judson Sandahl

10:00 AM The Chorale Partitas | BWV 766, 767, 768, 770

Charles Raasch | Christ Cathedral Sub-Organist

11:15 AM Crystal Cathedral Organists Return | BWV 525, 526, 533, 535, 582, 595, 641, 645

Tom Leonard, Philip Hoch, Ty Woodward, Tim Howard, W. Wayne Ritchie

12:30 PM Bruce Neswick in Concert | BWV 529, 547, 566, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624

Bruce Neswick | Legendary Cathedral Organist, Choirmaster, and Concert Artist
Artist-in-Residence at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church | La Jolla, California

1:45 PM Preludes & Fugues; "Little" & BIG | BWV 544, 561, 564, 596, 565, 935, 553 - 559

Peter Bates, Adan Fernandez, Soren Ficklin, Vivian Meyer, Matthew Tolman, Samuel Cher, Jasmine Howard, Sofia Quintero, Lucas Sprague

2:45 PM The Complete Clavierübung III | BWV 552, 669 - 689, 802 - 805

Emma Whitten | Christ Cathedral Associate Organist; Director of Music, Community Church Congregational in Corona del Mar

4:30 PM Alison Luedecke in Concert | BWV 156, 565, 572, 590, 593

Alison Luedecke | Founder/Keyboardist, San Diego Baroque
Organist/Choir Director at the Church of the Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe, California

5:45 PM Christ Cathedral Organ Scholars & Alumni | BWV 531, 537, 541, 543, 549, 578, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 642, 731, 734

Ethan Chow, André Lombardi, Alyce Reynaud, Organ Scholar Alumni
Philip Dinh Hoang and Serra Kim, Organ Scholars

7:30 PM THE BEST OF BACH presented by David Ball and the Christ Cathedral Choirs

BWV 80, 147, 225, 232, 243, 542, 548, 733, 1050

David Ball | Christ Cathedral Organist and Head of Music Ministry
Emma Whitten | Associate Organist; Patrick Flahive | Bass; Alyce Reynaud | Soprano

9:15 PM Christoph Bull in Concert | BWV 532, 538, 542, 543, 545, 552, 565, 577, 578

Christoph Bull | International Concert Artist, Professor of Organ at UCLA, Organist at First Congregational Church of Los Angeles

10:30 PM Members of the Los Angeles and San Diego Chapters of the American Guild of Organists

BWV 530, 576, 585, 592, 626, 630, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 711, 720, 721, 727, 729, 730, 737

Ed Murray, Emma Yim, Gabriel Arregui, Sean O'Neal, David Simmons, Mark Hilt

12:00 AM GRAND FINALE: Raúl Prieto Ramirez in Concert | BWV 526, 532, 539, 540 and more!

Raúl Prieto Ramirez | International Concert Artist, San Diego's Civic Organist
Artistic Director of the Spreckels Organ, the largest outdoor pipe organ in the world

TODD WILSON IN CONCERT

Sunday, March 9, 4:00 p.m.

An extraordinary afternoon of organ music featuring internationally renowned organist Todd Wilson will take place on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 4:00 PM at The Neighborhood Church, 415 Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274.

Widely recognized as one of today's foremost concert organists, Wilson currently serves as Head of the Organ Department at the Cleveland Institute of Music. His distinguished career has taken him to prestigious venues around the world, where he is celebrated for his technical brilliance, expressive interpretations, and captivating stage presence.

The program will showcase a rich and diverse repertoire, including works by J. S. Bach, Georges Bizet, Marcel Dupré, David Conte, and Charles-Marie Widor.

Admission is \$25 and can be purchased on-line at www.ncpve.org/upcoming-events or paid in cash at the door. This concert offers a rare opportunity to experience a world-class organist performing on the renowned Rosales/Glatter-Götz organ at The Neighborhood Church.

The Neighborhood Church & American Guild of Organists, Long Beach present

ORGAN CONCERT



"Todd Wilson is a fabulous virtuoso with fleet feet, a prodigious memory and technique to burn."
The Plain Dealer

"Todd Wilson is an extraordinary, intrepid performer with immense technical capability and solid musicianship."
The American Organist

Todd Wilson
Sunday, March 9, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

The Neighborhood Church
415 Paseo del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA

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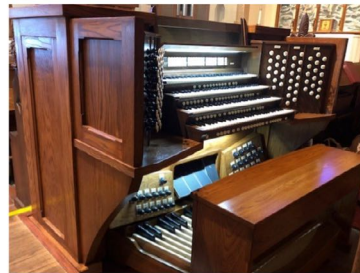
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CALENDAR

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 9, 2025

4pm - 6pm Nathan Laube, Organist [LA AGO]

Where: St. Cyril of Jerusalem Parish 15520 Ventura Blvd, Encino, CA 91436, United States

Description: Look for details in the March newsletter.

Sun Mar 23, 2025

3pm - 5pm Peiyao Yu, Organist

Where: St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church 3646 Coldwater Canyon Ave, Studio City, CA 91604

Description: An organ dedication recital for the newly installed Rodgers Imagine Series 359 hybrid organ at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Studio City on Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 pm. Dr. Peiyao Yu will present a full-length recital featuring selections of Bach, Duruflé, Saint-Saëns, as well as show tunes and film scores. Free-will offering benefits the Friends of St. Michael's Music Fund.

Sun Mar 30, 2025

3pm - 4:30pm Alan Morrison, Organist

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

Description: Alan Morrison is recognized as one of America's premier concert organists. He will be playing the Glatter-Goetz/Rosales organ at the Claremont United Church of Christ, known for its exceptional craftsmanship and rich tonal palette featuring 4,041 pipes. Morrison's program will include J.S. Bach as well as selections by a number of American composers. \$35 general/\$25 senior/ \$10 student suggested donation. Tickets may be purchased online in advance or at the door. <https://claremontucc.org/concerts>.

Mon May 19, 2025

8pm - 10pm Dinner and Program to honor past Chapter Deans [LA AGO]

Where: First United Methodist Church of Glendale 401 E Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206

Description: Dinner to honor past chapter deans. Program honoring Clarence Mader (past dean). Glendale First United Methodist Church. 401 E. Broadway, Glendale. Sun Jun 15, 2025

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3pm - 4pm Peter Fennema, Organist

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

Description: Westwood UMC's resident organist opens the 19th Annual Summer Organ Concert Series. Music of Bach, de Grigny, Langlais, and Sowerby. Free and secure parking under neighboring Belmont Village. Free.

Sun Jun 29, 2025

3pm - 4pm Emma Whitten, Organist

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

Description: Emma Whitten performs on Westwood UMC's 19th Annual Summer Organ Concert Series. Free and secure parking under neighboring Belmont Village. Free.

Sun Jul 13, 2025

3pm - 4pm Jason Klein-Mendoza, Organist

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

Description: Jason Klein-Mendoza performs on Westwood UMC's 19th Annual Summer Organ Concert Series. Free and secure parking under neighboring Belmont Village. Free.