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

October 2023

OUR OCTOBER EVENTS

Jens Korndörfer, Organist

Master Class

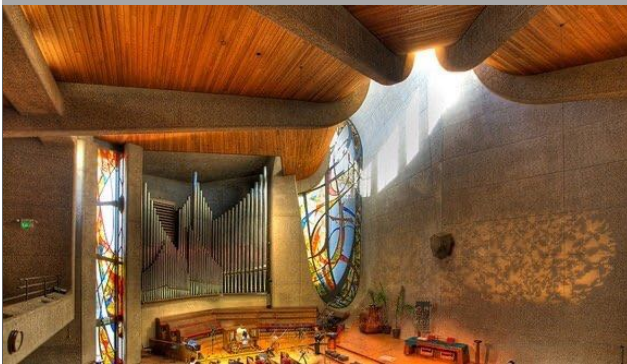
Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am – 12:40 pm

Master class participation is open at all members. Learn from our guest artist and master teacher! Space is limited. Contact Scott Anderson at: sanderson373@hotmail.com or (626) 221-5911

Recital

Monday, October 9, 8:00 pm
Social Hour 6:15 pm | Dinner 6:45 pm

[Click here to view the program](#)



Both events at
Pasadena Presbyterian Church
[585 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena](#)

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Dinner Menu

Please note the Executive Board has voted to slightly raise the dinner cost for this year.

- Bruschetta Toastettes with Balsamic Glaze
- Meat Lasagna with Ricotta and Mozzarella
- Chicken Piccata with Lemon Butter, Wine, and Capers
- Vegetarian Penne Pomodoro
- Roasted Broccoli
- Warm Garlic Knots
- Special Dessert
- Wine, Soft Drinks, Sparkling Water

\$20 payable at the door

Please RSVP for dinner by Friday, October 6
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ABOUT JENS KORNDÖRFER

In August 2023, Dr. Jens Korndörfer was appointed Associate Professor of Organ at Baylor University in Texas. Previously, he served as Director of Worship and the Arts and Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and directed the organ program at Georgia State University.

Praised as “a virtuoso in the grand Romantic tradition” who creates “performances that are deeply musically satisfying as well as exciting” (The American Organist), Korndörfer is regularly invited at the most prestigious venues and festivals around the world. Highlights of Korndörfer’s performance career include concerts at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco, Merrill Auditorium in Portland (ME), Duke University Chapel, the Cathedral-Basilica in St. Louis, the Montreal Bach Festival, the Cathedrals in Washington, Berlin, Paris, Salzburg, Oslo, and Moscow, Westminster Abbey in London, the Royal Chapel in Versailles, the Frauenkirche in Dresden, the Minster in Ulm, Suntory Hall and Metropolitan Art Space in Tokyo, Kyoto Concert Hall, and the Cultural Centre in Hong Kong.



Korndörfer’s repertoire reaches from the Renaissance to the 21st century, including transcriptions, and world premieres. Widely recognized as a “prodigious technician” (La Presse, Montreal), his “effortless and poetic playing” (Susan Landale) delight both organ aficionados and first-time visitors alike. In addition to frequently collaborating with other musicians, he has also performed with ensembles such as the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Sapporo Symphony Orchestra, and the Filarmonica Arturo Toscanini.

At First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta (2012-23), Korndörfer directed the renovation and revoicing of the Klais/Schlueter sanctuary organ (IV/112). He successfully rebranded and expanded FPC’s *Concerts @ First* series from 4 to 18 concerts per season, collaborated with major arts organizations in Atlanta, and raised awareness for minorities in the classical arts scene.

Passionate about forming the next generation of organists, Korndörfer taught first at Agnes Scott College (2014-19) and directed the organ program at Georgia State University (2017-23). He is frequently invited as guest speaker and clinician at universities, concert halls, and chapters of the American Guild of Organists. Korndörfer has released five CDs on major instruments in France, Japan, Canada, and the USA.

A top-honor graduate from the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique in Paris, the Oberlin Conservatory, the Musikhochschule in Bayreuth, and McGill University in Montreal, Korndörfer’s teachers include Olivier Latry, Michel Bouvard, James David Christie, and Ludger Lohmann. In the 2005/06 season, he served as organist in residence at the Concert Hall *Kitara* in Sapporo, giving concerts all over Japan, teaching, and recording his first CD.

Korndörfer has won numerous prizes and awards, including from the *Canadian International Organ Competition*, the *German Academic Exchange Service*, the Oberlin Conservatory, and the Government of Quebec.

He is represented by Karen McFarlane Artists in North America. More information is available [HERE](#).

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NEWS & EVENTS

2023-2024 PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The following LA AGO events are planned for the coming program year. *Please note event details, including artists and locations, are subject to change. Always check the latest newsletter and website for current information.*

Saturday, October 7, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

JENS KORNDÖRFER, MASTERCLASS
Pasadena Presbyterian Church
585 E. Colorado Blvd.,
Pasadena

Monday, October 9, 2023 – 8:00 p.m.

JENS KORNDÖRFER, ORGANIST
Pasadena Presbyterian Church
Social Hour 6:15 p.m. – Dinner 6:45 p.m.

Monday, November 13, 2023 – 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS' RECITAL IN HONOR OF
RICHARD KIRTLAND
First Church of Christ Scientist
80 Oakland St., Pasadena
Social Hour 6:15 p.m. – Dinner 6:45 p.m.

Monday, December 4, 2023

LA AGO HOLIDAY PARTY
St. John's Cathedral
514 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles
Social Hour 6:15 p.m. – Dinner 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, January 20, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

ORGAN & CHORAL FESTIVAL
Christ Cathedral
13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove

Monday, February 19, 2023

PRESIDENTS' DAY ORGAN FESTIVAL
Organs of Torrance and Palos Verdes area

Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.

A CELEBRATION OF FREDERICK SWANN
First Congregation Church of Los Angeles
540 S. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles
Social Hour 4:30 p.m. – Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 26, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

BRUCE NESWICK, ORGANIST
St. James' In-The-City Episcopal Church
3903 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles

2023-2024 AGO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIRECTORY

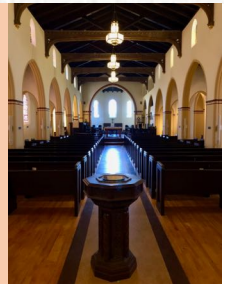
The updated directory has been published. LA chapter members may download a PDF copy from the website at laago.org/directory. You will need to log into your LA AGO website account for access. Instructions are on the site to create an account if you don't yet have one.

Printed directories are available to members of all included Southern California AGO chapters for \$18 (includes shipping) or \$15 if ordering 10 or more. To order:

- Email your request to: mistmedia@sbcglobal.net
- Write check payable to Los Angeles Chapter, American Guild of Organists
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MEMBER NEWS

Ray Urwin has been appointed Director of Music at St. Alban's, Westwood. He leaves a post at St Michael's in Corona Del Mar where he served for nearly 10 years.



CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads may be included in our newsletter for a fee. Please contact the editor at laago@laago.org for information.

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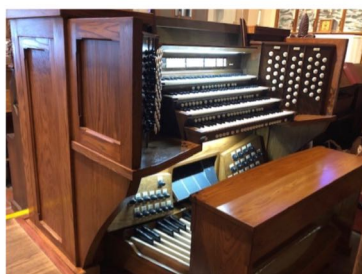
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- Contact the LA chapter at laago@laago.org
- For more information about upcoming events, who we are, photos, history, and other great resources, please visit our website at laago.org.

Peter Fennema, LA Pipeline Editor

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- Browse fascinating historical photos
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CALENDAR

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

FRI SEP 29, 2023

7:30pm - 10pm Nicholas Galinaitis, Organist

Description: Nicholas Galinaitis plays Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs at Stan's Music Parlor (private residence in mid-city LA). For program, biography, location, and to make reservations, please see: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nicholas-galinaitis-plays-hauptwerk-virtual-pipe-organs-music-at-8-pm-tickets-717582999067?aff=oddtcreator> Live stream at 8: <https://www.facebook.com/>. Cost: donation to musician. Please reserve seats via the Eventbrite link.

SAT OCT 7, 2023

10am - 12:40pm Jens Korndörfer, Masterclass [LA AGO]

Where: Pasadena Presbyterian Church 585 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91101 Sun Oct 8, 2023

SUN OCT 8, 2023

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.

MON OCT 9, 2023

8pm - 10pm Jens Korndörfer, Organist [LA AGO]

Where: Pasadena Presbyterian Church 585 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91101 Sun Oct 29, 2023

SUN OCT 29, 2023

4pm - 5pm Scott Dettra, Organist

Where: Covenant Presbyterian Church 607 E. Third Street Long Beach, CA 90802
Description: The Long Beach Chapter of the American Guild of Organists welcomes Scott Dettra to Covenant Presbyterian Church performing on the 1965 Aeolian-Skinner organ. Scott Dettra is a member of the organ faculty at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and organist for The Crossing, a professional chamber choir based in Philadelphia. Free.

6pm - 7pm International Laureates Organ Series presents Thomas Ospital, Organist

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

Description: Live-stream and On Demand at GreatMusicLA.org. Free.

SUN NOV 5, 2023

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.

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 & Parish Choir. Tarik O' Regan - We Remember Them, Bernard Rose - Preces & Responses, T. Tertius Noble - Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in A Minor, Craig Phillips - The souls of the righteous (US Premiere). Reception to follow. Free.

MON NOV 13, 2023

8pm - 10pm Members' Recital in Honor of Richard Kirtland [LA AGO]

Where: First Church of Christ Scientist 80 Oakland Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

MON DEC 4, 2023

6:15pm - 10:15pm LA AGO Holiday Party [LA AGO]

Where: St. John's Cathedral, Los Angeles 514 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007

SUN DEC 10, 2023

4:15pm - 5:30pm Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

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

Description: Advent Procession of Lesson & Carols, Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Live-stream and On Demand at GreatMusicLA.org. Free.

SUN JAN 14, 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.

SAT JAN 20, 2024

2pm - 4pm Organ & Choral Festival [LA AGO]

Where: Christ Cathedral 13280 W Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840

SUN JAN 21, 2024

6pm - 7pm International Laureates Organ Series presents Ryan Chan, Organist

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

Description: Live-stream and On Demand at GreatMusicLA.org. 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. Free.

MON FEB 19, 2024

9am - 3pm Presidents' Day Organ Festival [LA AGO]

Description: Torrance and Palos Verdes area organs.

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

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.

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

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 - 8pm Bruce Neswick, Organist [LA AGO]

Where: St. James' In-the-City Episcopal Church 3903 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles

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 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

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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.