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

April 2024

OUR NEXT EVENT

Sunday, April 14, 3:00 pm

A Celebration of Frederick Swann

**First Congregational Church
of Los Angeles**

540 S Commonwealth Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Featuring

Christoph Bull | Phillip Hoch | Sean O'Neal

First Congregational Church was one of the later appointments in Fred's illustrious career. He was organist-in-residence there from 1998 to 2001 and became the church's organist-in-emeritus on retirement. The Gospel Division of The Great Organs of First Church (in the north balcony of the sanctuary) was named after him.

This celebration will include performances by Sean O'Neal (LA AGO Interim Dean), Philip Hoch (Fred Swann's last student at the University of Redlands who also succeeded him as organist of *The Hour of Power*), and Christoph Bull (organist-in-residence at First Congregational Church).



The repertoire will include *Heraldings* by Robert Hebble, *Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue* and *Lyric Rhapsody* by Searle Wright, *Prelude and Fugue in C minor* by Felix Mendelssohn, Johann Sebastian Bach's *O Mensch, Bewein Dein Sünde Groß* and *Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor*.

THE GREAT ORGANS of First Congregational Church

The Great Organs housed in the cathedral-like structure of First Congregational Church are really five organs in one: the E.M. Skinner (1931) in the chancel, the Herman Schlicker (1969) in the West Gallery, Gospel and Epistle divisions in the north and south transepts, and an Italian division in the chancel. All divisions are playable from two identical, 5-manual Möller consoles in the chancel and West Gallery. The entire group of instruments consists of 328 ranks, 15 divisions, and a total of 278 speaking stops.

Information on the details of this monumental instrument, including history and videos, may be found on the church's website at:

<https://www.fccla.org/the-great-organs>



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FROM THE INTERIM DEAN SEAN O'NEAL

Greetings! Happy Easter and I hope you had rewarding and meaningful Lent and Easter seasons.

Our next chapter meeting will be on Sunday, April 14th - a celebration concert of the life of Fred Swann. Performers will include Christoph Bull, Philip Hoch, and me on The Great Organs of First Congregational Church in Los Angeles. Each of us will share brief remembrances of our friendships and associations with Fred from over the many years he was involved with the AGO. A reception will follow the concert, at which time we can share stories and memories of Fred's presence in our local community and on the national and international organ scenes.



Note there is no dinner associated with this event and reservations are not necessary. I hope to see you there!

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



ETHAN HAMAN - COMPETITION SEMIFINALIST

Congratulations to LA AGO member Ethan Haman for placing as a semifinalist in the 2024 AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation. The semifinalists will compete on June 28, followed by three finalists on July 1 in San Francisco.

A USC Thornton graduate and student of Cherry Rhodes, Ethan presented a wonderful masterclass and improvised concert for the LA AGO last year.

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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 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, Hassler, 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, 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 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.

7:30pm - 9pm Jordi Savall and Hespèrion XXI Early Music Ensemble

Where: St. Andrew Church 311 N Raymond Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103

Description: Jordi Savall and his landmark early music ensemble "Hespèrion XXI" come to St. Andrew Catholic Church on their only Southern California stop of their world tour. Tickets can be purchased for \$78.00-\$104.00 here for at the door: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jordi-savall-and-hesperion-xxi-presents-tickets-845559500227?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR3oPaVT6-26fYVzUSwck-74HmXhITTaHZ4afuyUJ_p5Wj3MIskiVELxFEQ.

Fri Apr 19, 2024

7:30pm - 10pm Les Deutsch, Organist

Description: Dr. Les Deutsch plays his virtual recreation of Franck's Basilica organ as it existed during Franck's tenure. Includes new arrangements, a new composition, and chorale preludes by Marcel Dupré. Location is a private address provided via Eventbrite registration: <https://tinyurl.com/248na2a2>. Donation to musician.

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 stafforganist 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 ForbesL'Estrange - King's College Service, C.V. Stanford - CoronationGloria. Free.