



# LA PIPELINE

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

July 2023

Spring is a time of organization and preparation for many of us as we finish the many holy days and high feasts of the season. We now find ourselves catching a breath and beginning to “clean out our house,” whether that be traditional spring cleaning at home, getting the choir room and music library organized for the summer break, and/or working on improving ourselves mentally, physically, or artistically.

## FROM THE DEAN

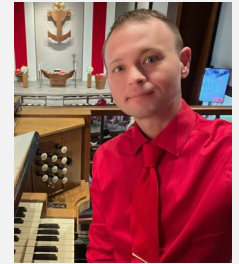
### SPRING CLEANING... AND SUMMER FELLOWSHIP IN THE AGO

Spring is also a time of organization for the LA AGO, and your help is needed to ensure your information is correct for the upcoming regional directory. Bill and Mary Lee Mistretta are already working on our regional directory for publication in August, however the AGO will be migrating data from the old ONCARD system to a new membership management system as of July 1. For your current information to appear in the regional directory please ensure the following:

- **Your AGO membership must be active as of July 1, 2023**
- **Your information in ONCARD (at the national AGO website) must be current as of July 1, 2023**

We are only able to accommodate updates to information for the regional directory on a limited basis, so please do not forget to **verify your membership is current and your ONCARD information is up to date before July 1, 2023.**

Our Executive Committee was recently presented with a challenging budget goal for the upcoming season. The budget meeting began with me stating what no board member wants to hear: “We need to cut approximately \$10,000 from this operating budget before we adjourn this evening.” The Finance Committee worked diligently to develop the upcoming budget based upon post-pandemic costs and spending patterns, committee funding requests, and other factors. We then needed to reconcile rising costs in all areas of LA AGO operation with temporarily reduced endowment fund capital gains and less member giving than anticipated. Our own endowment funds have predictably yielded smaller capital gains following the pandemic. Member giving has also tracked in parallel to our own fund performance, leading us to believe investment fund performance is likely linked to some of our members’ ability to donate. Even so, our Executive Committee, Finance Chair Dr. David Reeder, and Treasurer Doug Herbst, completed our upcoming operating budget with a reduction of approximately \$8,500. This brings our operating deficit within an acceptable margin to be funded by endowment monies. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Executive Committee, David Reeder and the members of the Finance Committee, and Doug Herbst for helping guide our chapter leadership through this challenging task.



**Kevin Cartwright**

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Our Sub-Dean and Program Chair, Dr. Scott Anderson, has been diligently working with our program plan for 2023-2024. Due to the budget reductions, we have created some new challenges for our Program Committee to ensure continued quality programming at affordable rates. We have found in recent months that churches, experiencing their own budget concerns, are less willing to host the LA AGO at reduced or zero cost as many have in the past. During the past season, higher and unanticipated facility fees at previously free or low-cost venues almost eclipsed artist costs. Future use of facilities at full rate could compromise our ability to offer the same level of programming. Therefore, the Program Committee and Dr. Anderson are currently working to identify member venues which are available at lower cost, or free if possible, to sustain the aggressive

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program schedule we offer each season. We look forward to finalizing some necessary venue and schedule changes over the summer and presenting the new program season as part of our regional directory.

As LA AGO Chapter Leadership works to bring our next season to fruition, we should not forget the enriching educational and networking opportunities coming up for us as AGO members. Some conventions may have already run their course as of the date of this newsletter, but I strongly suggest you consider attending some of these events in our area and nationwide.

- **AGO West Region Convention**, Portland, Oregon, July 10-13, 2023
  - [www.agowest2023.com](http://www.agowest2023.com)
- **Other AGO Regional Conventions**, Dates and Locations Vary
  - [www.agohq.org/regional-conventions/](http://www.agohq.org/regional-conventions/)
- **National Association of Pastoral Musicians National Convention**, Reno, NV, July 10-14, 2023 (with an Online Convention option available July 18-20)
  - [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org)
- **Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Biennial Conference**, Philadelphia, PA, July 4-8, 2023
  - [www.alcm.org/2023-philadelphia/](http://www.alcm.org/2023-philadelphia/)
- **American Theatre Organ Society National Convention**, Chicago, IL, July 2-7, 2023
  - [www.atos.org/convention](http://www.atos.org/convention)
- **Organ Historical Society National Convention**, Toronto, ON, July 2-6, 2023
  - [www.organhistoricalsociety.org/events/ohs-2023-national-convention/](http://www.organhistoricalsociety.org/events/ohs-2023-national-convention/)

Most importantly, we wish you a happy and productive summer. If there is any way we can be of service to you over the summer, please do not hesitate to reach out. Be sure to take time to enjoy ample rest, creative endeavors, continued education, travels, or whatever you do to recharge yourself for the upcoming season. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall of 2023 as featured artist Jens Korndörfer opens our program season with his fascinating presentation of works of Max Reger.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

*From Dr. Timothy Howard, LA AGO Registrar*

Did you know that 60% of LA AGO members have their membership renewals come due on July 1 every year? Such a high number means there's a good chance you are one of that group. As we approach the end of June, many members have already renewed (thank you!), but a significant number still need to do so.

Renewing your AGO membership is pretty painless, and everything is handled online: just log in at <https://agohq.org/oncard-login> and follow the prompts to renew. While you're there, please review your contact information (address, phone(s), email address) and update as appropriate. I encourage you to also consider donating to the Los Angeles chapter - just follow the prompts to that screen.

If you need help with the renewal process, please let me know ([laago.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:laago.registrar@gmail.com)) and I'll do my best to help guide you through it. Or you can go right to the top: the staff at AGO Headquarters is very helpful, and you can reach them at 212-870-2310 or [info@agohq.org](mailto:info@agohq.org).

I look forward to seeing your name on the "renewed" list the next time I look!



*Timothy Howard*

# NEWS & EVENTS

*Please join us in celebrating*  
**THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF**



**RICHARD LEE KIRTLAND III**

**Saturday, July 15, 2023**  
**2:00 pm**

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Pasadena  
 80 South Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

We plan to celebrate Richard's life  
 with an organ concert.  
 Please arrive early.

*Light refreshments will be served.*

## AGO WEST REGIONAL CONVENTION JULY 10 – 13, 2023

Mark your calendars for the AGO West Region Convention to be held July 10 – 13 in Portland. Registration is now open. Visit the convention website to explore the organs and events planned.

[www.agowest2023.com](http://www.agowest2023.com)



### Summer Organ Series - 2023 Russ Litchfield and Friends Tuesdays at 7 pm



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| July 11     | Early Organ Music                             |
| July 18     | French Organ Music                            |
| July 25     | Modern Sacred Song with Michael Fausto        |
| August 1    | Modern Organ Music                            |
| August 8    | Nicholas Galinaitis - Rachmaninov Piano Works |
| August 15   | At the Movies                                 |
| August 22   | Organ and Other Keyboards                     |
| August 29   | Songs of Middle Earth                         |
| September 5 | Bach Organ Works and a Reger                  |

Program content is subject to change if necessary.

First Friends Church, A Quaker Meeting  
 13205 Philadelphia Street

## Westwood UMC 17th Annual Summer **ORGAN** Concerts

60 Minute Concerts | Free Admission

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



Sunday, July 9th (3pm)  
**Josh Roebuck**  
 Westwood UMC



Sunday, July 16th (3pm)  
**Dr. Kristian Rizzotto**  
 Concert Organist



Sunday, July 23rd (3pm)  
**André Lombardi**  
 Christ Cathedral

WESTWOOD  
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10497 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90024



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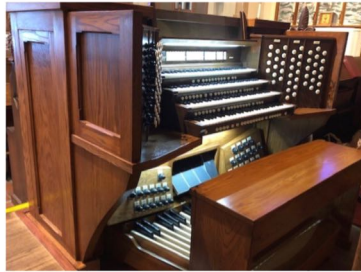
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- Contact the LA chapter at [laago@laago.org](mailto:laago@laago.org)
- For more information about upcoming events, who we are, photos, history, and other great resources, please visit our website at [laago.org](http://laago.org).

Peter Fennema, *LA Pipeline* Editor

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- 🔑 Download the directory (members only)
- 🔑 View past newsletters
- 🔑 Access the online calendar (always up to date!)
- 🔑 Listen to LA AGO podcasts
- 🔑 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>. Submission deadline to include in the newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication. Please visit the online calendar at <https://www.laago.org/calendar> for the most recent updates.

## WED JUN 28, 2023

### 7pm - 9pm Brendan Eder Ensemble

**Where:** First Baptist Church of Glendale 209 N Louise St, Glendale, CA 91206

**Description:** With Ethan Haman, organ, Tristan De Liege & Gregory Allison. Set in a reverberant church sanctuary Brendan Eder Ensemble – joined by organist Ethan Haman – performs music from the 2023 album, THERAPY. Haman will perform on the church's magnificent 1926 Estey organ. THERAPY was recently featured in The Guardian's "Best Albums of 2023 So Far." Tristan De Liège & Gregory Allison open with a debut performance of works off their new album, Life As a Film (Holy Volcano). Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/647211496007> Cost: \$22.

## SUN JUL 2, 2023

### 4pm - 6pm Karissa Raebel and Charles Raasch, Organists

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church 154 S Shaffer St, Orange, CA 92866

#### **Description:**

Recital featuring well known standards as well as pieces celebrating Independence Day with a variety of exciting musical guests. St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange. Details at <https://www.stjohnsorange.org/event/3466439-2023-07-02-organ-concert/>

## MON JUL 3, 2023

### 7:30pm - 9:30pm Robert York, Organist

**Where:** Spreckels Organ Pavilion 1549 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101

**Description:** Music from the Great American Songbook, American and CA composer Richard Purvis, one non-American piece by Widor, and concluding with an improvisation. 90 minutes no intermission.

## SAT JUL 8, 2023

### 4pm - 5pm Sook Hyun Kim, Organist

**Where:** Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 555 W Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Description:** A summer organ recital with Cathedral Organist Sook Hyun Kim featuring a program of varied works showcasing the cathedral organ. Free. Parking for \$10.00 flat rate.

## SUN JUL 9, 2023

### 3pm - 4:30pm Josh Roebuck, Organist

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

**Description:** Part of Summer Organ Concerts series. Join in person at Westwood UMC or via YouTube livestream for a 60-minute concert performed by Josh Roebuck (Westwood UMC) on the landmark Shaffer Memorial Organ. Free [www.SummerOrganConcerts.com](http://www.SummerOrganConcerts.com)

## FRI JUL 14, 2023

### 7:30pm - 10pm Stan's Music Parlor Organ Demonstration and Open Bench

**Description:** Dr. Stanley Harris describes the Music Parlor organ's development from its original 1998 installation as a digital Johannus Sweelinck 30, to the addition of the BachMen pipe organ and more than 150 Hauptwerk virtual pipe organs. Music from 16th through 21st century compositions and international styles displays the organ's vast tonal resources. Following the organ's demonstration, audience keyboard musicians will be invited to play some favorite music on various combinations of the organ's digital, pipe and virtual instruments. Location: Stan's Music Parlor Lafayette Square MidCity Los Angeles (Private residence address provided upon registration via Eventbrite). Donations are welcome. To attend, please register via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stans-music-parlor-organ-demonstration-and-open-bench-music-at-8-pm-tickets-660901964567?aff=oddttdtcreator>

## SUN JUL 16, 2023

### 3pm - 4:30pm Kristina Rizzotto, Organist

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

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### SUN JUL 23, 2023

#### 3pm - 4:30pm Andre Lombardi, Organist

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

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### SAT JUL 29, 2023

#### 9am - 5pm Handbell Director's Workshop

**Where:** Lutheran Church of the Cross 24231 El Toro Rd Laguna Woods CA 92637

**Description:** Get More Out of Your Handbell Choir. South County Community Handbell Choir, Barbara Walsh and Lynn Atkins invite you to a workshop specifically designed for you to get more out of your handbell choir. See [schandbell.org/workshop-july-29-2023](http://schandbell.org/workshop-july-29-2023) for more information and registration. This event is sponsored by the South County Community Handbell Choir and is endorsed by the Handbell Musicians of America, Inc.

### SUN NOV 5, 2023

#### 7pm - 8:30pm Cameron Carpenter, Organist

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

**Description:** Cost: \$35 general/\$25 senior/\$10 student donation at the door or BrownPaperTickets. Program to feature pieces by Franck, Brahms, Bach, and improvisation.

## Join the AGO!

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<https://www.laago.org/membership>

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Latest jobs listing updated June 17.

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