



AGO NEWSLETTER

American Guild of Organists

Salt Lake City Chapter – January 2019

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JANUARY 19, 2019 McClellan Event

Activity on January 19th at 2 PM. Sammie Tollestrup will be hosting a wonderful presentation on John J. McClellan, her direct ancestor. She has many family heirlooms to show, including his piano. We will be singing a couple of movements from his “Ode to Irrigation” and learning the history of this unique composition. Sammie has some wonderful family stories to share that you might not otherwise read about. Sammie has many of his personal effects, many pictures, his musical sketch book, etc. The event will be held at Sammie’s home, 1881 South 2100 East in Salt Lake City. Please RSVP to Teresa by email: teresa.clawson@utah.edu

DEAN’S MESSAGE

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Over the Christmas Holidays I was the recipient of many great Christmas presents and blessings. One was the opportunity to worship in St. James Episcopal Church and enjoy the superb service playing and music direction of Tyler Ballou. Tyler is a joy to watch. St. James Episcopal in Midvale is blessed with a pipe organ rebuilt and updated by David Chamberlain and the Bigelow Organ Company. Tyler is very proficient at registering and playing in a manner that brings out the most from this instrument. He is talented. If you have the opportunity, I highly recommend this service simply to enjoy Tyler’s talents. Another was the opportunity to worship in the service at Cottonwood Presbyterian

Church. To my surprise, the organist was our own Cool Canadian - Kathy Fisher! I understand she is now the resident organist at Cottonwood Presbyterian Church. I thoroughly enjoyed listening and singing to her playing during the service. The Cottonwood Presbyterian Church is blessed with a host of talented musicians including a superb choir. I highly recommend this service, just to hear Kathy play and to hear the choir.

Yet another was the advent of our new SLCAGO Website! Thank you Max Walker, Sean MacFarland and all the others who have put so much effort to finally get this blessing launched! I thank them, especially Max, for all the effort and sacrifice to get this site up and running. SLCAGO.org will be of great service for all or our members. Please extend your thanks to them.

With the advent of this new year, our Chapter is moving forward many quality programs, events and projects for the benefit of our members. Our current executive committee members and volunteers are putting in a ton of time and sacrifice to provide the best programs, events and projects for our members. I thank them. You should to. I suggest that the best way to thank them is to personally attend the programs and events, bring a guest to the programs and events, and volunteer to help with one or more of the many positions or projects our Chapter sponsors. We need your help. Make it your New Year resolution to give a little time to the Chapter. We will all benefit.
John K. Rice

NEW WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website! Visit us at <http://www.slcano.org> to check it out, and feel free to leave feedback on the contact form.

This initial release provides the minimum information that should be on the website for it to be a helpful resource for members and other interested parties. It contains:

- information for joining and renewing AGO membership
- links to new organist resources (AGO National)
- the beginnings of a chapter newsletter archive
- information on donating to the SLCAGO
- leadership and governance information
- and information about upcoming events

Many of these categories need enrichment. We are actively enhancing its content every week.

We need your help to provide content that will be helpful for current members, for future members, for skilled, certified, and degreed organists, and for new organists. For example, in this newsletter, you will see a few requests for volunteers to gather up Substitute organist lists, Teacher lists, and even for a new Webmaster to take over the new site for us. Please consider what information you may have that would help fill these and other needs.

This is your chapter's web site. Please help us build it out, little by little, to serve the organist community of Northern Utah.

Volunteers Needed!!

Volunteers are needed for the following: (volunteers please submit your availability to our Secretary Jan Bigler at gmajam@juno.com)

Organ Education/Teachers – A newsletter Solicitation for a volunteer to coordinate the assembly and publication on our website of organ instructors/teachers & SUBSTITUTES.

Organ Music Resources – A newsletter Solicitation for a volunteer to coordinate the assembly and publication on our website of organ music resources, giving priority and preference to AGO and Utah composers, publications and resources.

Pipe and Exceptional Digital Organ Information – A newsletter Solicitation for a volunteer to coordinate the assembly and publication on our website of Utah organs, pipe and exceptional digital.

Service Playing Curriculum and Implementation – A newsletter Solicitation for volunteers interested in helping Ryan North and Emily Spencer develop a curriculum for basic organ skill and education for church organists (Initially to coordinate with Stake and Ward Music Ward Directors.) Ryan North, profession education coordinator

WEBMASTER WANTED – SALT LAKE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

The Salt Lake Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is seeking a volunteer to fill the position of Webmaster. We are excited to begin the development of the Chapter's Website and corresponding internet presence beginning in 2019.

As Webmaster, you will have the following responsibilities:

1. Maintain the Chapter Website with the most current information possible.
2. The Website shall include, but not be limited to, the following: a full listing of chapter events for the current year; contact information for Chapter leaders as determined by the Executive Committee; a link to the National AGO Website <http://www.agohq.org>; and any other information useful to individuals interested in contacting the Chapter through the Internet.
3. The Chapter Webmaster shall forward the Chapter's Web address to National Headquarters to enable interested parties to reach the Chapter from a link on the National AGO Website.
The Salt Lake Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is a non-profit organization. All Chapter officers work without compensation. We hope that within the ranks of our membership there is an individual who would be willing to give their gift of time as Webmaster for the Chapter.

If you know of someone who would be willing to volunteer for website and social media development who is not a member of the Chapter, then let us know that as well. Please contact John K. Rice, Dean, at or John@slcago.org or Max Walker, Sub-Dean, at Max@slcago.org.

EVENTS

Monday January 28, 7 pm
Wasatch Presbyterian Church
1626 S. 1700 East, SLC
Dr. Kenneth Udy

The recently upgraded sanctuary organ will be featured in the annual Bagby Memorial Concert on **January 28th** at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Kenneth Udy, Organist and Director of Music will perform as organ soloist with the Young Artist Chamber Players, a string orchestra of

high school honor students under the baton of Jack Ashton, in the Western U.S. premiere of the *Organ Concerto in A Minor* by French-Canadian composer, Denis Bédard. The brilliant five-movement work showcases the new effects and sounds now available on our organ. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this special event.

2019 AGO/Quimby Regional Competitions **for Young Organists**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church here in Salt Lake City. This competition is open to the public. Time and other details to be announced later.

OPEN DOORS AT FUMC

Scott Mills: Every Wednesday at 12 noon – bring brown bag – 20 minutes organ recital – First United Methodist Church – 203 S. 200 East. SLC

FEBRUARY EVENT

Friday, February 22 2019
Clay Christiansen Tribute

Co-sponsored with Temple Square Events
Please reserve the date!

MARCH 9, 2019 MASTER CLASS

In conjunction with Katelynn Emerson's performance Sunday March 10th, 2019 the Eccles Organ Festival will be sponsoring a Master Class with Katelynn the previous day, March 9th, at Libby Gardner. The Master Class will be free for anyone wanting to attend. However, the number of performing participants will be limited to 5 or 6. Gabriel Terrone advises me that preference for the performing participants will be young organ students or artists. Any of our young organ students or artists can apply on the Eccles Organ Festival website. It would be wonderful to see young

members of the Salt Lake Chapter among the performing participants.

Bach Birthday Recital
Utah Valley AGO event
in honor of Carol Dean
March 22, 2019 7-9 pm
Provo Central Stake Center
450 North 1220 West, Provo, UT

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SEASON

All Eccles Organ Festival Recitals are given on Sundays at 8:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Madeleine

All events are offered free of charge and open to the public. Donations are welcome

January 13, 2019 – 8:00 PM
Organ and Brass Festival Recital
Gabriele Terrone and the Madeleine
Brass Ensemble

Cathedral of the Madeleine, Salt Lake City, UT (USA)

Music by Litaize, Dupré, Franck and Callai

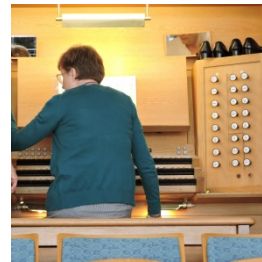
February 10, 2019 – 8:00 PM
Organ Festival Recital
James O'Donnell
Westminster Abbey, London, England
Music Bach, Stanford, de Grigny, Franck

Next deadline for the Newsletter is Feb. 2, 2019. Members may contribute items of general interest to the membership to:
jbfolster@gmail.com

New Member Feature
My name is Ellen Larson. I have taken organ lessons from Bonnie Goodliffe for many years, and prior to that from Scott Mills. I play the organ at 2 temples and am a full-time elementary teacher in Davis school district.

OFFICER FEATURE

Janet Folster, newsletter editor



Janet Folster grew up in Blackfoot Idaho. She graduated from Weber State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with honors. She performed her senior recital on piano (taking lessons from Maggie Gammell, of Ogden). She finished the Hymn Certification Program through BYU Workshops on the organ in 1997. Janet began studying the organ with Don Oaks at Boise State University in 1998 and completed her studies with John Bostron. She graduated with her Master's Degree in Organ Pedagogy in December, 2002. She currently maintains a small piano and organ studio. Janet belongs to Music Teachers National Association (has served as Treasure Valley President followed by Idaho President). She was active in Boise Tuesday Musicale (Federation) and served as festival chairman several years. She is a certified teacher with MTNA in piano and organ. She passed her Service Level Exam in 2007 with American Guild Organists. She is the mother of five children and has 22 grandchildren. She resides with her husband, Steve in Layton.