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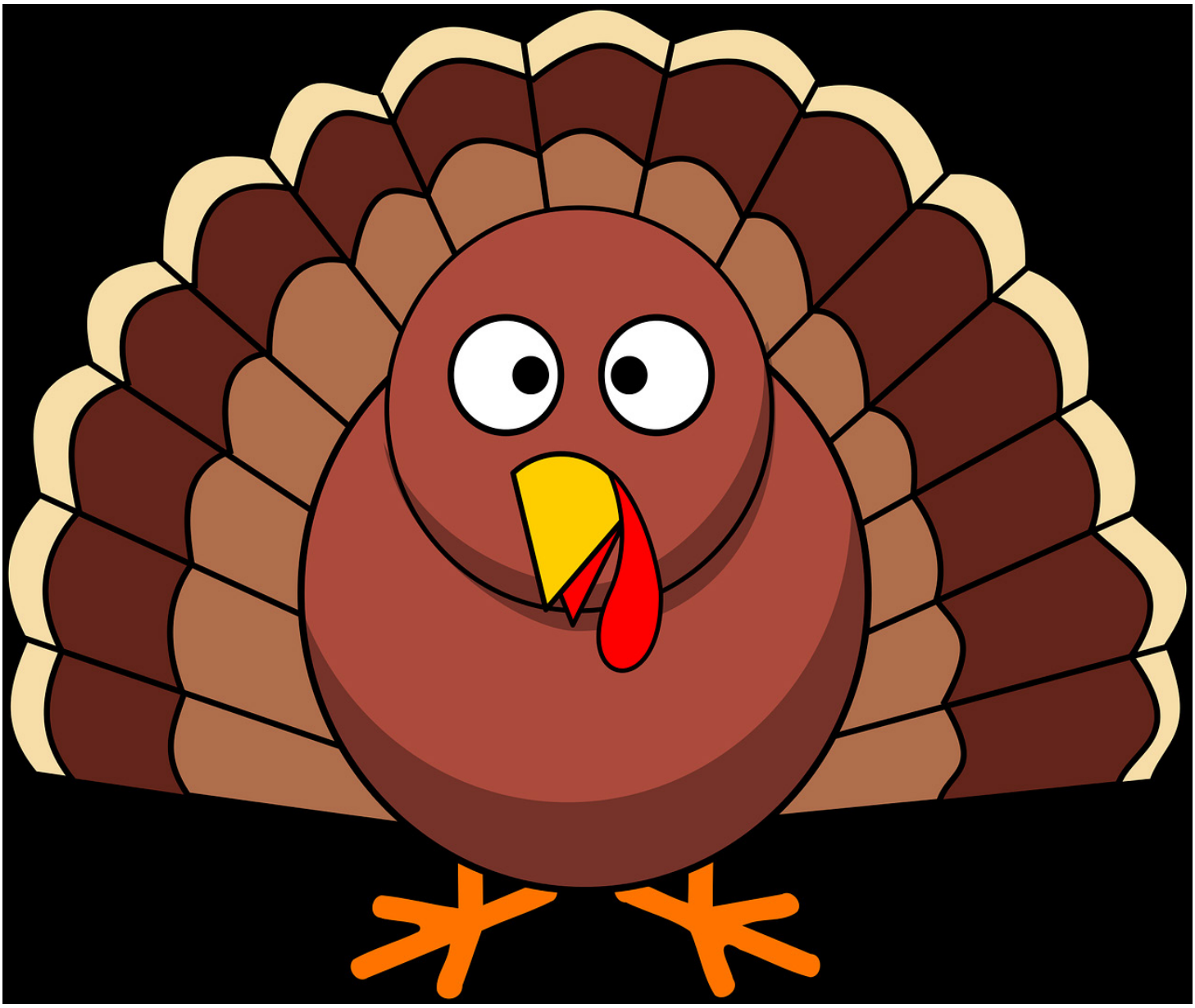
The Newsletter of Los Angeles Chapter, American Guild of Organists



A Very Happy Zooming Thanksgiving to all

Dean's Message - Nelson Dodge

This is an unexpected and difficult message to write. For the second time this year we are learning of the way-too-young passing of one of our members. Emily Holzer, a relatively new member, died on October 21 at age 30. Emily was so new to the chapter, most of us had not had the opportunity to even meet her yet.

Emily was on a list of suggested interviewees I gave Thompson Howell for our newly inaugurated podcast because she was a young new member of our chapter. In a twist of fate, Thompson completed that interview merely days before her untimely passing.

Emily was a member of the Palomar Chapter for several years and a recitalist on multiple occasions. She moved to the Los Angeles area in September, 2019, where she was a piano instructor at the Knauer Piano Studio in Tarzana. Organ studies included Fred Swann at Redlands University and privately with Alison Luedecke, who succeeded Fred at Redlands.

Her first exposure to the organ was her organist mother, Cheryl, a long-time member of the Palomar Chapter and currently serving on the Endowment Fund Committee.

I encourage you to listen to the podcast episode 3 on the LA AGO web site. Also, Emily had created a substantial collection of SoundCloud organ and piano recordings several years ago that reveal an emerging young talent. Go to https://soundcloud.com/ and search for Emily Holzer.

Please keep Emily's parents and her three siblings in your prayers.

Plans for a memorial service are pending arranging a location to host a public in-person gathering.

Sub-Dean's Message - Kevin Cartwright

As pandemic restrictions continue, the LAAGO and many other non-profit organizations scramble to adjust activity plans as expectations of re-opening public venues change on a bi-weekly basis. Non-profit organizations are rapidly learning how to conduct meetings via group chats such as Zoom. Programs are now presented through various virtual channels including YouTube and Facebook Live and members are interacting in Zoom happy hours. While this temporary normal is not ideal for the performing arts, we have found ways to be together and enjoy our shared interests in spite of the challenges we face in the coming months.

At LAAGO, our Program Committee has been working to develop similar ways to celebrate the organ and church music together. Nelson Dodge assembled a fruitful series of Zoom gatherings during the month of August which were uplifting and enriching to all who attended. The August Zoom series culminated with a Members' Recital with excellent member artists and a large audience. Our 2020-2021 Program Season was to begin with a phenomenal artist who is now re-booked for November 2021. In our search for artists willing to commit to travel in such uncertain times, Michael Hey was suggested along with St. Cyril of Jerusalem as a venue. Bill Beck generously agreed to arrange St. Cyril as soon as our plans changed.

Our plans for October were flexible: whether in-person or live-stream, we would move forward with an opening event. As the pandemic lingered month after month, quarantine restrictions imposed by the City of New York were to prevent Mr. Hey from travelling to Los Angeles. We considered finding another artist, but then pondered why we couldn't simply host a live-stream from Michael's own parish, The Cathedral of St. Patrick, New York. The idea of a live-stream performance from The Cathedral of St. Patrick exclusively for LAAGO was exciting, after all! In short order, Michael and his agent procured approval from St. Patrick and secured their videographer to assist. A spectacular opening to the 2021 season was enjoyed by all via the new LAAGO YouTube channel and LAAGO's Facebook page, and a post-concert reception with the artist was held on Zoom.

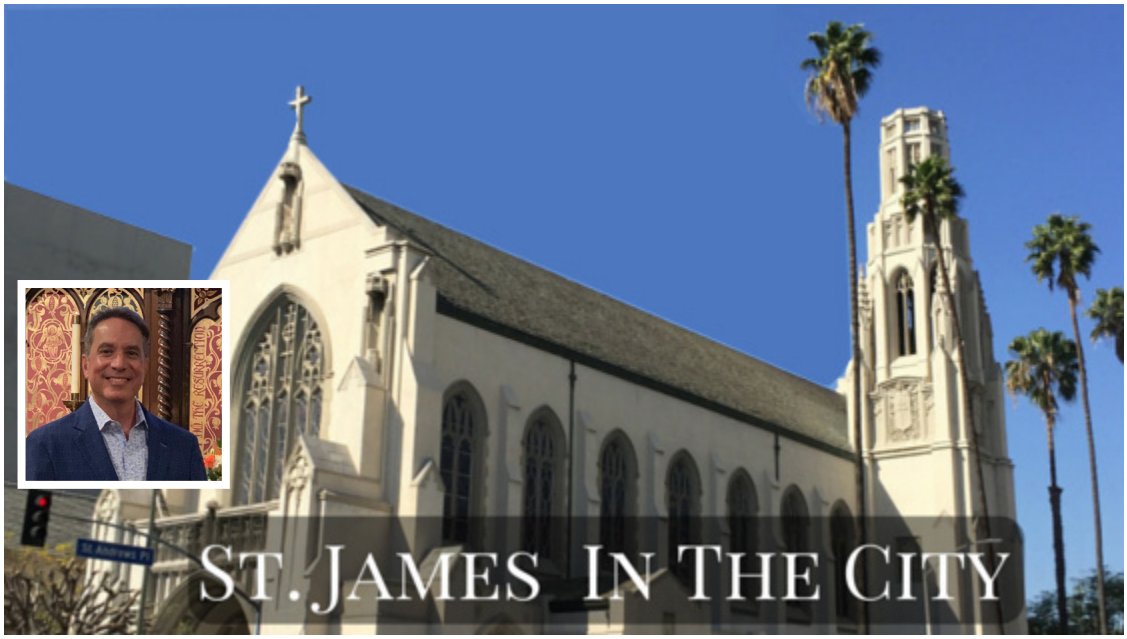
As we move into this season LAAGO is both facing and embracing the reality of virtual events into early 2021. The Program Committee is already organizing our customary November Members' Recital to be broadcast along with another post-recital reception where we can visit and talk with our member-artists. Holiday ideas are also in the works, and we are excited to develop the ability to stream our events even after we return to in-person chapter meetings.

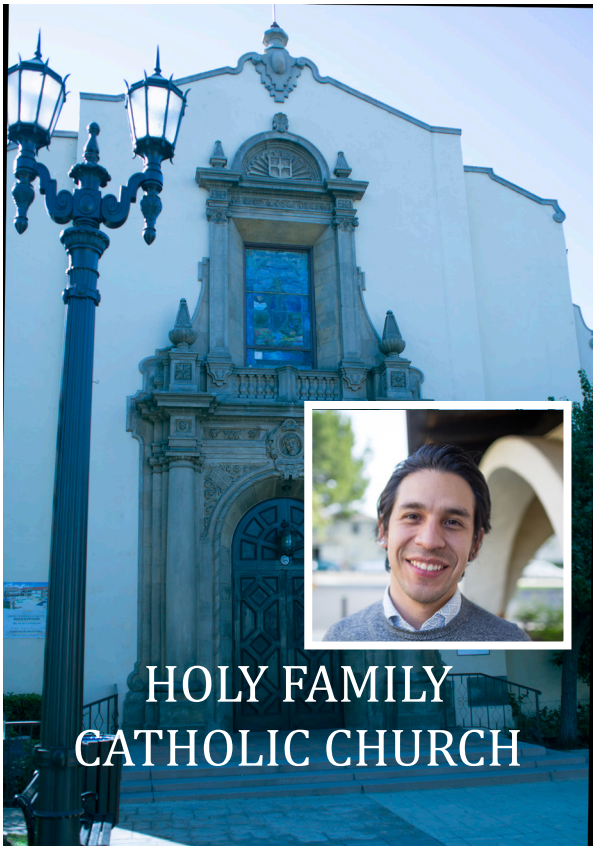
I would like to thank the membership, officers, and volunteers for their support during these uncertain times. When we are required to change plans and move to new platforms our members have followed along in good spirit, and for this we are eternally grateful. I look forward to seeing the many friendly faces of our members and guests after our Members' Recital the evening of November 16.

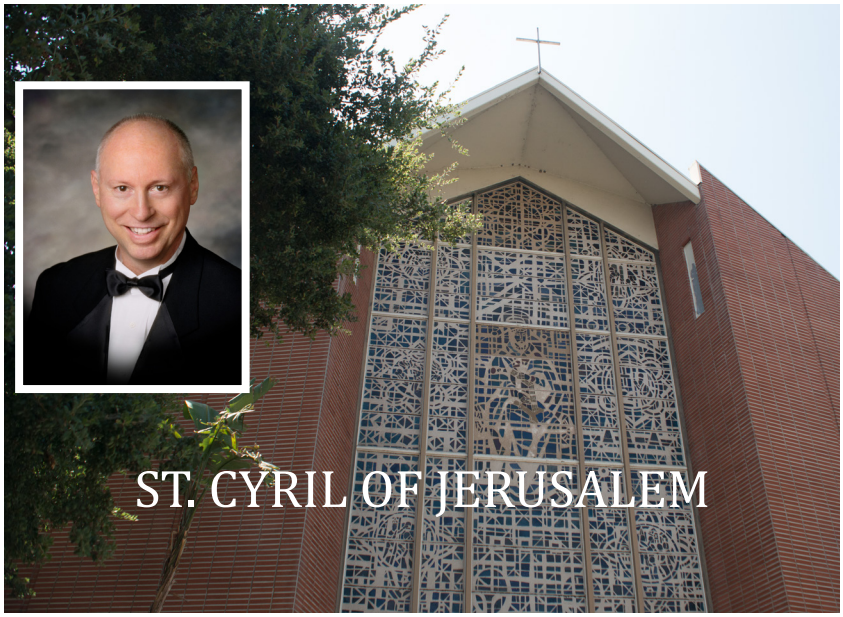
A Note of Thanks

Los Angeles Chapter, American Guild of Organists would like to thank the following hosts and venues with whom we were not able to meet this season due to ongoing pandemic concerns. The generosity of these members and their churches is greatly appreciated.

- Canon James Buonemani, St. James in the City, Los Angeles
- William C. Beck, St. Cyril of Jerusalem Parish, Encino
- Dr. Adan Fernandez, Holy Family Catholic Church, Glendale







Members' Recital and Zoom Reception

Monday, November 16, 2020 - 7:00 pm

LAAGO YouTube and Facebook Premier

Followed by a Zoom Members' Reception

Meeting ID: 836 1317 0414
Passcode: LAAGO

Dial-In: (669) 900-6833
Dial-In Passcode: 472939

Upcoming Events

LAAGO Virtual Holiday Party

on

LAAGO YouTube and Zoom

Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Featuring Festive Holiday Music

with Mark Herman at the

Fox Studios Wurlitzer, Bandrika Studio

Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Emma Whitten

at Hollywood United Methodist Church
Broadcast via LAAGO YouTube and Facebook Premier
followed by
a Zoom Reception with the artist

Southern California Organ Builders

Manuel J Rosales, Feature Editor

Featuring the work of all Southern California Organ Builders who construct, refurbish, tune and maintain our instruments.

L.W. Blackinton 4/75 La Jolla Presbyterian Church

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La Jolla Presbyterian Church has contracted with the Blackinton firm to expand and compete their 4-manual organ with the addition of the Solo division. The stops will include a Grand Diapason, Doppleflute, English Horn, Clarinet and a complete array of mutations. Crowning the ensemble will be an 8' Tuba Sonora on high wind-pressure also playable on the Pedal at 16'. Completion is projected to be in 2021.

Background Information

In 1957 a new three-manual and pedal organ built by M.P. Möller Pipe with 24 ranks was installed in a chancel side chamber . With poor egress into the nave the instrument was at a tonal disadvantage consequently additional pipes were added and a new 4-manual Möller console was installed in 1976. Sadly, the problem of tonal projection was not addressed.

In 1998 Blackinton developed a "Master Plan" in consultation with organist, Bill Lullo whose first phase was the installation of a new terraced console with up-to-date solid-state action, a multi-level combination action, transposer, piston sequencer, and MIDI. Additional drawknobs were provided for future expansion of the tonal resources.

In 2015 a major rebuilding was undertaken with the Great pipework positioned in the front of the chancel behind a new (speaking) façade pipes giving the organ added "clarity" and "presence". Other work included replacement of the worn-out and antiquated Moeller windchests with new "Blackinton designed and built electro-pneumatic slider chests." The console was installed on a Blackinton "hovercraft" air-platform that allows it to be moved effortlessly around on the chancel tile floor. Following completion of the Solo division the instrument will have 75 ranks/4,713 pipes!

Preview

Next month features include articles about St. Luke's Episcopal, Monrovia organ rebuilding by O'Neal Organ Builders; Rosales Organ Builders installation of their new Opus 41 in All Saints Episcopal Church, Kaua'I, Hawai'i; Nelson Dodge's recent installation in St. Felicitas and Perpetua, San Marino, CA.

Southern California Directory 2020 - 2021

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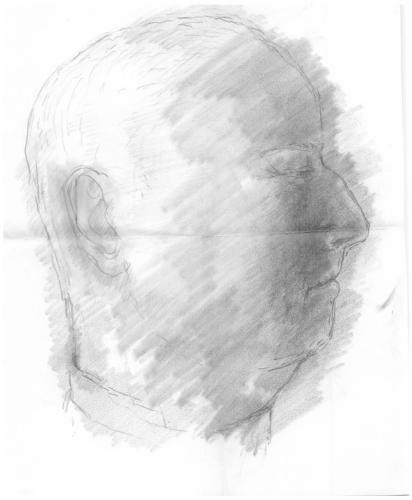
Sketches of Marcel Dupré



These sketches were done when I was a student of Dupré in 1966. A Swedish artist friend of mine accompanied me to the St. Sulpice organ loft one Sunday morning. He created these sketches of Dupré's head and hand from memory right after Mass.

William Beck

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Chapter Leadership News

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Livestreaming Music Webinar

Livestreaming Music Legally in Churches and Recitals
Did you miss it? An unprecedented group of 517 attendees did not! This informative and helpful webinar featuring David Schaap, founder, Selah Publishing; and Brenna Cronin, general manager, One License, is now available on demand.

Click here.

2021 AGO/Quimby Regional Competitions for Young Organists

The AGO/Quimby RCYO Committee has formulated an alternative online competition procedure that will allow chapters to host a 2021 chapter competition safely. All the 2021 chapter competitors will submit recordings of their performances to the chapter to be be judged on the day of the competition. The revised 2021 RCYO rules are now posted online. For more information, contact AGO Headquarters.

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A New Episode of the

LA AGO Podcast

is now online!

Mark Husey wasn't expecting to be a guest on the LA AGO Podcast so soon, but his Labor Day post on Facebook entitled "Mark Husey's 668 Words on Labor Day" caught the attention of host Thompson Howell and changed that. Mark shares his reflections with Thompson about the Covid-19 pandemic, its impact on creative people of all types and the existential questions it has raised all while still keeping an eye out for those "silver lining" moments. You'll also hear Mark's "Origin Story" including his time growing up in rural Harford County, Maryland, his earliest memory of the organ and the Anglican choral tradition as heard through a black and white TV, how he got to play a pipe organ for the first time in Bel Air (no, not THAT Bel Air), his appreciation for his passionate public school music teachers, the significance of the book "Popes Through The Ages," his thoughts on being an out, gay, Catholic musician, his time at St. Peter's Church in Columbia, SC and how Mark became a "YouTuber," his fond memories of his most recent position at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in San Pedro, CA, and so much more!

We regret to share news that previous LA AGO Podcast guest Emily Holzer has passed. Thompson discusses this briefly at the beginning of this episode.

Listen Now

Something for everyone!
AGOYO virtual program year 20-21

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videos will be premiered at:
https://www.youtube.com/user/GuildofOrganists

August 14- Organ crawl: West Point Chapel
September 11- Workshop:
Church musicians and technology
September 25- Panel: Organists of colors
October 9- Panel: The Global Organist
November 13- Organ crawl: Longwood Gardens
December 11- Organ factory tour: Austin Organ Co.
January 8- Webinar:
Young conductors/organists guide to church music
February 12- Organ crawl: Wanamaker
March 12- Panel:
Board positions in the guild/serving in leadership roles
April 9- Organ factory tour: Taylor & Boody
May 7, 14, 21, 28- Young organist recitals

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Advertising for the Newsletter

As many of you have probably noticed, there have been some advertisements in the past newsletters. You can see there are none in this month's Newsletter. We have had several requests to include advertisements for the sale and even the giveaway of organs in the local area. Dean Nelson Dodge told us that *"the newsletter has not typically included ads. This is on the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting."*

Call for Organ Teachers

The Chapter receives periodic requests for referrals of private organ teachers. To enable an effective response to these requests, we are creating an organ teacher list that will function similar to the substitute organist list. David Reeder will maintain both lists and they will be available on the LA AGO web site.
To be included on the list, please send David Reeder the following information to be published:

- phone number
- e-mail
- years of teaching experience
- educational degrees/certifications,
- ages of students you accept and if you require your students to have piano proficiency
- Geographic location of lessons (city, LA neighborhood, etc)

We'll have the list up and running on the Chapter website as soon as possible. Please send your information to David at: drmusic@sbcglobal.net.

Job Listings

The open jobs list on the web site is getting short--if you have a job opening or know of one, please encourage the hiring organization to send the information to David Reeder. Go to: www.laago.org/jobs

O'Neal Pipe Organ Service

I have two pairs of brand new, unworn **Organ Master shoes** - sizes 7.5 medium width & 7 medium width - and I would like to donate them to anyone who might need them in the chapter.

Sean Coburn O'Neal
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AGO Calendar

Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Orange Count Chapters of the American Guild of Organists

As of: October 31, 2020

Sun Jan 10, 2021

4:30pm - 5:30pm Solemn Evensong
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
Description: Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

6pm - 7pm Alcee Chriss, Organist
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
Description: Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

Sun Feb 14, 2021

4:30pm - 5:30pm Solemn Evensong
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org
Description: Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

6pm - 7pm Christopher Houlihan, Organist
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
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Sun Mar 14, 2021

4:30pm - 5:30pm Solemn Evensong
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
Description: Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

6pm - 7pm Clive Driskill-Smith, Organist
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
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Sun Apr 11, 2021

4:30pm - 5:30pm Solemn Evensong
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
Description: Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

6pm - 7pm Tom Winpenny, Organist
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
Description: Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

Sun May 9, 2021

4:30pm - 5:30pm Solemn Evensong
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
Description: Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

6pm - 7pm Jeremy Filsell, Organist
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
Description: Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

Sun Oct 10, 2021

4:30pm - 5:30pm Solemn Evensong
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
Description: Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

6pm - 7pm Todd Wilson, Organist
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.
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Sun Nov 21, 2021

4:30pm - 5:30pm Solemn Evensong
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6pm - 7pm Ken Cowan, Organist
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Sun Dec 12, 2021

4:30pm - 5:30pm Advent Procession of Lesson & Carols
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