LA PIPELINE

The Newsletter of Los Angeles Chapter, American Guild of Organists

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

7:40pm Zoom Holiday Party

(start time is approximate)

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Upcoming Event

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

Dean's Message - Nelson Dodge

As we approach the end of 2020 and the Advent and Hanukkah seasons, I have to admit that back in the Spring, when the first "lock downs" were put in place, I did not envision churches still being shut. I don't need to get into the details of how disruptive this has been for churches and synagogues—many of you are living it!

In addition, this has changed how we are presenting programs this season and will continue to keep us in a "virtual mode" for all or most of the remainder of the season. As we start to produce virtual programs, i.e. video presentations, achieving quality video and audio has involved a bit of a learning curve. I appreciate your patience as these technical details get worked out.

It's anybody's guess when in-person meetings might be safely resumed, and the recent trend of all Southern California counties moving to the purple tier—a backward move for several—is not encouraging.

I found the details for permitted levels of gathering in places of worship in the four-tier system developed by the California Public Health Department—the Blueprint for a Safer Economy—interesting to contemplate (see chart). Tier 3 or 4 would be more or less normal operations for some churches and synagogues, but still a severe limit for many others.

SECTOR	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Places of Worship	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications •Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer	Open indoors with modifications •Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer	Open indoors with modifications •Max 50%capacity

The LA AGO chapter could ostensibly resume meetings in Tier 2, but I doubt LA County will be seeing Tier 2 anytime soon.

So, along with your churches and synagogues, we continue to forge ahead with creativity and determination.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

With sorrow we announce the passing of Russell Alton Baum

Russell was a long time supporter of Los Angeles Chapter and husband of Honorary Chapter Member and former Dean, Elfrieda Baum.

Russell passsed away peacefully at home on November 9, 2020 from congestive heart failure. On Friday, November 20, the funeral service was held at Hollywood Cemetery followed by an outdoor luncheon at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Of interest, he specifically requested that Widor's Toccata from the Fifth Organ Symphony, be played.

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Chapter Leadership News

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Don't Let Your AGO Membership Lapse due to COVID-19!

Dues assistance is available from the AGO national office for members who have been financially impacted by COVID-19. Please contact Elizabeth George directly at elizabeth.george@agohq.org

Certification Exams and COVID-19

The coronavirus outbreak has had quite an adverse effect on the AGO certification exam process, leading to either delays or outright cancellation of last spring's exams. Now that we have begun a new exam cycle, for the safety of all involved the following regulations need to be carefully observed.

Anyone having difficulty finding an appropriate venue for a Service Playing test or Colleague exam due to restrictions in place caused by the pandemic should contact the director of the Committee on Professional Certification, André Lash, FAGO, in order to explore possible solutions.

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.

2020–2021 AGOYO Virtual Program Year

December 11
Organ Factory Tour at Austin Organ Company

AGO Young Organists have planned an exciting virtual program year with monthly events scheduled on Fridays at Noon Eastern. Whether you are under 30 or young at heart, there's something of interest for everyone. All videos are premiered and curated on the AGO YouTube channel.

2021 AGO/Quimby Regional Competitions for Young Organists

LA Chapter is hosting one of the Regional Competitions for Young Organists (RCYO) in 2021, which is being conducted via recorded performance submissions. The competition is open to organists born after 12-31-1998. Ben Mason is the LA Chapter coordinator.

Application deadline--January 15, 2021

Link to rules: https://www.agohq.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AGO-Quimby-Rules-final.pdf

Link to online application: https://www.agohq.org/performance-competitions/rcyo/

College Scholarship Opportunity

The Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee Memorial Scholarships support the undergraduate education of young organists. The online application period for a 2021–22 scholarship award begins January 1 and ends February 15. One scholarship of $15,000 will be awarded to an entering college freshman. This scholarship is renewable annually through the recipient's senior year if certain requirements are met. Click here for more Information.

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2020 - 2021

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Four Episodes of the LA AGO Podcast are now online!

In each episode of The LA AGO Podcast, host Thompson Howell speaks with a different member of the Los Angeles Chapter, and occasional special guests, about their own love affair with the organ and how that passion informs their particular involvement with the organ world today. Whether you're a church musician, a concert organist, an organ builder or technician, a composer who writes for the organ or simply a fan of the organ and its music, you'll enjoy hearing the stories of your colleagues and fellow LA AGO members.

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Advertising for the Newsletter

We have been working on rules for including advertising in our Newsletter. According to our dean Nelson Dodge "I don't see a problem with doing free "classified" types of ads--basically a text listing, no art or images--for things members wish to offer, for sale or free stuff. The free listings would be for member submitted items only."

Call for Organ Teachers

The Chapter receives periodic requests for referrals of private organ teachers. To enable an effective response to these requests, we have created an organ teacher list that functions similar to the substitute organist list. David Reeder maintains both lists and they are 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)

The list is on the Chapter Website.
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

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AGO Calendar

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

As of: December 1, 2020

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Zoom Information:
Topic: Los Angeles AGO Holiday Party Time: Dec 14, 2020 07:40 PM Pacific Time
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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.

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Sun Feb 14, 2021

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

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
Description: Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

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 andon 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
Description: Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

Sun Nov 21, 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 Ken Cowan, Organist
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org
Description: Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.

Sun Dec 12, 2021

4:30pm - 5:30pm Advent Procession of Lesson & Carols
Where: St. James Church - live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org
Description: Free. Live-stream and on demand at GreatMusicLA.org.