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Demonstration of Continuo Organ

The Nassau Chapter and the Cathedral of the Incarnation are co-sponsoring a demonstration of the Taylor and Boody continuo organ that was recently donated to the cathedral. The special features of a continuo organ will be discussed and demonstrated using appropriate music. Please join us on Sunday, April 25th at 4 PM. You can attend either in person at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, or via Zoom. (This is our first event since Covid started which members can attend in person.) Advance registration is not required. Attendance at the cathedral will be limited to 70 people. For those who wish to attend by Zoom, the information is provided below. We hope to see you there or online!

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: AGO Online Program

Time: Apr 25, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85079121250?pwd=SnRXM2k3RVYwRUNBZkFPd1YrSFVIZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 7912 1250

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Chapter Calendar Highlights

**Sunday, April 25, 2021,
4 PM**

**Demonstration of
Continuo Organ at the
Cathedral of the
Incarnation, Garden City.**
See main article for details.

G R O W THE GUILD

Invite an organist, choir director friend to join the Guild. We'll be happy to send them information

Achievement Awards Program

The Achievement Awards program is a new initiative from the national office. These awards are intended as a way to learn basic organ-playing skills in a non-stressful manner. Deanna Muro, member of the Suffolk Chapter, will be coordinating the Achievement Awards program for the Nassau and Suffolk chapters. Achievement awards are available in five subject areas: the Organ Console, Organ Registration I, Manual and Pedal Technique, Transposition, and Harmony I. We are looking for mentors who are willing to help interested students attain these awards. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact Liz Bailey at dean@nassauago.org.

Convention Schedule

The AGO is not holding any conventions in 2021. The next northeast region/mid-Atlantic convention will be hosted by the Westchester chapter and will take place in 2023. The convention hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains. The next national convention will take place on July 3-7, 2022 in Seattle, Washington.

AGO Introduces New Employment Handbook

The AGO National office has written a new employment guide for church musicians entitled *Employing Musicians in Religious Institutions: A Handbook for Committees and Candidates*.

AGO Executive Director James Thomashower, Councillor for Membership Vicky Schaeffer, Secretary/Councillor for Communications Leslie Wolf Robb, former Director of the Committee on Career Development and Support Vincent Carr and AGO Executive Assistant Eric Birk participated in an online panel discussion about the new guide. If you would like to listen to the panel discussion, go to <https://www.agohq.org/employing-musicians-handbook/>, where you can find a link to the discussion. The handbook can be downloaded from another link at the same website.

AGO Introduces the Year of the Young Organist

The national office has introduced another new initiative, the Year of the Young Organist, which will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. During this time period, current, lapsed and new members under age 30 will be able to join for free.

Condolences

Our condolences go to Den Collins, our Secretary, and to his family, on the recent loss of his mother Ruth Collins. She had what must have been a most interesting job as secretary to the President of Hofstra University for many years. Den's parents, Denward Collins Jr and Ruth Collins, were members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hicksville, where he sang in the choir for many years.

Ruth did not sing in the choir, but enjoyed the music. Visitation and a private funeral service were held at Thomas Dalton Funeral Home, Hicksville, on Wednesday, March 31st.

Our condolences go to the family of Nassau Chapter member Dan W. Mason, who passed away on February 20th. Dan was the organist at St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bethpage. He contributed to the church in additional ways with his work on Christmas pageants and vacation bible schools. He had invited the Nassau chapter to hold a social on his waterfront property. We were unable to do so because of Covid, but appreciated the offer. A funeral service was held on March 8th at St George Episcopal Church, Hempstead.

Our condolences go to the family of Kevin W. Warnken, longtime dual member of the Nassau chapter, who passed away on Easter Sunday, April 4th. He was the minister of music at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Patchogue. A funeral service was held at Village Lutheran Church in Bronxville on April 8th. Condolences can be sent to his family at 346 Hutchinson Blvd, Mount Vernon, NY 10552-1516.

We are sorry to report the passing of Donald A. Marsden on August 20th 2020, of which we only recently became aware. Donald was a faithful member of our Nassau Chapter for decades. He was director of music as St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rockville Centre for over two decades, and of Christ's First Presbyterian Church in Hempstead for many years prior. April's TAO magazine has an extensive obituary article about Donald on pp. 22-23.

A memorial Mass for Nassau chapter member John P. Hartofil was held at St Bernard Church, Levittown on Tuesday, February 9th.

