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Upcoming Events

Special Workshop by David Enlow on Hymnody

Mark your calendars! Renowned organist David Enlow will conduct a session entitled "Ways with Hymns Workshop" for the Nassau chapter on Sunday, September 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 W Nicholai St, Hicksville beginning at 3 PM. He holds two degrees from the Juilliard School of Music and is the Organist and Choir Master at the Church of the Resurrection in New York City. He has taught classes on improvisation, service playing and organ repertoire at numerous AGO events, for the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and at the Juilliard School. He served for two terms as the Dean of the New York City Chapter of the AGO. He will discuss and demonstrate aspects of hymnody such as articulation, phrasing, registration, reharmonization, introductions and interludes. He teaches service playing at the Juilliard School of Music; we are thrilled to provide Nassau chapter members with this chance to benefit from his expertise.

Masks will be required for those who attend in person. We will have a reception following the workshop. Please register by sending an email to dean@nassauago.org so we will know how many people plan to attend in person or if you plan to watch online, we can email the handout to you.

Information how to access this workshop online will be emailed to our members and will be posted on our website, www.nassauago.org.

Demonstration of Hauptwerk Organ

A Hauptwerk organ is temporarily located at the Cathedral of the Incarnation while the permanent organ is being repaired from lightening damage it suffered during a thunderstorm. Larry Tremsky, Canon Musician and Director of Music at the cathedral, will provide a demonstration of this instrument on Sunday,

Chapter Calendar Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept 19, 3:00 PM, Ways with Hymns Workshop by David Enlow, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville, with reception to follow.

Sunday, Nov 14, Sunday, 3:00 PM, Demonstration of Hauptwerk organ, Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City.

Sunday, Dec 5, 4:00 PM, Recital by Paul Byssainthe, Jr, Christ Episcopal Church, Manhasset.

Monday, Jan 17, Martin Luther King Day Mini-Conference, Congregational Church of Manhasset & Church of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Manhasset.

Sunday, Feb 13, 7:00 PM. Chapter social event by Zoom featuring music trivia contest.

Sunday, March 13, 3:00 PM, Members' Recital, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville. Reception to follow.

Friday, May 13, 7:30 PM, Concert by Peter Richard Conte, St Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre. Belated celebration of the Nassau chapter's 90th anniversary. Reception to follow.

Friday & Saturday, June 3 & 4. Pennsylvania Youth Choir, rehearsal and concert. Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville.

November 14, beginning at 3:00 PM. The cathedral is located at 50 Cathedral Ave, Garden City. Larry delighted us last year with a demonstration of the continuo organ at the cathedral. If you missed that event, you missed a real treat. Don't miss this one!

Members can attend this event in person or online. Information on how to attend online will be available approximately two weeks of time, and will be emailed to Nassau members and posted on our website.

Recital by Paul Byssainthe, Jr

Christ Episcopal Church, Manhasset is in the process of installing a new organ console. A series of recitals is planned to dedicate the new console. The artist for the first recital in this series will be Paul Byssainthe, Jr. This event has been moved to Sunday, December 5, beginning at 4:00 PM. Mr. Byssainthe grew up in Nassau County and is presently studying organ performance with John Walker at the Peabody Institute in Philadelphia. This event will be jointly sponsored by the church and by the Nassau and Suffolk chapters of the AGO.

Meredith Baker, Subdean of the Nassau chapter, is Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Episcopal Church, which is located at 1351 Northern Blvd, Manhasset.



Paul Byssainthe, Jr.

Martin Luther King Day Mini-Conference

The 2022 Martin Luther King Day Mini-Conference will take place on Monday, January 17. This year the mini-conference will be held at the Congregational Church of Manhasset, 1845 Northern Blvd, Manhasset and at the Church of Our Saviour Lutheran Church,

1901 Northern Blvd, Manhasset. A committee consisting of the deans and subdeans of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens AGO chapters are hard at work putting this event together. Hold the date; further details will be forthcoming.

Chapter Social Event by Zoom

A Nassau Chapter social event featuring an organ music trivia contest will be held on Sunday, February 13th at 7 pm. Since this event will be conducted using Zoom, you will be able to participate from the comfort of your homes even if it turns out that it is snowing on this date!

Nassau Chapter Members' Recital

A Members' Recital will take place on Sunday, March 13 beginning at 3:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 West Nicholai St, Hicksville. Covid permitting, a reception will follow. **If you are interested in participating in this recital, please notify Elizabeth Bailey at dean@nassauago.org. The deadline for indicating your desire to participate is Monday, January 17th.** After we know how many members wish to take part, we will let the participants know how much time they will be allotted.

Nassau Chapter 90th Anniversary Celebration

We will be belatedly celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Nassau Chapter on Friday, May 13, beginning with a concert by Peter Richard Conte starting at 7:30 PM at St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre. Mr. Conte, who grew up on Long Island, is the Grand Court Organist of the world-famous Wanamaker Organ at Macy's Department Store in Philadelphia. This concert is sure to be fabulous! Reception to follow the concert.

Pennsylvania Youth Choir

The Pennsylvania Youth Choir will return on June 3 and 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 West Nicholai St, Hicksville. This talented group has given wonderful concerts for several years. The option to attend either a rehearsal or a concert will be available. More specific information will be forthcoming as we draw closer to these events.

Welcome New Member

The Nassau Chapter extends a hearty welcome to Laura Mara, who recently joined the Nassau chapter.

Upcoming Concert by Michael Bower

Michael Bower, Director of Music and Principal Organist at St. Agnes Cathedral, will give an organ concert on Friday, Sept 24, at 7:30 PM at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 2 Bayview Ave, Massapequa.

The concert will be livestreamed on St. Rose of Lima Church's parish website, Facebook and Youtube pages, and will be followed by a wine and cheese reception for those who attend in person.



Michael Bower

You Are Invited to the AGO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

By Deanna Muro

Would you like to learn more about the pipe organ and how to play it? Would you like to focus on one area of organ playing at a time to have a more comprehensive knowledge of that specific skill? Would you like to prepare for the Service Playing Certificate by working on these skills?

This fall the Suffolk and Nassau Chapters have coordinated to launch the new AGO Achievement Awards program. We encourage all new and early level organists to consider this educational opportunity. Even if you are an established organist, you may be interested in supplementing your knowledge by working on your skills and perhaps advancing to challenge the Service Playing Certificate.

The first step in working towards an award is to choose from one of the following subject areas: The Organ Console, Organ Registration I, Manual and Pedal Technique, Transposition, and Harmony. The awards and their requirements can be found on the AGO website at www.agohq.org/ago-achievement-awards. The link to Guidelines for Completing the Requirements is also found on this page. The modules are broken down into manageable segments enabling you to work on one subject area at a time.

After you decide on your award topic, fill out the awards application which can be found on the Suffolk AGO website and send it to our awards coordinator, Deanna Muro at deanna8980@yahoo.com, or to the address below. You will be assigned a mentor from our very qualified group who has volunteered to help with the program. The mentor will arrange to meet with you to review the requirements and suggest how to proceed.

You will be responsible for working on the modules yourself, or seeking guidance through coaching or lessons. You can also take advantage of special seminars that have been scheduled throughout the upcoming year that are directly related to the awards subjects. Our chapters have worked hard to provide this very helpful educational opportunity to our members. Watch for announcements of the seminars coming this year! Then, when you feel ready to challenge the award, you will meet again with the mentor for evaluation(s).

Working towards these awards be an educational experience that will support your organ skills and therefore increase your job qualifications. Additionally, the interaction with other guild members can be supportive and reaffirming. The program is free and available to all AGO members. Don't wait - you are invited to receive an award!

Deanna Muro, Awards and Certification Chair
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Chapter Website

Our website has been neglected for some time. We are starting to revise it and bring it up to date. The calendar now shows our current schedule of activities,

so members can look there for event information if they can't locate their latest issue of the Pipeline.

We will be adding a new page that contains photographs of members' churches and organs. If you are interested in being included on this page, please send your photos to dean@nassauago.org.

The website address is www.nassauago.org.

Chapter Archives

The Nassau Chapter lost its archives when Hurricane Sandy flooded the apartment of the person who was the dean of the chapter at that time. (His apartment was located in Long Beach). The chapter board would like to rebuild our archives to the extent possible. If you have anything that you could contribute to the rebuilding of our archives, for example, old Members' Recital programs, back issues of the Pipeline or photos taken at Nassau chapter events, please let us know by sending an email to dean@nassauago.org. If you remember any past chapter events and could write a paragraph for our archives, please let us know that, too. Thanks for any help you can provide.



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Substitute Needed for Sept 26th at Church of the Advent in Westbury

Church of the Advent (Episcopal) in Westbury is looking for a substitute for Sunday, September 26, at 9am. The pay is \$250. If interested, contact Nelson Ojeda at pianonelson@yahoo.com.

Open Position: Choir Director/Organist at Grace Episcopal Church, Massapequa

One Sunday Worship / one evening rehearsal during the week / Salary range depending on experience \$22,000 to \$26,000 / Weddings and Funerals \$250.

If interested, send resume to:
TheVery Rev. Dr. Walter V. Hillebrand at
fr.walter.hillebrand@gmail.com
Rector / Head of School
Grace Episcopal Church
23 Cedar Shore Dr
Massapequa, NY 11758-7318

Church of St. Mary-St. Joseph/Mount Carmel (Poughkeepsie) – Part-time Music Director and Organist

Part-time Music Director position available at [St. Mary's in Poughkeepsie, NY](http://St.Mary's in Poughkeepsie, NY). Position requires knowledge of Catholic liturgy, proficiency in organ and piano, and vocal and directing skills. Responsibilities: plan, assist, provide music for weekend, Holy Days, funerals, weddings and seasonal liturgies; recruit, rehearse, and schedule choir, cantors, instrumental musicians. More information may be found at the [enclosed link](#). Position available September 1. Résumés and letters of interest may be sent to: D526@archny.org.

Year of the Young Organist

Several online events have been scheduled over the next few months as part of the Year of the Young Organist. Check out the schedule of events at <https://www.yearoftheyoungorganist.com/program-year>.

The SAGO and NAGO Organ Seminar Series

Skill Building Opportunities for Developing Organists of All Ages

(Overview and Registration Form)

By Joan Daly-Lewis

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is “to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.” AGO’s vision is “to engage, support, and uplift every organist.” Within Nassau and Suffolk AGO, we are blessed to have talented colleagues who can share and help us to grow. In a parallel initiative to the National AGO Achievement Awards program, the Suffolk and Nassau AGO Boards have been working together in the design of a series of seminars that will provide new and developing organists (of any age) an opportunity to enhance their existing skills, and if they wish, apply them as they challenge one or more of the Achievement Award topics. Whether or not you wish to challenge the Achievement Award assessments, participation in one or more of the seminars will be a fine way to grow in your chosen area(s) of focus.

We’re delighted to announce that all seminars will be offered to members free of charge, through the generosity of our presenters. The schedule is as follows, thus far:

	Date		Location	
TOPIC	# of sessions	Date	Presenter	Location
The Organ Console	1	10/3/21	Christopher Cusumano (Questions? Contact Chris at (631) 271-4635 or chapelcus@optonline.net).	St John’s Cold Spring Harbor
Organ Registration	2	10/24/21		St. John’s CSH
		11/7/21		Northport Presbyterian
Transposition	5	Jan 9, Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 6, 2022	Meredith Baker (Questions? Contact Meredith at subdean@nassauago.org).	St. Luke’s Lutheran, Dix Hills

Harmony 1	5-6	Dates TBD- Spring 2022	Dr. Carol Weitner (Questions? Contact Carol at caweitner@optonline.net or (631) 368-8203).	St John's Cold Spring Harbor
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The curriculum for each topic will closely follow what AGO HQ has outlined for the Achievement Awards, and can be found at <https://www.agohq.org/ago-achievement-awards/>. The presenters are committed to meeting participants where they are, so that the learning is responsive to the needs of those who enroll.

On a personal note, as a young musician, I never had the opportunity for much formal instruction, and consequently I didn't have the opportunity to study harmony or learn to transpose. I am just thrilled to say that I will be enrolling in both the harmony and transposing seminars, and I'm just delighted to have the opportunity to work with Meredith Baker during the already scheduled transposing workshops. I also plan to sit in on Chris Cusumano's sessions; his passion for organs in general, and for thoughtful registration will be sure to make these presentations useful and lively. I can't wait to hear about the Harmony I sessions, and I hope that many of you will consider joining me in these collegial learning experience.

NOTE: The Boards of SAGO and NAGO jointly decided that the fifth of the Achievement Awards topics, Manual and Pedal Technique, would be best addressed through individual study; hence there is no seminar series on this topic.

A SPECIAL REQUEST:

PLEASE REGISTER ASAP SO THAT WE CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE PLANS. THE FIRST SEMINAR ON THE ORGAN CONSOLE WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 3, AND WE'D LOVE TO HAVE AN IDEA OF THE LEVELS OF INTEREST IN THIS ENORMOUS UNDERTAKING!

All workshops will take place on Sunday afternoons. Please mark with a check the seminar you are registering for and **EMAIL THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO THE PRESENTER OF THE SPECIFIC CHOSEN SEMINAR AS INDICATED BELOW.** (You will need to print out a separate form for each seminar in which you are participating.) If you register and find that you must withdraw, please be sure to contact the presenter! An electronic copy of this form will be posted on the SAGO and NAGO web sites shortly.

Organ Seminar Series Registration Form

Name: _____

Email: _____ Age (if under 21): _____

Phone (landline): _____

Phone: (mobile): _____

Current music position or music experience: _____

Place a checkmark to register:	SEMINAR TITLE	DATES & TIMES	SEMINAR LOCATION	<u>PLEASE EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATIONS TO THE SPECIFIC PRESENTER!</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Organ Console (1 session)	10/3/21 2:30- 4 p.m.	St John's Cold Spring Harbor	Christopher Cusumano Send registration form or questions to Chris at chapelcus@optonline.net or (631) 271-4635.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organ Registration (2 sessions)	Session 1: 10/24/21 2:30-4 p.m. Session 2: 11/7/21 2:30-4 p.m.	10/24: St. John's CSH 11/7: 1 ST Presbyterian, Northport	Christopher Cusumano Send registration form or questions to Chris at chapelcus@optonline.net or (631) 271-4635.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transposition (5 sessions)	Jan 9, Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 6, 2022 2:30-4 p.m.	St. Luke's Lutheran, Dix Hills	Meredith Baker (Send registration form or questions to Meredith at: subdean@nassauago.org).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Harmony 1 (5-6 Sessions)	Dates TBD Spring 2:30-4 p.m.	St John's Cold Spring Harbor	Dr. Carol Weitner Send registration form or questions to Carol at caweitner@optonline.net or (631) 368-8203.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

PIANIST

Currently seeking a pianist to provide accompaniment for rehearsals and concerts

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Weekly rehearsals on Mondays 7:30pm to 9:45pm
- Perform three concerts per year (holiday in December, classical in March, pops in June), plus an outreach concert in June
- Additional rehearsals include one Saturday rehearsal midway through each concert project, and a dress rehearsal the week of the concert
- Season runs September 13, 2021 through June 12, 2022
- Work closely with the Artistic Director
- Rehearsals are in Brentwood, concerts in West Babylon and Bay Shore

COMPENSATION

\$100 per rehearsal / \$200 per dress rehearsal or concert

HOW TO APPLY

- Submit a resume and links to videos of two (2) contrasting works via email to info@babylonchorale.org by Monday, August 16, 2021.
- Please include "Pianist Search" in the subject line.

ABOUT US

We are a Long Island based intergenerational group of singers that fosters learning and excellence in performing a diverse repertoire of choral music. We value the traditions of our over seventy-year history of social connections among the singers and with the community while embracing change and growth.

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