



# Antiphon

*News from the Annapolis Chapter  
of the  
American Guild of Organists*

**September 2025**



Dear Colleagues,

I hope each of you had a good summer and were able to relax and unwind. September is now upon us, and with it comes a slate of fresh activities between now and the holidays. **Our next Chapter event is the Installation of Officers at Friendship United Methodist Church on September 21, 2025 at 4pm.** I thoroughly enjoyed the summer with trips to New York City; Atlantic City, NJ; Gainesville, FL; Virginia Beach, VA and Milwaukee, WI. The American Theatre Organ Society Convention in Milwaukee was outstanding!



AGO National has declared this "Play the Organ Year", which is intended to increase public exposure to organ music as well as encourage folks to explore the organ through hands-on interaction with the instrument. By making ourselves available to mentor and train new students, we will ensure a sound future for quality organ music. Sometimes just a little coaxing is all that is needed to get someone interested in learning.

As a reminder, AGO National Online Workshops for the Service Playing Certificate (SPC) and Colleague, American Guild of Organist's (CAGO) begin this month (links located in this edition of the Antiphon). They are a great opportunity to progress toward certification or expand your knowledge of advanced organ skill sets. Supporting documentation for these training sessions can be found at the AGO Document Center under the Certification section (<https://agohq.org/Ago/Ago/Document-Center/Directory.aspx>).

Warm Regards,  
Bill

## EVENTS

**Friday, September 5th, 7pm, USNA 2nd Class Parents Weekend Concert**, USNA, Mahan Hall Annapolis. In honor of this weekend, the USNA Men's Glee Club, USNA Women's Glee Club, and USNA Gospel Choir join together in a rare combined performance highlighting the incredible talents of the Brigade of Midshipmen! Doors open at 6:30pm General Admission \$20; Child 11/under \$10 <https://navyperforms.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=36>

### **Sunday, September 7th at 4pm, Summer Concert: Beethoven Project**

**Rescheduled!**

Pianist HyeSung Hwang and violinist Ahreum Kim launched the Beethoven Project in 2023 with the goal of performing all ten of Beethoven's violin sonatas. Their performances have taken place in Baltimore, Washington DC, Columbia, and York. They are excited to return with Beethoven's monumental Kreutzer Sonata. St. Martin's-in-the-Field, 375 Benfield Road, Severna Park.

**Friday, September 12th, 7pm, Organ Recital with Special Guest, Peter Conte**, at the USNA, Chapel. Possessing nearly unparalleled technical facility, a brilliant ear for tonal color, and innovative programming style, Peter Richard Conte is one of the most admired "orchestral" organists of this era.

<https://www.usna.edu/Music/tickets.php>



**Sunday, September 21st, Installation of Officers, 4pm.** Come join us for our Installation of Officers at Friendship United Methodist Church, 22 W Friendship Rd., Friendship, Maryland. The church's organ has 19 ranks, 2 manuals and pedal. It was built by Gebruder-Oberlinger, a German organ-builder, and installed in 2006.



Our Sub-Dean, Paul Griffin, is planning a prayer service, which will include installation of our

officers and members-at-large, who serve on the Executive Committee (i.e., board of directors). **Our host, Darrell Rison, invites chapter members to join his choir to sing an anthem. If you would like to sing, please arrive at 3pm for rehearsal.**

Please join us to encourage our chapter leadership through prayer and music.

A reception will follow. If you would like to, please bring finger foods to share.

### **Sunday, September 28, 4pm, Henry Webb in Recital** at St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis.

Named to Diapason's 20 under 30 in 2025, Montreal-based organist Henry Webb will perform a varied recital at St. Margaret's Church, including works of Bach, Mendelssohn, Saint-Saëns, and Aaron David Miller.



Henry is the recipient of the second prize, audience prize, and the Raymond Daveluy prize of the 2024 Canadian International Organ Competition, and currently serves as associate organist at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal. He received his Master's from McGill University where he studied with Isabelle Demers, his Bachelor's from the Eastman School of Music where he studied with David Higgs, and an artist diploma from the Strasbourg Conservatory where he studied with Johann Vexo.

Past performances include the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival, the Organ Historical Society National Convention and the Stras'Orgues festival in France. Upcoming appearances this fall include Saint Thomas Aquinas in Dallas, TX and La Maison Symphonique in Montreal. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

## ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Annapolis Chapter is re-instituting an organ scholarship starting in the 2026 season. Information will be out in October regarding guidelines and application. We are excited to start out offering a \$500 scholarship to be used for organ study. Stay tuned!

- submitted by Cindy Carlton, Scholarship Lead

## AGO HYMN FESTIVAL NEWS



**Hymn Festival on Sunday, November 9th at 3pm** at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park. Dr. Daniel Aune, from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, will be our director.

**Here are the three choir anthems:**

**CORONATION** by Craig Courtney, SATB, Beckenhorst Press

**DEEP RIVER** by Christopher Schroeder\*

**LOOK AT THE WORLD** by John Rutter, SATB, Oxford University Press

\*Chris Schroeder is a church music director in Baltimore and has kindly allowed us to use his new piece, DEEP RIVER, at no charge. Directors have received the PDF.

**Optional rehearsals will take place as follows:**

**Monday, September 29, 7 - 9pm:** Calvary United Methodist Church, 301 Rowe Blvd., Annapolis.

**Saturday, October 18, 10am - 12 noon:** Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, 611 Baltimore Annapolis Rd., Severna Park

**Here are the participating church choirs, along with the names of their directors:**

Calvary United Methodist Church - Gaby Garzon

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Annapolis Stake - Jennifer Lewis

Davidsonville United Methodist Church - Mei Cobb

Severna Park United Methodist Church - Laura Young

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church - Jim Douglas

St. Martin's in the Field Episcopal Church - HyeSung Hwang

St. Martin's Lutheran Church - Adedotun Olayemi

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church - Isaac Borocz

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church - David Merrill

**Make your plans to join us on November 8 and 9 at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park. We will hold a full rehearsal on Saturday morning, and the Festival begins at 3pm on Sunday afternoon.**

**If you are planning to have your choir sing but you are not on this list, please contact festival coordinator Betsy Lord ASAP at [betsy.lord@icloud.com](mailto:betsy.lord@icloud.com) or 703-517-3995.** A flyer will be sent out in the coming weeks for all of our chapter members to use as publicity. We hope you can join us and invite your choirs and congregations to do the same!

## JOB LISTINGS

This link brings you to detailed job descriptions for the 4 job postings listed below.  
<https://annapolisago.org/job-openings/>

**Nichols-Bethel Church** in Odenton, MD is seeking a choir director/accompanist for their adult choir and may include working with children/youth for special services.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church** in Waldorf, MD seeks a part-time Director of Music to play the piano and organ and direct a small all-volunteer choir.

**Friendship United Methodist Church** in Friendship, MD is seeking a new choir director OR a piano accompanist for the choir. They are also looking for SATB section leaders/soloists.

**Christian Community Presbyterian Church** in Bowie is seeking a new Director of Music to start January 1.

**In addition, St. Andrew by the Bay** in Annapolis, MD has been seeking candidates for a Director of Music, \$35-40K. Search Indeed, SimplyHired or ZipRecruiter.



## AGO CERTIFICATION '25-'26 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### SPC Monthly Study Groups September - February (Skip December) Mondays at 7pm EST 5 Sessions Total

September 15th, 2025 -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9kPiTgD56q>

October 20th, 2025 -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9F7DXdtDSxeUAFDD5uUBfA>

November 17th, 2025 -

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/E8\\_8GIfNQzCkR7gMwSoy9w](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/E8_8GIfNQzCkR7gMwSoy9w)

January 26th, 2026 -

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/NiGU\\_u1xSE6DBeAx1IEF9Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/NiGU_u1xSE6DBeAx1IEF9Q)

February 9th, 2026 -

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ihtejF6vRqWH\\_EN0yeqRLA](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ihtejF6vRqWH_EN0yeqRLA)

### November CAGO Study Group September & October Tuesdays at 7pm EST

CAGO Written Exam - September 23rd, 2025 -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/dOKHqdfQRVCoegoxIxR0TA>

CAGO Repertoire and Keyboard Skills - October 14th, 2025 -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/7pKWezgARMGtitV7KcmLrQ>

### May CAGO and Upper-Level Exams Study Groups at 7pm EST

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 - CAGO Written Exam -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/l8xLRco9Q36EO8wsbXfd5q>

Monday, April 20th, 2026 - CAGO Repertoire and Keyboard Skills -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/X6GDQkHZQbCudiSeRkifZQ>

Monday, April 27th, 2026 - Fugue (CAGO, AAGO, FAGO) -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/Kq0mA2MRvidWUNzeDf1XQ>

Monday, May 4th, 2026 - Ear Tests (AAGO, FAGO, ChM) -

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/2J9Q25p8S4uhNh2l\\_2Mqsw](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/2J9Q25p8S4uhNh2l_2Mqsw)

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 - Compositional Techniques (AAGO, FAGO, ChM) -

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/k64-vtRkQ-iHW4\\_KDEE7nQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/k64-vtRkQ-iHW4_KDEE7nQ)

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE FUTURE EVENTS IN 2026:

**March 7** - Monica Berney workshop.

**April 25** - David Beatty will share Organ repertoire.

**June 7** - America's 250th birthday celebrated with music at the Naval Academy Chapel.

These events are still in the planning stages; details to come!

## OCTOBER ANTIPHON

Please send submissions for our next issue to Kerry Heyes, [kadams61@yahoo.com](mailto:kadams61@yahoo.com) by **September 20th**. Thanks!

## AGO WEBSITE - [agohq.org](http://agohq.org)

Updates have made things easier when renewing dues. You may also want to explore new features on the website. Here is an easy step-by-step guide:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Welcome-to-our-new-website-.html?soid=1130570232331&aid=NRrPX8fKqLs>

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## CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Dean:** Bill Gilligan

**Sub-Dean:** Paul Griffin

**Secretary:** Cindy Carlton

**Treasurer:** Scott Romanoski

## MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

**Class of 2026:** Ben Garcia, Michael A. Clarke

**Class of 2027:** Kerry Heyes, Betsy Lord

**Class of 2028:** Ben Touzeau, Diane Kinsley

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