

About the AGO

The Tidewater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is a professional association created to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education and certification of Guild members. The chapter was formed in 1954 by Dr. Charles Vogan and has an active membership of over 100 local organists, choir directors and supporters.

The Organ Swell, a series of organ recitals, is our Tidewater chapter's inclusion in the International Virginia Arts Festival. Please visit our website in late January 2020 for a listing of this season's six Swell concerts. We thank you for your support of organ music in Hampton Roads. The Tidewater Chapter is a not-for-profit organization and donations can be made at any of our season's concerts. Checks can be made payable to: Tidewater Chapter AGO.

Please visit our web site at www.tidewaterago.org for information about additional AGO programs and recitals.



2019-2020 Season American Guild of Organists Tidewater Chapter



Fri., September 13, 2019 - 7:30 PM *Grand Organ Dedication Gala*

Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church
560 W. Olney Rd., Norfolk, VA

Nathan Laube, Organist



Come hear the grandeur of the newly restored pipe organ of Christ & St. Luke's Church, one of Hampton Roads' most glorious concert venues. Nathan Laube has quickly earned a place among the organ world's elite performers. His brilliant playing and gracious demeanor have thrilled audiences around the world.

Free admission; Champagne reception to follow.

Sun., October 27, 2019 - 4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
300 36th St., Va. Beach, VA

David Goode in Concert

David Goode is organist at Eton College, home to an important collection of historic instruments and some of the United Kingdom's most talented young organists. Goode was a music scholar at Eton College and an organ scholar at King's College, Cambridge. He combines his work at Eton with an international concert career.

All welcome - Retiring offering received.



Sat., November 9, 2019 10:00 AM

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Norfolk
1004 Graydon Ave., Norfolk, VA

Repertoire You Can Count On!

Five of our favorite organists from a variety of denominations combine to offer their top choices of choral and organ pieces that *work* for church and choir. This is an opportunity to find some "tried and true pieces" to add to the standards we use, and to give us all fresh music to explore.

Sat., February 8, 2020 - 10:00 AM

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
45 Main Street, Newport News, VA

Repertoire You Can Count On! Reprise

This workshop is a repeat of the November repertoire workshop offered to our membership living and working on the Peninsula.

Sun., March 22, 2020 - 4:00 PM

Monumental U. Methodist Church
450 Dinwiddie St., Portsmouth, VA

Member's Recital—Newly Restored Monumental Organ

Tidewater AGO Members will delight us with this combined recital of AGO colleagues on the newly restored Casavant Organ. After damage by fire in January 2018 the organ was removed and restored. Back in its church home and this concert will celebrate the organ's glorious new voice.
Free and open to all.

April—May 2020 Various dates

The Organ Swell Series

The Tidewater Guild organists team with professional instrumentalists to present music for Organ with Instruments as well as the Solo repertoire of the King of Instruments. A complete listing of the 6 concerts will be available on our web site in early March 2020.

Sunday May 10, 2020 - 4:00 PM

Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church
560 W. Olney Rd., Norfolk, VA

Virginia Arts Festival Organist Amanda Mole

Amanda Mole is one of the leading concert organists of her generation and the winner of numerous international competitions. She has performed at venues across the USA, Europe, and Japan. Tickets available through the Virginia Arts Festival Box Office or at the door.

