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From Our Dean—



Greetings and a happy and fulfilling summer from your AGO board! Please mark your calendars for various happenings listed in this edition.

We have one Organ Swell concert left for this year -- Wednesday, July 9, noon at Galilee Episcopal in Virginia Beach with Beckie Davy, organ and Mark Nixon, trumpet.

Safe travels to the choir of Christ and St. Lukes, Norfolk, as they do summer residences at Canterbury Cathedral and St. Paul's, London!

Our board for next year is:

Brad Norris, dean

Beckie Davy, subdean

Holly Sunderland, secretary

Eric Dolch, treasurer

At-large are: Ginny Chilton, Mary Dolch, Dr. Richard Gress (new musician at Sacred Heart Catholic, Norfolk), Mike Regan, Alan Strong, and Martin Sunderland.

Special thanks to Geoffrey Bell, rotating off the board this year after about 10 years. He has graciously offered to continue editing our website.

I would appreciate any feedback or ideas from our membership (brnmusic@netzero.net).

Sincerely,

Brad Norris, Dean

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SACRED MUSIC *in a* SACRED SPACE

CONCERTS AND
SPECIAL SERVICES

CHRIST AND ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

MOZART'S REQUIEM

Sunday, June 8, 4pm

Our spring concert features one of the greatest choral masterpieces of all time: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem. Join the Parish Choir and orchestra of period instruments in a thrilling afternoon. Free-will offering; all donations will benefit the 2025 Choir Tour and Pilgrimage.



FAREWELL CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, July 13, 5:30pm

Our send-off service before the Choir and Pilgrims travel to Canterbury and St. Paul's Cathedrals. Music of Harwood, Stephen Coxe, John Scott, and Will Todd.

560 W. Olney Road, Norfolk www.christandstlukes.org/smss

Organ Recital & Choral Evensong

Featuring the combined choirs of
Trinity and Galilee Episcopal churches



Music of Thomas Attwood
Walmisley, Richard Shephard,
and William Henry Harris

Guest recitalist Mary Dolch

June 15 at 4 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church
500 Court Street

Childcare provided.
Sherry reception to follow.

Mary Dolch, *Organist & Choirmaster* of Galilee Episcopal Church (Virginia Beach), will play a 30-minute organ recital as an extended prelude to a 4:30 PM service of Choral Evensong (sung Evening Prayer), which will be sung by the combined choirs of Trinity and Galilee Episcopal churches. Choral music of William Henry Harris, Richard Shephard, and Thomas Attwood Walmisley.

Childcare is available in the Parish House. A sherry reception follows the service in the Parish Hall. Free will offering.

For more information, contact Trinity's *Organist & Choirmaster*, Eric Dolch, at eric@trinity-portsmouth.org or (757) 393-0431, Ext. 103.

Trinity Episcopal Church, 500 Court Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704

ORGAN SWELL SERIES

Galilee Episcopal Church

3928 Pacific Avenue - Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Wednesday, July 9th at 12:00 PM

Featuring organist Beckie Davy (Bruton Parish, Williamsburg) and trumpeter Mark Nixon. This program will feature Galilee's new chancel pipe organ (Quimby Pipe Organs, Op. 81), the first stage of a double organ project about which you can read more at www.galileechurch.net/organ.

For more information, please contact:

Mary Dolch
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Please Welcome.....

Dr. Richard Gress, the new Music Director & Organist at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk.

Organist Richard Gress is an active recitalist, church musician, and recipient of numerous awards and prizes, including the AGO's Pogorzelski-Yankee Scholarship. A graduate of Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, Richard was in the organ studio of Dr. Jack Mitchener. Richard obtained the Master of Music degree in organ at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music in the studio of Martin Jean. Richard earned his DMA at the University of Notre Dame in the studio of Olukola Owolabi, choosing the First Symphony for Organ of eccentric British composer Kaikhosru Shapurji Sorabji (1892–1988) as his dissertation topic.



Read More Here: [R Gress Bio](#)

His contact information is (478) 297-8008 and richard.gress@icloud.com

From a Green and Pleasant Land

[VIEW DETAILS](#)

Just as John Dixon's *Hymns of the Fruited Plain* (70/2449L) celebrated the hymnody of his adopted homeland, the United States, this volume honors the music of his birthplace, England. Drawing on favorite hymns from his childhood as a choirboy, Dixon offers creative and practical organ settings of beloved hymns found in nearly every hymnal, making them ideal for use in worship.

A Note from the Composer.....

"It contains 12 voluntaries based on British hymn tunes that I remember from my choirboy days in England. These are tunes that, while some might be familiar, deserve more attention in America, in my opinion. Perhaps my chapter colleagues will buy the book - and then I'm sure I'll hear whether they agree!"



Member Benefits Webinar Monday, June 2, 6 pm ET / 4 pm PT **Capella Notation Software**

Did you know that AGO members receive a 10% discount off all capella software products? With capella, you have everything you need to create, edit, scan, and even harmonize sheet music — plus make MP3s or audio CDs — all in one powerful package. This discount helps you unlock your full musical creativity!

- **capella scan** for scanning sheet music with text recognition.
- **tonica fugata** for settings, harmony, and compositions in the styles of JS Bach and Max Reger, or to compose jazz harmonies or fugues.
- **capella Audio2Score** recognizes harmonies, melody, bass lines, and instrument groups. Using artificial intelligence, a new arrangement is created according to your desired instrumentation.

Join Dr. Dominik Hörnel as he reveals the newest upgrade and features of **capella 10**, regarding voice extractions and graphic pages. He will also demonstrate how to compose using Tonica Fugata and how to create organ adaptations of popular music.

Please register [here](#).



Elizabeth George
Chief Membership Officer
American Guild of Organists
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One of the pioneering ensembles of its kind in the USA,
the 10-member TCGO captivates audiences with an innovative
approach to classical guitar performance.

These highly skilled performers showcase a rich palette of guitars from
traditional classical to requintos (soprano) and bajas (baritone) guitars
in repertoire from Bach to Bartok.



**TIDEWATER
CLASSICAL
GUITAR
ORCHESTRA**

Sunday
June 8, 4:00pm
Donations appreciated

Wycliffe Presbyterian Church, 1445 N. Great Neck Rd, VaBeach

The concert is FREE to all, but contributions are welcomed
to support this and other concerts in the church series.



Summer Music Concert Series

**Monthly Concerts on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
Free and open to the public**

June 22

We will have a delightful pipe organ recital with our three St. John's organists (Alan Strong, Brad Norris and Deborah Carr), joined by guest organist Ronzell Bell, on our 46 rank Parsons Pipe Organ. This program will explore organ pieces of the majestic Baroque period, the lyrically beautiful Romantic era, the edgy but interesting 20th century, and we will even hear some 'gospel' organ improvisations. Something for every taste. Reception to follow.

July 27

Join us for a program featuring the Historical Perspectives of the Guitar performed by our friend from Nags Head Gordon Kreplin. This program will trace the development of the guitar; lute and viheula with repertoire from the Renaissance; the Romantic and early Classical eras as well as the modern period. Three instruments will be played in the concert: lute, romantic guitar in the style of Torres, and the modern Spanish guitar of Granada. Reception to follow.

August 17

We take a journey through many of the compositions of our own music director Deborah Carr. Music for SATB choir, both secular and sacred, musical excerpts from major choral works - "The Blessing - the Story of Jacob" and excerpts from the choral drama "David". We even will hear from the children's musical "The Bethlehem Turtle". Music for oboe and organ, solo songs and music written for the women's choral Bellissima will be offered. This is a musical exhibit of Deborah's original contributions that she loves to share. Reception to follow.

Do you like to sing? – To learn about instruments?

Enjoy being an actor on the stage??

Are you a rising 1st-7th grader??

St. John's Music Camp is for YOU!!!!



July 14-18 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
St. John's Episcopal Church
100 W. Queens Way, Hampton
Come join us!!!



Interview classical composers from the past
Learn to play handbells, chimes and recorders
Win prizes with musical games like Bingo and Twister
This years musical is 'Phantom of the Music Room'!

Register NOW for your place in the camp!
Go to stjohnshampton.org/ministries/music-academy/music-camp
Fill in the information and Click submit!

OR fill out the form on the reverse and send to

Music Director
St John's Episcopal Church
100 W. Queens Way, Hampton, VA 23669

For additional information Contact us at music@stjohnshampton.org 757-722-2567
The Camp is an outreach program of the music ministry and is open to Children of all denominations and
faiths. Camp Staff includes school music teachers and Church musicians.

Cost for the week is only \$15.00 (each additional child per family +\$10)

which covers the cost for a music Camp T shirt

Space is limited so sign up now!!!

The Graif Foundation is excited to welcome this Power Trio from New Jersey

Sunday, 22 June 2025 at 4:00 P. M.

at the home of Sue & Joe Graif



Advocatorum Musicis (Latin for “musical lawyers”) are three friends who, in addition to practicing law in their respective fields of family, bankruptcy, and criminal law, have performed together for almost twenty years in cabarets, musical theater, and recital formats. With vocals by Luisa Fuentes, directed by pianist Rozanne Sullivan and featuring Frank Kolodzieski on clarinet and alto and tenor saxophone, their repertoire spans the history of American music: jazz, Broadway, the Great American Songbook, pop and gospel. Featuring original arrangements of well-known works by George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, Kurt Weill, and Leonard Bernstein, as well as contemporary composers such as Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) and Jim Steinman (Meatloaf), *Advocatorum Musicis* believe that every song tells a story in its own unique fashion. Join us for an afternoon of musical vignettes as we journey through the past 100 years of American musical excellence presented with a fresh perspective.

You can reserve a seat by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1274531380669?aff=oddtcreator>

ADMISSION IS FREE. A GOOD WILL OFFERING IS SUGGESTED. ONLY 70 SEATS ARE AVAILABLE. SO, IF YOU MAKE A RESERVATION AND ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT ENJOY. BE KIND AND RESPONSIBLE...



Console of the Wurlitzer Unit Orchestra in the Detroit Fox Theater



The Susan A. & Joseph N. Graif Foundation Inc.



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*We are pleased to announce our third season of world-class performances in the
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06 April 2025 at 4 P.M. – Silent Film w/Clark Wilson

22 June 2025 at 4 P.M. – Advocatorum Musicis

17 August 2025 at 4 P.M. – Michael Sansonia – Singer/Songwriter

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07 December 2025 at 4 P.M. – Alex Hassan – Novelty Piano

Concerts are open to the general public and are free but only 70 seats are available. Reservations must be made in advance. A free will offering is suggested. For more information, visit graiffoundation.org or call 703.380.8995

JOB OPENING

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Of Virginia Beach, Virginia

Job description: Enhance the worship experience through music by providing preludes, postludes, and accompaniment for hymns and liturgy

Responsibilities:

- Provide organ/piano music for Sunday services and non-Sunday seasonal services such as: Christmas Eve, mid-week Advent and Lenten services, Holy Week services, and other festivals as needed and at other church functions/events as requested by the Pastor.
- Have the first option to play for all weddings and funerals held at the church.
- Choose appropriate organ/piano music for anthems, preludes, postludes, and with Pastor and/or Music & Worship chair the hymns for services relevant to the scripture readings and sermon.
- Able and open to forming and working with a choir.
- Assist in arranging for guest soloist and other musicians in conjunction with the Worship & Music committee. And arrange for substitute during absences in collaboration with the Chair of Music and Worship committee and the Pastor.
- Ensure organ and piano are maintained properly and provide recommendations to the committee regarding preventative maintenance as needed.

Requirements:

- Proficiency in reading music and in playing piano, organ, and keyboards
- Ability to collaborate with clergy, staff, and volunteers, and a willingness to positively engage with people and accept constructive feedback.
- Knowledge of and comfort with traditional liturgical music and willing to learn the ELCA versions we use.



Compensation:

- Part-time position, no health or retirements benefits
- 2 weeks of vacation
- Paid monthly at the end of the month via direct deposit through ADP payroll system.
- Salary range \$18,000-\$26,000 commensurate with experience.

Church Profile:

Established in 1956, Our Saviour Lutheran Church is located on Shore Drive in Virginia Beach and is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. We are a growing congregation and offer outreach opportunities, Bible and book studies, and social events. We currently offer two Sundays services at 8:30 and 10:30 AM.

To apply: Send cover letter, resume, and list of 3 references to: Our Saviour Lutheran Church oursaviourlutheranvb@gmail.com and Kathy Manning kjmannning56@gmail.com or mail to 4200 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455