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From Our Dean—



Happy Spring and a Blessed Eastertide to our members of the Tidewater Chapter, AGO.

Have you had a desire to serve on our Board? Maybe you have been asked and it wasn't the right time or maybe you have not yet been approached. Most of our meetings (about four per year) are via ZOOM, as we are spread out from Williamsburg to Virginia Beach. Please email me (brnmusic@netzero.net) if you'd like to contribute to your chapter in this way.

Our educational opportunities this winter were enjoyable and informative. Marj Setnicky and Holly Sunderland shared an organ accompanying workshop in January. They took us through myriad considerations in a role so many of us enjoy. Then, in March, our chapter teamed up with the Richmond chapter to bring in Ted Davis for the Bach Can Dance workshop. Bach and those in German courts were heavily influenced by French culture and French Baroque dances. Some of Bach's organ music can take on new meaning in feel and tempo when related to a specific French Baroque dance. That day, Tom Marshall gave us a tour of the historic keyboard instrument room in the new Music and Arts Center at William and Mary.

Two upcoming concerts I'd like to highlight: an Organ Swell concert, May 4, 4pm at Trinity Episcopal in Portsmouth with JanEl Will, Mary and Eric Dolch and instrumentalists. Then, the Virginia Arts Festival will present Alcee Chriss May 11, 4pm at Christ and St. Lukes, Norfolk. I'm certainly looking forward to both -- hope to see all y'all!

Brad Norris, Dean

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tidewater chapter AGO programs for late spring 2025

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 @ 12noon – Organ Swell Concert

Galilee Episcopal Church, 3928 Pacific Ave., Virginia Beach - More details to follow **FREEWILL OFFERING**

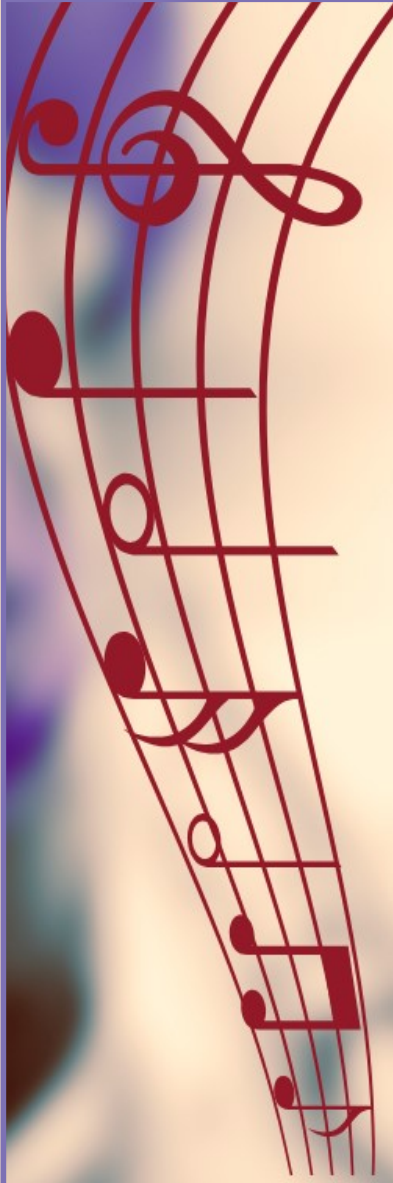
SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025, @ 4:00PM – ORGAN RECITAL BY ALCÉE CHRISS

FOR THE VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL ORGAN RECITAL

Christ and St. Luke's, 560 Olney Rd., Norfolk **TICKET REQUIRED; DISCOUNT GIVEN TO AGO MEMBERS**
First-prize and Bach prize winner at the 2017 Canadian International Organ Competition, Alcee Chriss III is widely regarded as one of the leading young organists of our time. Previous competition awards include the Firmin Swinnen Silver Medal at the 2016 Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition, First Prize and Audience Prize at the 2016 Fort Wayne National Organ Competition, and First Prize and Audience Prize at the 2014 Miami International Organ Competition. Mr. Chriss serves as University Organist and Artist-in-Residence at Wesleyan University.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 @ 4:00PM – ORGAN SWELL CONCERT

Hungars Episcopal Church, 10107 Bayside Rd., Machipongo - More details to follow **FREEWILL OFFERING**



ORGAN SWELL SERIES CONCERT

Sponsored by:



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FEATURING:

Organists Eric and Mary Dolch, JanEl Will,
pianist Lee Jordan-Anders, and flautist
Wayne Hedrick

May 4 at 4 pm
Trinity Episcopal Church
500 Court Street
Portsmouth

This concert is free. Offerings are appreciated.
For information, contact eric@trinity-portsmouth.org

ORGAN SWELL SERIES

Change of dates & locations

Due to delays with the installation of the new chancel pipe organ at Galilee Episcopal Church, Virginia Beach, we have rescheduled and relocated two of the upcoming *Organ Swell* series programs.

As always, these programs are open to all at no charge, but free will offerings to support the series are greatly appreciated.

Sunday, May 4th at 4:00 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

500 Court Street
Portsmouth, VA 23704

Featuring organists Eric Dolch (Trinity Church, Portsmouth), Mary Dolch (Galilee Church, Virginia Beach), and JanEl Will (Bruton Parish, Williamsburg), concert pianist Lee Jordan-Anders, and flautist Wayne Hedrick.

For more information, please contact:

Eric Dolch
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Wednesday, July 9th at 12:00 PM

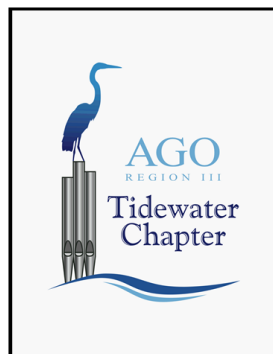
Galilee Episcopal Church

3928 Pacific Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

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:

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From a Green and Pleasant Land

Organ Settings of British Hymn Tunes

John S. Dixon

Organ, 2-staff

[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!"



JUBILATE DEO

All the Earth sings for joy - *Omnis terra, jubilate!*

MAY 3rd - 4 PM
First Baptist Church
Newport News

Together
with the
Virginia
Children's
Chorus

MAY 4th - 4 PM
Royster Presbyterian
Church Norfolk

Jubilate Deo brings to life the global aspect of the Psalm 100 text, "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands," by setting it in seven different languages and drawing from a wide spectrum of musical influences. The result is a stunning global celebration of joy!

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Candlelight Concerts & Historic Organ Recitals May 2025

Candlelight Concerts in Bruton Parish

Thursday, May 1

Organ Recital

Eric Huenneke, Organist from Boston, MA

Saturday, May 3 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber Music Concert

Tidewater Cello Ensemble from Hampton Roads, VA, Susan Hines Director

Thursday, May 8 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Carson Cooman, Organist & Composer in Residence at Harvard's University Church in Boston, MA

Saturday, May 10 @ 8:00 pm

Handbell Concert

Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director, with JanEl Will, Organist

Monday, May 12 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber Vocal Concert

Alum Spiritum Vocal Quartet based Brownsville, TX, Diane Walters, Soprano & Executive Director, Lara Alami, Alto, Daniel Parks, Tenor & Sean Taylor, Bass & Artistic Director

Thursday, May 15 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber Music Concert

Fluteforte from Richmond, Virginia, Susan Davis, Director

Saturday, May 17 @ 8:00 pm

Youth Choral Concert

Lynnfield Middle School Pioneer Singers from Lynnfield, MA, Stephen Bloom, Director

Thursday, May 22 @ 8:00 pm

Youth Choral Concert

Clover High School Choraliers from Clover, SC, Jay Forrest, Director

Saturday, May 24 @ 8:00 pm

Youth Choral Concert

Osborn Park High School Madrigal Singers from Manassas, VA, Dominick Izzo, Director

Thursday, May 29 @ 8:00 pm

Boys Choir Concert

Birmingham Boys Choir, from Birmingham, AL, Ken Berg, Director

Saturday, May 31 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber Music Concert

The Richmond Clarinet Choir from Richmond, VA, Anne Caldiron, Director

Historic Organ Recitals in the W & M Wren Chapel

May 3 – Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturday, May 10 – Carson Cooman, Organist

Saturday, May 17 – Thomas Marshall, Organist

Saturday, May 24 – Norman Elton, Organist

Saturday, May 31, Thomas Marshall, Organist

Excepting April 5 all Concerts are non-ticketed and open to the public. Freewill offerings are gratefully received.

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist, Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Contact: bdavy@brutonparish.org or (757-64503431) Website: www.brutonparish.org



The Virginia Arts Festival and AGO Tidewater Chapter present

ALCÉE CHRISS III

IN CONCERT



First-prize and Bach prize winner at the 2017 Canadian International Organ Competition, Alcée Chriss III is widely regarded as one of the leading young organists of our time. Mr. Chriss serves as University Organist and Artist-in-Residence at Wesleyan University.

PROGRAM

BACH - Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542

RAMEAU - Entrée de Polymnie From Les Boréades

FRANCK, ARR. CHRISS - Symphony in D Minor, M. 48: II. Allegretto

ELGAR - Organ Sonata No. 1, op. 80: I. Allegro Maestoso

BACH - Toccata in D minor, BWV 913

SHEARING/CHRISS - Improvisation on Jerusalem My Happy Home

SWANN/CHRISS - Improvisation on Amazing Grace

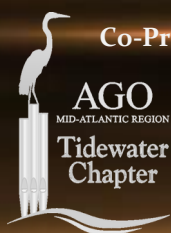
RACHMANINOFF/CHRISS - Symphonic Dances, Op. 45: I. Non-Allegro

CHRISS - Improvisation on "Somewhere over the Rainbow"

AGO members receive \$5 off with discount code AGO25 (applies to ADULT tickets in cart)

Event Page: (Click Here)

<https://www.vafest.org/tickets/2425/alcee-chriss-iii/>



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SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025, 4 PM

CHRIST & ST. LUKE'S, NORFOLK



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CONCERTS AND
SPECIAL SERVICES

CHRIST AND ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

THE TALLIS SCHOLARS PRESENTS PALESTRINA 500

Tuesday, April 29, 7:30pm

Tickets at vafest.org.

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR EASTERTIDE

Sunday, May 4, 5:30pm

Music of Howells and Walford-Davies.

ORGANIST ALCÉE CHRIS III

Sunday, May 11, 4pm

First-prize and Bach prize winner at the 2017 Canadian International Organ Competition, Alcée Chriss III is widely regarded as one of the leading young organists of our time. Come and hear a dazzling performance on our restored pipe organ. Tickets available at vafest.org or at the door. Discount for AGO members.

MIDDAY CHAMBER MUSIC IV

Friday, May 23, noon

Music of Purcell and Handel, featuring soprano Melinda Van Niel, violinists Elizabeth Vonderheide and Jonathan Richards, cellist Jeff Phelps, and harpsicordist Kevin Kwan.

ASCENSION DAY HYMN FESTIVAL

Thursday, May 29, 7pm

With Dr. John Cummins, Organist & Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, NC. This service will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in West Ghent, 1004 Graydon Ave, Norfolk.

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

The final service of Choral Evensong before our Choir and Pilgrims embark on their Tour to Canterbury and St. Paul's Cathedrals



Dedication Concert

APRIL 25, 2025 | 6:00PM

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

542 Cypress Avenue | Murrells Inlet, SC



David Ball



RODGERS

**CUSTOM INFINITY 489
FOUR MANUAL**



Dan Miller

Dedication Concert

**JUNE 1, 2025
4:00PM**

**FIRST UNITED
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217 S. CHURCH STREET
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