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Special Advent/Christmas Edition Featuring Members' Programs

Welcome to a special edition of THE CYPHER, being published to share information about special Advent and Christmas music programs which have been submitted by chapter members. By perusing this list, you will see that a host of Christmas/holiday programs are taking place throughout Tucson during the Advent and Christmas season.

If your special program isn't here, the editor hopes that you will submit information for your special Lenten and Easter services in a later edition of



The program information is listed in roughly alpha order by church or organization. Just in case, your plate isn't already full, by browsing this list you can find programs you might not otherwise have known about.

Christmas Programs and Events

Benedictine Monastery Chapel

800 N. Country Club Road

Sunday, December 14, 3 pm and 7:30 pm

Friday, December, 19, 7:30 pm

The Arizona Repertory Singers perform ***Heavenly Light***, a program with new arrangements of well-known Christmas carols and beloved classical works, including Brahms, Poulenc and Gustav Holst, and contemporary composers John Rutter and Morten Lauridsen. Admission fee.



Catalina United Methodist Church

2700 E. Speedway Blvd.

December 7, 30 pm.

Sonoran Bells, "Ringing in the Holidays"

December 14, 5 pm.

Candlelight Lessons and Carols

Sanctuary Choir and Organ, harp, flute and cello. Music of Mathias, Britten, Vaughn Williams, Willcocks, Carter, Near, Rutter and Darke

Christmas Eve, December 24, 10:30 pm & 11pm

10:30, Instrumental music for harp, cello and organ.

Works by Busser, Yon, Saint Saens, and others.

11pm, Christmas Candlelight Service with music by Mathias, Willcocks, Carter and Bedard.

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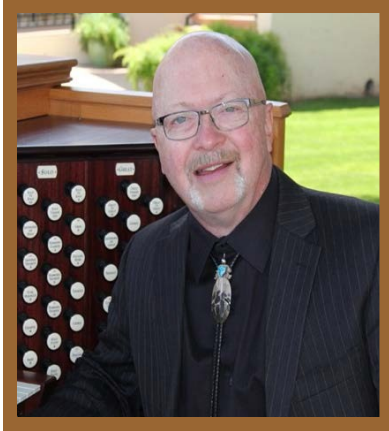
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message from the dean...



Greetings Friends,

I would like to wish
you a Happy
Advent! I hope you

are able to enjoy this time of expectant waiting and preparation. The SAAGO executive board thought it might be a nice idea to share with our members and online-followers some of the special services and events associated with the Advent and Christmas season that are happening within the community. Included in this greeting is only a partial listing of programs that might be of interest to those seeking special music opportunities to include as part of their holiday plans.

It was great to see so many of you as part the enthusiastic crowd that attended our recent annual Showcase Concert sponsored by the SAAGO. The program was absolutely superb. Thank you to chapter members, Doug Leightenheimer, Will Thomas, Rex Woods and the Arizona Woodwind Quintet for their wonderful performances!

As with all of our guild programs, we depend upon our members to help advertise, encourage and support the many choral and organ programs that enrich our community. With the beginning of the new church year I hope the Advent season brings new vitality and energy to our guild and it's support of fine music throughout Southern Arizona. We appreciate your talents and gifts which play a significant role in our mission of the AGO.

With warmest wishes this holiday season,

Dennis

Wishing you all the best in the new year!





Community Messiah Sing-along

Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
939 W. Chapala (west of St. Odilia and St. Andrew's
Presbyterian).

Complete Christmas/Advent section plus *Hallelujah Chorus* featuring soloists, choir, chamber orchestra and pipe organ. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own score or check one out at the door. All (including non-singers) are welcome.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

105 N. Norton Ave.

Saturday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

The Peace of Christmas— A Christmas Music Fireside and Nativity Display

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for viewing of nativity scenes

Christmas music featuring a 52-voice choir accompanied by pipe organ, Soloists and Duets, Men's Quartet, Brass Ensemble and String Ensemble

Northminster Presbyterian Church

2450 E. Fort Lowell Rd

Advent and Christmas music in the Rowley Courtyard following each service of worship beginning November 30.

November 30—Glenda Garcia, doctoral student in piano, performs a selection of carols.

December 7 —Men's Choir, directed by Dr. John T. Brobeck, sings TTBB carol arrangements.

December 14—duo harpists Rebecca Foreman & Sloan Kanaski, present their renditions of Christmas music.

December 21—Carols for brass quartet.

December 14, 9:30 a.m. The Sanctuary Choir presents

Ralph Vaughan Williams' *The First Nowell*, with organ, strings and harp accompaniment.

Northminster Continued.

December 14, 4 p.m. **The Sons of Orpheus sing Christmas Music.** Hear the 'Sons' singing Christmas music from their 18th annual "sell-out, standing-room only" program at Mission San Xavier.

Christmas Eve, 7:30 & 11 p.m., Candlelight services. 10:30 pm., Organ program including harp, voice and other instruments. John T. Brobeck, organist.

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church

3809 East Third Street in Tucson.

Saturday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Choral Concert by the Celtic Choir directed by Michael Scionti, the Joyful Noise children's choir and instrumentalists directed by John Snavely, the handbell choir under the direction of Catherine Swanson, and guest choirs from several other Tucson churches. Free.

Trinity Presbyterian Church

400 E. University Blvd.

Advent Mini-Concerts begin November 30 and continue on each of the Sundays in Advent. The programs take place in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 worship service and last about 20 minutes.

November 30 – Praise on the Pipes – a program based on the theme of “joy” presented on Trinity’s pipe organ by Lynn Moser.

December 7 – Yuletide on the Yamaha – favorite songs of the season played on Trinity’s grand piano by Lynn Moser.

December 14 – Handbell Hallelujahs -- the sparkling sounds of bells and chimes presented by the Trinity Ringers, with opportunities for some congregational carol singing.

December 21 – Celebration on the Strings – featuring the inspiring sounds of the Kingfisher String Quartet.

December 21 during the 10:30 worship service – the Trinity Choir with orchestra presents “Candles and Carols” by Mark Hayes.



St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church

4440 N Campbell Ave,

December 7th Sunday, 9 & 11:15 a.m.

First Sunday Music: Advent Procession with St. Philip's adult choirs and the St. Nicholas children's choir. Music by Cooman, Gardiner, Grieg, and Britten.

Sunday, December 21, 4 p.m. Choral Evensong

Based on the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* liturgy including seasonal music by Britten. Led by the Schola Cantorum. Followed by a brief organ recital presented by Scott Youngs from All Saints Episcopal Church, Phoenix.

Wednesday, December 24 The Eve of the Nativity

4 p.m. Children's Service — A communion service for toddlers and preschoolers and their families. Bring Baby Jesus from your home crèche (Nativity Set) to be blessed. Featuring organ, trumpet, the Cherub Choir, and the Choir Chimes. **Live Nativity Scene** in the church plaza following the Children's Service, 4:30 p.m.

5:20 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Pre-service music leading into the ... **All Generations Eucharist** — A Holy Eucharist service for school-aged children and their families. Music sung by the St. Nicholas Choir, with trumpet and the St. Philip's Ringers. The Chalice Players lead the liturgy.

Tucson Girls Chorus

December 13, 7 pm

Fox Theatre

17 W. Congress St.

This concert also features an original work by Chris Fresolone, Associate Conductor.

6:50 p.m. 7 p.m. Pre-service music leading into the ... **Candlelit Eucharist with Carols** — A quiet, reflective Choral Eucharist service rooted in our ancient Anglican tradition. Music includes carols sung by the Schola Cantorum; also the St. Philip's Ringers and harp, and popular carols for congregational singing.

8:50 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Pre-service music leading into the ... **Festival Eucharist** — Choral Eucharist Rite II. Music, led by the St. Philip's Singers, soloists, and orchestra, will include Haydn's "*St. Nicolai*" Mass, handbell music by the Mission Ringers and popular carols for congregational singing.

10:50 p.m. 11 p.m. Pre-service music leading into the ... **Festival Eucharist** — Choral Eucharist Rite II, with incense. Music, led by the Canterbury Choir, soloists, and orchestra, will include Haydn's "*St. Nicolai*" Mass, plus popular carols for congregational singing.

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:50 a.m. Congregational carol singing leading into the ... **11 a.m. Feast of the Nativity** — Holy Eucharist Rite II service with choir and well-loved congregational carols



Sounds of Winter

Dr. Marcela Molina, Director

Dr. Chris Fresolone, Jess Edelbrock,
& Julia Hollis, Associate Conductors

Saturday December 13, 2014
7:00 pm

at the Fox Theatre
17 W. Congress St.

General admission: \$15
\$8 for children 3-10 years old, free for children 2 & under

Craig Cramer at St. Alban's December 14



Organist Craig Cramer will perform on the Fritts organ at St. Alban's on Sunday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m. His program will include the Praeludium in D of Dieterich Buxtehude, variations on Advent chorales by Georg Böhm and Anton Heiller, a suite from the Linz Organ Tablature, and the Passacaglia and Thema Fugatum in C minor of Johann Sebastian Bach. Admission is \$15; seniors (60+) and St. Alban's members \$10; students \$5. Tickets will be available at the door.

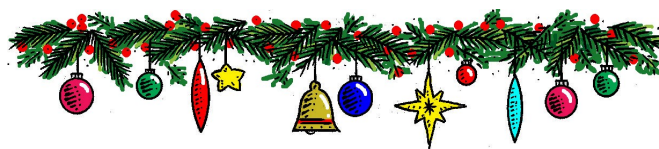
Craig Cramer is Professor of Organ at the University of Notre Dame. One of the most traveled concert organists of his generation, Cramer maintains an active recital career across the country. Regularly invited to perform on some of the most important historic organs in the world, Cramer's annual European concert tours have included performances in almost every country in Western Europe. He has fifteen CD recordings to his credit.



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January to April 2015 Events

January 23, 2015 7 p.m.

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Reception for Pamela Decker

Friday, January 30, 7 p.m.

after her Roy Johnson Memorial Organ Series concert
Holsclaw Hall, University of Arizona
Park Avenue & Speedway Boulevard



To recognize and demonstrate the chapter's appreciation to Pamela Decker, the chapter will host a reception in her honor following her Roy Johnson Series concert. Professor Decker is a leading figure in composition for the organ. *Faneuil Hall*, commissioned for the 2014 Boston Convention,

was played as a competition piece for NYACOP competitors and performed by Renée Louprette in recital at the recent convention. Pamela is the chapter's liaison to the university. Celebrating her wonderful work in the musical community will be a joyful occasion!

Chelsea Chen, Organ

Friday, February 6, 7 p.m.

Northminster Presbyterian Church
2450 East Fort Lowell Rd.



Since Chelsea Chen emerged as a young artist, her performances have electrified audiences throughout the United States and Europe. She is internationally renowned for her concerts, which have been described as having "rare musicality" and "lovely lyrical grandeur." As a composer she is broadening the classical organ repertoire with her own works based on Asian folksongs

Reception Following. Free Will Offering.

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King of Instruments for Families

With Dorothy Papadakos

Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.

Catalina United
Methodist Church
2700 E. Speedway
Boulevard



*Learn about the Organ
through Improvisation.*

Famed organist and
improviser Dorothy

Papadakos comes back to town. As part of her weekend celebrating the great new instrument at Catalina, she will work with young people to demonstrate the different colors of the new instrument through improvisation. It will be a treat for the whole family!

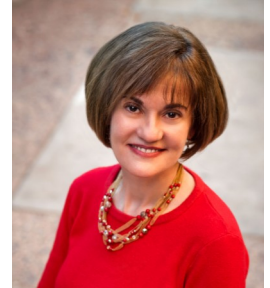
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Kimberly Marshall, Organ

24th Annual Bach Marathon

Saturday, February 28, 2 p.m.

St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church
4440 North Campbell Avenue



Kimberly Marshall is the 24th annual Bach Marathon featured artist. Kimberly has an active career as a concert organist, performing regularly in Europe, the US and Asia. She holds the Patricia and Leonard Goldman Endowed Professorship in Organ at Arizona State University, having previously held teaching positions at the Royal Academy of Music, London, and Stanford University, California.

Suggested donation: \$20

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Dream Destinations

Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m.

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
602 North Wilmot Rd.

Experience some of the great organs of Europe through this presentation by chapter members who have visited and played these instruments. This is for everyone who has always dreamed of going to Europe to see, hear, and play their dream instruments. It's also for everyone who would like to relive past great European organ experiences. You'll view presentations on different organs in different parts of Continental Europe and England and explore the possible option for an AGO chapter European trip to experience some of these instruments. Bring your thoughts, eager minds, and enthusiasm! (organ photo is Saint Sulpice, Cavaillé-Coll, Paris.)



Saint-Sulpice, Paris



Fox Theatre Organ Project

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.

Pipe Organ Artisans Shop
2700 East Bilby, Bldg. 300

Venture into the exciting world of the theatre organ and see the Fox Theatre organ work in progress. The project has been restarted and the 4 manual, 31-rank Wurlitzer organ is once again being prepared for installation at the Fox Theatre.

Builder Grahame Davis, of Pipe Organ Artisans of Arizona, shares some Fox history as well as his expertise and information about the organ. If you are interested in organ building or restoration, or in an organ type very different from the traditional church organ, this is the place to be!

Refreshments provided by Pipe Organ Artisans.

Summer Social at Colonia Verde

Sunday, June 7, 4 p.m.

Colonia Verde Clubhouse
2700 N. Camino Valle Verde, Tucson

Our summer social is a great time to enjoy visiting with your friends in the chapter. Bring your favorite dish for the potluck supper. Reservations to Joyce Swinehart (joyceehart@gmail.com) by Wed., May 27.

Chapter & chapter members organ & choral programs

Craig Cramer, organ

Sunday, December 14, 3 p.m.
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Admission: \$15, \$10, \$5

Woosug Kang, organ

January 10, 7 p.m.
St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church
Woosug performs this program to benefit the 2016 Worcester Cathedral Residency program for the St. Philip's Youth Choirs.

Isabelle Demers, organ

Friday, January 23, 7 p.m.
Catalina United Methodist Church
Donation: \$20

Pamela Decker, organ

Roy Johnson Memorial Organ Series
Friday, January 30, 7 p.m.
Holsclaw Hall, University of Arizona
General admission: \$10

AGO Reception in Dr. Decker's honor following the program.

Chelsea Chen, organ

Friday, February 6, 7 p.m.
Northminster Presbyterian Church
Free-will offering

Dorothy Papadakos, organ

Silent Film Festival
Friday, February 13, 7 p.m.
Catalina United Methodist Church
Donation: \$20

Dorothy Papadakos, organ King of Instruments for Families

Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.
Catalina United Methodist Church

Music of Tucson composer Jay Vosk

February, 22, 3 p.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Bach Marathon

Saturday, February 28
St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church

Jeffrey Campbell, organ, & Woosug Kang, organ, 10 a.m.

"Darkness and Light" with darkness represented with the performance of minor key preludes and fugues and light represented by performance of major key preludes and fugues.

"Bach's lunch" available: \$10

Kimberly Marshall, organ, 2 p.m.

The title of Kimberly's program is "Handel and Bach, Cosmopolitans of the Organ."

Suggested donation: \$10 each event

Brahms Requiem

Sunday, March 8, 5 p.m.
Northminster Presbyterian Church
Free-will offering

Woosug Kang, organ

Roy Johnson Memorial Organ Series
Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.
Holsclaw Hall, University of Arizona
General admission: \$10

Joan Lippincott, organ

Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m.
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Admission: \$15, \$10, \$5

Christopher Houlihan, organ

Friday, April 10, 7 p.m.
Catalina United Methodist Church
Donation: \$20

Dream Destinations

Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m.
St. Michael & All Angels Church

Mildred Flood Mahoney Recital

Sunday, April 26, 2:30 p.m.
Holsclaw Hall, University of Arizona

Fox Theatre Organ Project

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.
Pipe Organ Artisans Shop
2700 E. Bilby, Bldg 300

Summer Social

Sunday, June 7, 4 p.m.
Colonia Verde Club House
2700 N. Camino Valle Verde



St. Philip's Post-Evensong Organ Concerts

The following brief organ concerts follow the third Sunday Evensong service led by St. Philip's *Schola Cantorum*.

Evensong, 4 p.m.
Free-will offering

Scott Youngs, organ

December 21
Scott is Director of Music, All Saints Episcopal Church, Phoenix

Jeffri Sanders, organ

January 18
Jeffri is Organist, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Tucson

David Wachter, organ

February 15

Doug Leightenheimer, organ

March 15
Doug is Organist/Director of Music, St. Michael and All Angels Church, Tucson

Norene Walters, organ

April 19
Norene is Director of Music and Organist, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Tucson

Will Thomas, organ

May 17
Will is Director of Music and Organist, Christ the King Episcopal Church, Tucson

Chapter members programs continued

Out of the Desert and Beyond: the Music of Jay Vosk

February 22, 2015, 3 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran church

The music of Tucson composer Jay Vosk will be featured in a program at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The program will include *Songs of Creation for Native Flute and Organ* and *And the Idols Shall Suddenly Pass* for solo organ with David Gay as organist and Linda Doughty, the Native flutist.

The concert includes five new Vosk pieces: *Bouncing Etudes* for Solo Timpani; *Weaves of Grass* for Violin Solo; *The Old Woman and the Sparrow* for Flute, Clarinet, and narrator; *Sonatina for Tenor Saxophone and Marimba*; and *Four Scottish Songs* for Soprano Voice and Soprano Saxophone. The performances of all five of these pieces will be world premieres. Musicians will be Jay Vosk, saxophone; Barbara Freischlad, percussion, David Rife, violin; Dominic Lavigny, clarinet; and Clare Demer, soprano.

Songs of Creation, based on a Hohokam Indian legend, was commissioned by Maryjim Thoene and recorded on Raven Records by Ms. Thoene. The work has received numerous performances including a well received rendition of the work by Mr. Gay and Ms. Doughty at the 2008 AGO Midwinter Conclave hosted by the Southern Arizona chapter. *And the Idols*, a tone poem based on verses from The Book of Isaiah, was commissioned by David and Ilona Vukovic Gay and premiered at the chapter's Showcase Concert in 2011.



Ghent Altar Piece
Jan van Eyck (circa 1390-1441)



Ghirlandaio, Adoration of the Shepherds, 1488

Roy A. Johnson Memorial Organ Series 2014-2015



Faythe Freese

Guest Artist

Sunday, September 28, 2:30 p.m.



Pamela Decker

Faculty Artist

Friday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.



Woosug Kang

Guest Artist

Friday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.

The Roy Johnson Memorial Organ Series, established in memory of Professor Johnson following his tragic death in 1995, showcases outstanding contemporary organists. Professor Johnson made enormous contributions to the organ studies program, the keyboard area, and to graduate studies during his 29 years at the University of Arizona. The installation of the beautiful Schoenstein organ given by Isabelle Harris, in a hall designed for the organ, was the fulfillment of his vision for a flourishing organ program.

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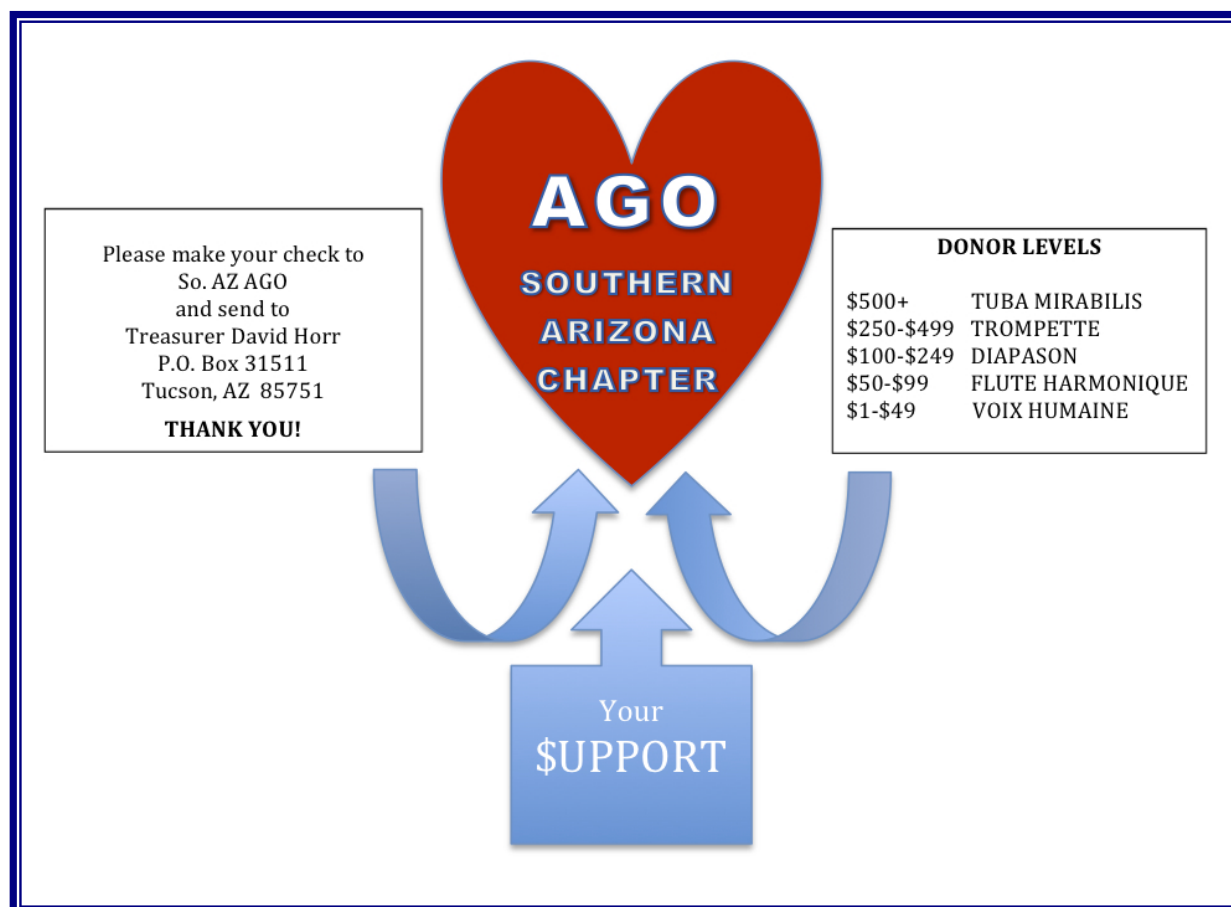
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