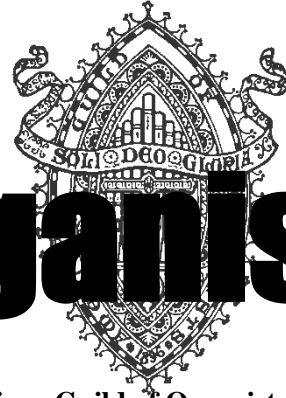


# The Greater Columbia Organist



**September 2012**

A Publication of the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**  
**Saint Peter's Catholic Church**  
**1529 Assembly Street, Columbia**

The Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists opens their 2012-13 Season at Saint Peter's Catholic Church, celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of their three-manual 36-rank Peragallo pipe organ. Organist Mark Husey performs with students from the USC School of Music, followed by a festive reception.

*FREE ADMISSION for GCAGO members*

In the fall of 2002, Peragallo Opus 643 was installed in Saint Peter's Catholic Church, and was dedicated March 23, 2003 by Bishop David Thompson, retired bishop of Charleston, assisted by Monsignor Leigh Lehocky, *Pastor*, with featured organist Father Francis Kline, abbot of Mepkin Abbey (now deceased). This instrument is the third pipe organ in the 1906 Gothic edifice designed by Frank Milburn, which stood on the same site as a church designed by Robert Mills from 1824. Previous instruments included a 10 ½ rank Kilgen (preserved from the first church), and a 1984 two-manual 26 rank Wicks. The Peragallo organ was part of a restoration effort completed in 2002 that included the installation of a wooden floor, which combined with the high vaulted ceiling, gives nearly 4 seconds of reverberation when the church is empty.

In the course of a calendar year, the Peragallo organ at Saint Peter's will lead the congregation's singing at some 250 weekend, holy day, ecumenical, diocesan and parochial school liturgies, in addition to weddings, funerals, and concerts. Since his appointment to Saint Peter's in January 2006 as Director of Music and Liturgy, Mark Husey has served as this Chapter's Sub Dean and now serves as District Convener for South Carolina AGO Chapters and Program Chair for the 2013 AGO Region IV Convention. Over 1,310,000 views have been tallied from 554 videos posted on [YouTube.com/VisitStPeters](http://YouTube.com/VisitStPeters) and [YouTube.com/MarkHusey](http://YouTube.com/MarkHusey), featuring the organ in liturgies and concerts. Saint Peter's will host the Opening Convocation of the 2013 AGO Region IV Convention as well as the closing concert and luncheon. *Join the Greater Columbia AGO at 7PM Saturday, September 8, in celebrating this significant cultural milestone in our region, and bring friends!*

*Reception Hosted by Greater Columbia AGO*  
*FREE ADMISSION for GCAGO MEMBERS*



*Stay Tuned!*  
*Program Plans for 2012 - 2013*

Your AGO Board met on August 21 and now proudly announces that most of our programs for this year have found a venue and date. See the accompanying articles about details of each performance and stay tuned for the details of the spring programs.

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| <b>September 8</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b>                      | <b>10th Anniversary of the Peragallo organ</b> <i>Definite</i><br>Organ recital by Mark Husey; reception by AGO<br>St. Peter's Catholic Church<br>1529 Assembly Street, Columbia SC 29202  |
| <b>October 16</b><br><b>6:30 p.m.</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b>   | <b>Movie night at St. Martin's</b> <i>Definite</i><br>Refreshments<br>Program: Viewing a DVD on Gerre Hancock<br>Legend of the organ world who died in January of 2012<br>St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church<br>5220 Clemson Avenue, Columbia SC 29206              |
| <b>November 17</b><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br><b>4:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Weekend for High School Students</b> <i>Definite</i><br>Master class at USC <b>10:00 a.m. to noon</b><br>Recital by Carolyn Craig,<br>2012 Young Organist Competition Winner <b>4:00 p.m.</b><br>Shandon United Methodist Church<br>3407 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205 |
| <b>January 22</b><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b>   | <b>New Members' Recital</b> <i>Definite</i><br>Catered Dinner<br>Recital by our new members<br>Union United Methodist Church<br>7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo SC 29063   |
| <b>February 16</b><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b>                     | <b>Young Organist Competition 2013</b> <i>Definite</i><br>Shandon United Methodist Church<br>3407 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205   |
| <b>March 16</b>   | <b>Organ Crawl to Newberry</b><br>Sponsored jointly with Spartanburg AGO Chapter   |
| <b>April</b>  | <b>Royal School of Church Music Chorister Programs</b><br>Guest clinician at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  |
| <b>May 18</b>   | <b>Ice Cream Social - AGO Volunteers for Convention</b>  |



## Movie Night Tuesday, October 16

The October Meeting for Columbia AGO will be held at **St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church at 5220 Clemson Avenue**. Refreshments will be served at **6:30 p.m.** and the viewing of the DVD on the life and works of Gerre Hancock will take place at **7:00 p.m.**



### **GERRE HANCOCK (February 21, 1934 - 21 January 21, 2012)**

A legend in the organ world, Gerre Hancock was an organist, composer and a master of the art of improvisation. At the time of his death, he was a Professor of Organ and Sacred Music at the University of Texas. From 1971 to 2004 he was Organist and Master of the Choristers at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. He had also served on the faculty at The Juilliard School in New York City, taught improvisation at the Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University and taught at The Eastman School of Music. His textbook *Improvising: How to Master the Art* is studied by organists throughout the world.

A memorial Choral Requiem Eucharist for him was celebrated on February 4th, 2012 at Saint Thomas. Dr. Hancock's ashes were interred beneath the floor of the chancel where he stood to conduct the choir for 33 years.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
1100 Sumter Street (across from the State House)

## CHORAL EVENSONG

Every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.  
(beginning September 9)

Join us as the sun is setting for this service of readings, prayers, and music.

Choral Evensong offers the finest elements of Anglican liturgy and music, and welcomes all people to Trinity Cathedral.

Join us following Evensong at 4:45 for hospitality and refreshments under the oaks in the Cathedral Courtyard.

From 5:00-5:45, special classes, workshops, and concerts will be offered.

September 9 *Trinity Cathedral Musicians in Concert*  
This concert is free and open to everyone.



For more information, contact the Cathedral music office at 771-7300, ext. 235,  
or visit our website: [www.trinitysc.org/music](http://www.trinitysc.org/music).

We will be happy to mail you our 2012-2013 music brochure at no cost.

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## Dutch Fork Choral Society



The Dutch Fork Choral Society, a 50 voice community chorus under the direction of Matt Caine, is looking to add talented singers to its ranks. The chorus resumed rehearsals on August 21, but it is not too late to join! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., at Chapin United Methodist Church, 415 Lexington Avenue, Chapin, SC 29036. December's holiday concert will feature music for Chanukah and Christmas, including Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*. Visit [www.dutchforkchoralsociety.org](http://www.dutchforkchoralsociety.org) for more information.

*Please send information for October's newsletter to  
[tonyroof@windstream.net](mailto:tonyroof@windstream.net) by September 20.*

## Your Help is Needed Now!

In January of 2012, the first request for donations to the 2013 Regional Convention was issued. During these eight months, we have collected from 32 South Carolina donors and 3 out-of-state donors. Of the South Carolina donors, 9 were non-members! The total amount of gifts at this time is **\$9856**. This is a wonderful start but the fact is that we need a total of \$16,600 from gifts and grants. Simple math says that we need **\$6744** to reach our goal.

This is a regional convention which will bring organists from 7 states to Columbia to hear artists like Dongho Lee, Janette Fishell, Ray and Elizabeth Chenault - duo-organists, Charles Tompkins and Stefan Engels. New compositions will be premiered by the artists on their recitals. Columbia's own Dr. Bill Bates is writing a work for Dongho Lee. The prestigious Quimby Organ Competition (the Olympics of the organ world) will be held during the convention. In addition, there will be workshops on a myriad of topics for organists, handbell players, and choral directors. And you get to be involved with all of these events! Surely you want to have a part in making this exciting event happen.

For those who have already given, I thank you for your support. To those who plan to give, please keep in mind that bills are arriving now and they need to be paid right away. Columbia AGO has approximately 120 members and only 24 have given for the convention. If each remaining member gave \$ 70.25, we would reach our goal!

The Regional Convention program booklet will be dedicated to Dr. Sally Cherrington-Beggs who died on March 17, 2012. Sally presented programs for Columbia AGO and for the POE which was held in Columbia in June, 2010 and her students performed on master classes and recitals. **Donations in Sally's memory are a fitting way to honor this outstanding organist, teacher, and scholar.** You may designate your donation for Sally in the "memo" blank on your check.

**Please demonstrate your support today! Do your part by sending a check to:**

**Frances M. Webb  
Chair, Gifts and Grants  
92 Currant Lane  
Columbia SC 29210-3521**



Contributions to the AGO are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. All contributions will be listed in the convention program unless you wish to remain anonymous.



# REGISTRATION HAS NOW BEGUN FOR THE 2013 REGIONAL!

**SAVE BY REGISTERING EARLY**

[www.regional2013.org](http://www.regional2013.org)

Regular Early (Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$290.00
Regular	\$335.00
Student Early (full-time, with valid school ID presented at registration) (Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$100.00
Student (full-time, with valid school ID presented at registration)	\$145.00
Special Early (65 and over, under 21, or disabled)(Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$275.00
Special (65 and over, under 21, or disabled)	\$310.00
<b>Member of Greater Columbia Chapter Early (Prior to January 15, 2013)</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
Member of Greater Columbia Chapter	\$290.00
Non AGO Member Early (Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$350.00
Non AGO Member	\$395.00
Daily Rate	\$150.00

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR REGION IV COUNCILLOR!

I hope everyone had a refreshing summer! My own Gainesville chapter hosted a successful POE and we should all be proud of our friends from Nashville for presenting such a wonderful national convention! Thanks to all that were involved in putting on these events . . . your work is noticed and deeply appreciated. Region IV does a fantastic job!

For more information on these events, please *check out* the Region IV blog at: <http://agoregionivblog.blogspot.com/> or *like* the Region IV facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AGO-Region-IV/312313912115500?ref=hl>.

In my opinion, the strength of the AGO is in the local chapters and membership. I have been excited to see so many events and photos submitted to the TAO celebrating the great activities going on in Region IV. Thank you for sharing.

Again this year, I plan to host district/state meetings throughout our region. Chapter Deans (or their designate) will be invited to a meeting to share information from national, discuss concerns, and share success stories. District conveners will be contacting Chapter Deans to coordinate.

Don't forget to put the 2013 Columbia regional convention on your calendar for July 3-6, 2013. Registration is already open (and it's easy!): <http://www.regional2013.org/registration.html>

I hope to visit your chapter soon!

Best,  
Laura Ellis

E-mail me at: [LRELLIS@ufl.edu](mailto:LRELLIS@ufl.edu)

Visit the Region IV Blog: <http://agoregionivblog.blogspot.com/>

“Like” the Region IV Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AGO-Region-IV/312313912115500?ref=hl>





Dear Bach Enthusiast!

I am happy to announce **"Bach Festival Days at Lenoir-Rhyne University, October 7-10, 2012."**

The Sacred Music Program of Lenoir-Rhyne University presents this event to highlight the life and work of Johann Sebastian Bach. Our Church Musicians-in-Residence and Bach experts this year are **Dr. Russell Stinson** from Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas, and the **Reverend Michael Costello**, Director of the Bach Vesper Series and Cantor of Grace Lutheran Church and School, River Forest, Illinois, and an alumnus of Lenoir-Rhyne. Dr. Stinson is a widely published Bach scholar. Oxford University Press will soon release his latest book, *J. S. Bach at His Royal Instrument: Essays on His Organ Works*. Pastor Costello recently led the Grace Choir in a Bach cantata with orchestra during worship at St. Thomas Church, Leipzig, where Bach served as Cantor. Both presenters will share their expertise on Bach in lectures, discussions, lessons, rehearsals, and worship performance. All events will be held in the Mauney Music Building on the university campus and are **free** and open to the public. Directions to the campus are available on our website, and many hotels are located at Exit 125, Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard, off of I-40. You are invited to enjoy these events:

Sunday, October 7, 4:00 pm: *"Bach and the Organ," a collaborative organ recital with narrative and sung chorales.* (Dr. Stinson and University Organist, Florence Jowers, with Adjunct Instructor, Amalie Hinson, Soprano)

Monday, October 8, 10:00 am: *"Bach in the Year of His Promotion, 1714."* (Dr. Stinson)

Monday, October 8, 1:00 pm: *"Bach Cantata 78—A Fusion of Form and Style."* (Dr. Stinson)

Monday, October 8, 3:00 pm: Open Rehearsal of Cantata #78 (Pr. Costello, Conductor, and the Lenoir-Rhyne University College Singers)

Monday, October 8, 7:45 pm: *"Bach's Vocation and Ours."* (Dr. Stinson and Pr. Costello)  
*Dr. Stinson and Pr. Costello will share their sense of vocation in light of Bach's work in Leipzig.*

Tuesday, October 9, 3:00 pm: *"Performing Bach Cantatas in Worship."* (Pr. Costello)

Tuesday, October 9, 4:30-6:00 pm: Open Rehearsal with the Lenoir-Rhyne A Cappella Choir, Chapel Choir, College Singers, members of the Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus, The Kontras Quartet, and other instrumentalists, all under the direction of Pr. Costello.

Wednesday, October 10, 10:00 am. Chapel Service featuring Cantata 78, with Dr. Stinson, Pr. Costello, the choirs of Lenoir-Rhyne University, singers from the Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus, The Kontras Quartet, and other instrumentalists.

I look forward to greeting you on our Bach Festival Days!

The Rev. Dr. Paul Weber  
Director of the Sacred Music Program

# Young Organist Competition 2013

We celebrate our third year of the Young Organist Competition in 2013. This year's competition will once again be held at **Shandon United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 16, 2013**. At that time, the three finalists will perform for a panel of judges for four monetary awards and a recital opportunity for the first place winner.

Last year's winner, Carolyn Craig from Knoxville, Tennessee, will return on Saturday, **November 17, 2012**, to perform a solo recital as part of the AGO Weekend for High School Organists. She will perform at **4:00 p.m. at Shandon United Methodist Church**. Carolyn plans to attend Indiana University and study with Janette Fishell.

It's exciting to follow the career paths of the winners of our competition and to know that we have a part in encouraging their pursuit of a career in music. I want to share with you a thank-you note which I received from Jacob Reed's mother. Jacob was the 2011 winner of the competition.



*On behalf of Jacob and our whole family, I want to thank you, the Greater Columbia AGO chapter and the judges, for all the time, effort and consideration that you put into this inaugural competition for young organists. It is an honor to be part of the first year, and we are all very touched by the knowledge that it took many financial contributions and a lot of volunteering to host this competition - that makes it even more meaningful for us. It is too easy for contestants to feel that they are the only ones who are struggling and persevering! Your chapter must have really wanted to do this, and we are very grateful for your determination to cultivate young organists in this way. - Zenobia Fishman*

The cost of running the competition is \$2050 (the four monetary prizes which are offered) and this amount is covered entirely by donations. We were fortunate to have a healthy balance from last year and we have already had two handsome donations this year, one of them in memory of Dr. Sally-Cherrington Beggs. Please do your part in helping to continue this most valuable program sponsored by Columbia AGO. Donations may be directed as follows:

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Chair, Young Organist Competition  
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Columbia SC 29210-3521**

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## September Birthdays

9/02 Thomas White  
9/09 Patrick Hawkins  
9/18 English Morris  
9/22 Craig Coelho  
9/23 Sara Beardsley  
9/24 Robert Grenier  
9/24 Robert Coulter  
9/25 Robert Neese  
9/26 Susan Sturkie







**\*\* NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES**

## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com)) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

### **\*\*ASHEVILLE, NC**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**, Part-time Director of Music/Organist (25-30 hrs./week) for active, growing urban congregation. Two liturgical Sunday services, chancel & handbell choirs and possible children's choir. Duties include worship planning, selecting hymns, seasonal mid-week services, arranging for guest musicians on festive occasions & providing musical support for church activities as necessary. Prefer someone with liturgical background. Organ is a 27 rank Martin Ott tracker built in 1997. Hope to fill position soon. Send resumes to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, PO Box 8608, Asheville, NC 28814 or by email to [StMarksLutheran@bellsouth.net](mailto:StMarksLutheran@bellsouth.net).

### **BLYTHEWOOD**

**Breath of Life Lutheran Church**, PO Box 565, Blythewood, 29016. Keyboardist. Sunday worship & special services. Wednesday rehearsal. 8-10 hours per week. Music of various styles. Send resumes to the church address or [breathoflifelutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:breathoflifelutheran@yahoo.com).

### **COLUMBIA**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**, 2200 Devine St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. HTLC is a confessional liturgical congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and as such we practice closed communion. An organist is needed for our 10:30 Sunday as well as seasonal services. We follow a liturgical order of worship, and have a two manual pipe organ. A permanent commitment is ideal, however, we are willing to consider short term contracts such as 3 or 6 month. If you are interested in this position please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email me at [Rev.Burger@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Burger@gmail.com)

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 1000 Greenlawn Ave, Columbia SC 29209 is seeking a part time Choir Director/Organist. The director will be responsible for the following: (1) Plan and provide instrumental and choral music at the regularly scheduled worship services which include: Christmas Eve, Holy Week and during Vacation Bible School (as needed) and any other special services planned by Worship Committee and Session. (2) Recruiting, assisting and supervising the current Adult choir and Children's choir (as an accompaniment to seasonal services). This includes weekly rehearsals. (3) Participate in weekly meetings with Pastor; meet monthly with the Worship Committee as an ex officio member (or send choir rep). Coordinate with Pastor and/or Worship Committee the general planning and leadership of the Church's worship program. (4) Provide music for all wedding and funerals in the church, when requested. Substitute may be used with the approval of the regular Music Director/Organist. Please contact Pastor Robyn McMullen, at the church office 803-776-2067, or e-mail [tpcongreenlawn@bellsouth.net](mailto:tpcongreenlawn@bellsouth.net)., or Sue O'Cain [sue1110@bellsouth.net](mailto:sue1110@bellsouth.net) for information.

### **DENMARK**

**Bethel Park UMC** is seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. Our instrument is a 33-rank, three manual Gress-Miles Organ with antiphonal organ in the rear of the sanctuary. Service playing is most important, and ability to lead hymns with the organ is a must. Our choir is composed of 25-35 members and continues a long history of excellence. Ability to sight read above average choral music is a must. We rehearse on Monday evenings at 7p.m.. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. Additional playing for funerals is negotiable. Special services will be required at Christmas and Easter. Please contact Rev. Judy Hames at 803-793-3595 or [revjudy7@aol.com](mailto:revjudy7@aol.com) or the church office at 803-793-3669.

## **FLORENCE**

**St. John's Episcopal Church** Parish Organist (10 hours). St. John's Episcopal Church, 252 S. Dargan Street, Florence, SC 29506. Phone: (843) 662-5585; fax: (843) 669-9443; e-mail: [twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org](mailto:twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org); website: [www.stjohnsflorence.org](http://www.stjohnsflorence.org). The Music Ministry of this traditional 240-family parish church includes an annual concert series, annual regional choir workshop, summer choir camp, and 28-voice choir. Duties include accompanying weekly choir practice and playing for one Sunday service/week, seasonal liturgies, funerals, and weddings. The parish is seeking a competent musician with solid keyboard skills and a background in classical repertoire. A bachelor degree in music is preferred. Dedication to one's ministry, strong work ethic, excellent organizational skills, and ability to work collaboratively are essential to the continuing development of a rapidly growing, vibrant music ministry. 2-manual, 9-rank Moller pipe organ. \$11,000 (additional stipend for weddings). Send résumé, references, and audition tape/CD to Tammy Williams, Minister of Music.

## **SANDY RUN**

**Beulah United Methodist Church**, 1577 Old State Rd, Sandy Run, SC. Pianist / Choir Director, Part-time. One Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m., Wednesday night choir practice 7:00 p.m., occasional choral events, funerals and weddings. For more information contact Glen Mack, Chairperson, Pastor Staff Parish Relations Committee - (803) 707-1598. [pambmack@yahoo.com](mailto:pambmack@yahoo.com)

## **SURFSIDE BEACH**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church** in Surfside Beach, SC seeks a part-time Music Director/Choir Director/Organist, at the end of May: may be single or split position depending upon skills, interest and salary. Two Sunday services at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM (switches to one 9:30 AM summer service), one weekly choir practice (Wednesday). Digital organ/grand piano Applicants should contact Pastor Preston Shealy at Trinity Presbyterian Church, PO Box 14758, Surfside Beach, SC 29587 or [churchoffice@trinitypresbychurch.com](mailto:churchoffice@trinitypresbychurch.com)

## **WALHALLA**

**St. John's Lutheran Church** - Director of Music/Organists job opening. Details and job description can be found at <http://stjohnswalhalla.org/> . Contact: Barbara Wilson [hickoryhollowbw@bellsouth.net](mailto:hickoryhollowbw@bellsouth.net) or 864-638-8818.