

AGO West Region

Convention 2019

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**AGO/Quimby West Region Competition
for Young Organists**



**Opening service at St. John's Lutheran
of Orange**



**Masterclass with Tom Mueller, Christ
Cathedral Arboretum**

The Orange County Chapter hosted the 2019 AGO West Region Convention, held in beautiful Orange County, CA from June 30–July 3. Participants enjoyed an inspirational experience of magnificent performances, festive services, engaging workshops, and uplifting fellowship. AGO members and guests enjoyed the facilities of the Hotel Irvine for registration, exhibits, and workshops and then experienced many fine venues and organs in the area for concerts and services.

The convention started with the AGO/Quimby West Region Competition for Young Organists, held at the Concordia University Center for the Performing Arts on the afternoon of Sunday, June 30. Amber Dahlberg, a student of Dr. Don Cook, was selected as this year's winner. The opening service of the convention was held on Sunday, June 30 at 7:30 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church of Orange. Attendees were inspired by the Cathedral Bells and Choir of the church. Patricia Murphy Lamb and Charlie Raasch served as organists.

Monday, July 1, began with three workshops: Growing the Next Generation of Organists, Hymn-Based Organ Music, and On the Spot: Practical Ideas for Service Improvisation, which was taught by CAZAGO Past Dean, Dr. Skye Hart. Participants then were delighted with a tour of Christ Cathedral, nearing the completion of the recent renovation from the former Crystal Cathedral. David Ball played an organ recital, followed by a carillon recital by Steven Ball.

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**Youth Day: Assembling a pipe organ kit
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THE DEAN'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

I write to you wondering where the Summer has gone! It has been a wonderfully restorative time for me, filled with trips to Tacoma for a Royal School of Church Music training course and to San Antonio for the high school graduation of my eldest nephew. And now, in a flash, the start of our next Chapter season is only a few weeks away!

The last gathering of musicians that I participated in was ten years ago at our own *Phoenix Rising: Region IX Festival 2009*. My time this past June in Washington State reminded me of why attending such gatherings is so important—it's a chance to connect with colleagues and make lasting friendships. (And, I got to sing some fabulous music.) It was also a chance to tell of the many wonderful things going on here in the Valley of the Sun (even if bits of it do spontaneously combust right about the end of July!).

Stay tuned for more details about our opening service coming near the end of September and for the election of one Member-at-Large. And, do tell me of your summer travels—I'd love to hear all about them!

With every best wish,

Gary Quamme
Dean, CAZAGO

Next Board Meeting:
Monday, August 19,
7:00 PM at All Saints'
Episcopal Church.

FROM THE REGISTRAR

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When you receive your Renewal Invoice from the National Office, please don't let it slip past the deadline date. If you miss the deadline, your membership will *expire* rather than *renew* and you will need to *re-join*! If you've been invoiced and not yet paid, a duplicate renewal notice will be sent to you as a reminder by our Registrar. Please respond promptly. Extra monetary gifts to the Chapter are always greatly appreciated, especially to the Programs & Recitals Fund since our Scholarship Fund is very healthy at this time.

Regarding the 2019–2020 Yearbook, it is well underway and the accuracy of the Member Directory portion depends upon you. Because your Yearbook listing is copied directly from ONCARD, please **login to ONCARD** and check your contact and church position information carefully to make sure it is up to date and typo-free. **Thank you!**

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Sadly, long-time member Sherwin Snyder passed away on July 19, at age 86. Sherwin served as CAZAGO Treasurer for many years. A memorial service will be held on August 10 at 11:00 AM at Mountain View Presbyterian Church, 8050 E Mountain View Rd, Scottsdale (NW corner of Hayden and Mountain View Rds). The memorial announcement can be [viewed online here](#). Condolences were sent to Sherwin's children on behalf of the chapter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Greater Phoenix Area Organ Workshop 2019 ([view flyer online](#).)

September 20 [Fri] • 7:00 PM • Valerie Harris Organ Concert

September 21 [Sat] • 8:00 AM – 1:20 PM • Organ Training

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Convention continued ...

After lunch, masterclass, choral reading session, and a workshop on carillon playing, Ethan Haman played an organ recital in the Arboretum. A recital followed at Garden Grove United Methodist Church by Joseph Fala, organ scholar at Duke University Chapel.

That evening the participants were treated to a *Six Hands, Six Feet, One Bench* organ concert at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Long Beach presented by Cherry Rhodes, James Walker, and Weicheng Zhao. The concert included transcriptions for three organists by Zhao, including the world premiere of his transcription of Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*.

Tuesday, July 2, started with workshops, then buses left for a concert and Mass performed by *de Angelis* a cappella vocal ensemble in the extraordinary setting of the Mission San Juan Capistrano Basilica Church before participants toured the historic Mission. Lunch was held at Concordia University, followed by the organ recital presented by Amber Dahlberg, winner of this year's AGO/Quimby West Region Competition for Young Organists.

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Six Hands, Six Feet, One Bench



de Angelis vocal ensemble



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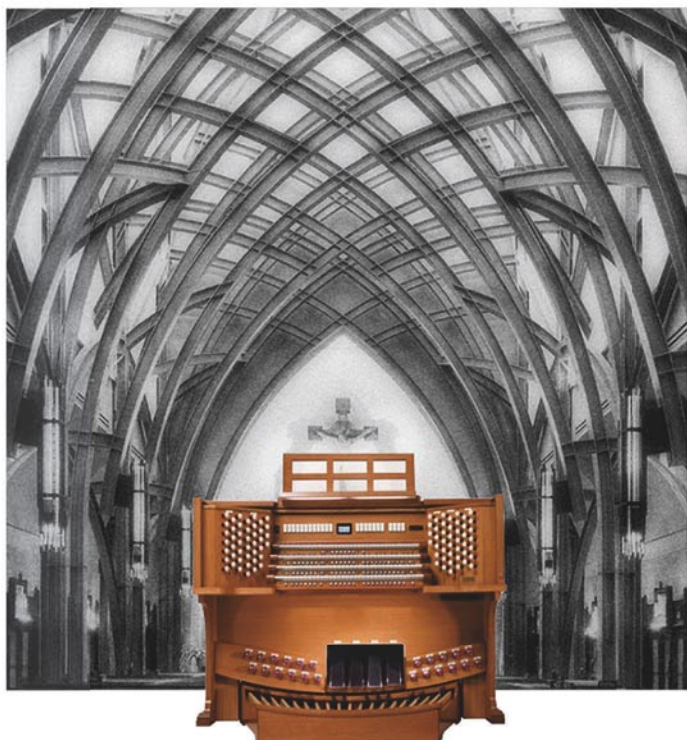
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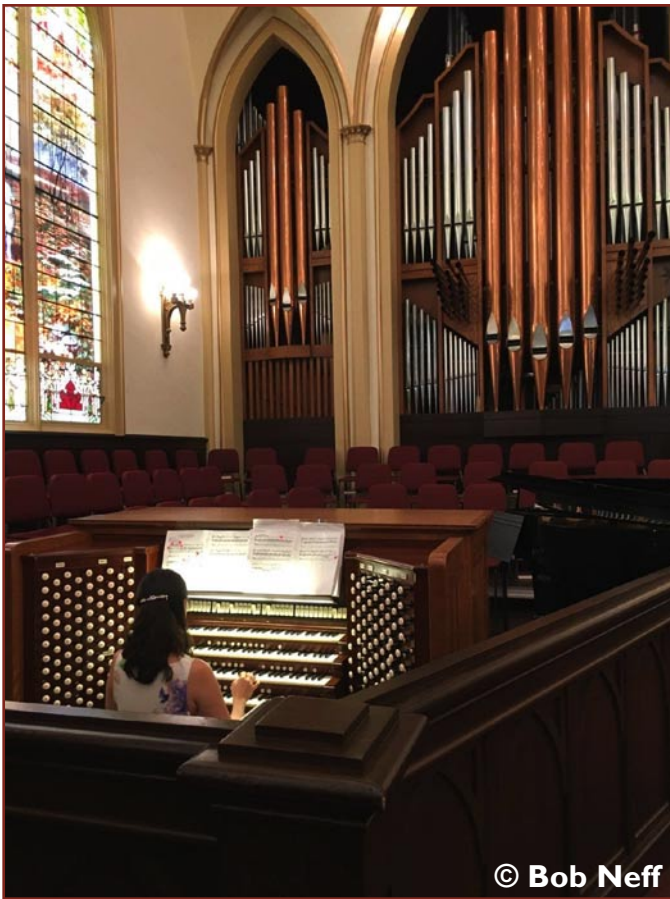
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Jaebon Hwang in concert at St John's Lutheran of Orange

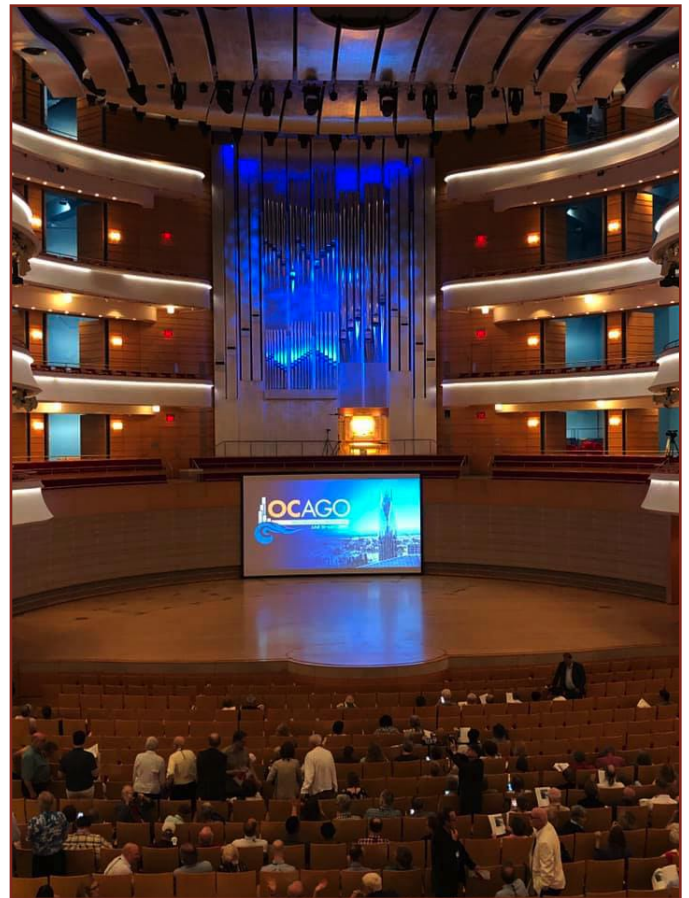
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Convention conclusion ...

That evening, participants were treated to a special presentation entitled *Home*, featuring the 120+ voice Trinity Choir and Orchestra, directed by Hanan Yaqub with Frances Johnston as organist. The first half included Handel's *Israel in Egypt*, followed by a stirring presentation of Peter Boyer's *Ellis Island: The Dream of America*.

Wednesday, July 3, included morning workshops, the Regional Meeting, and brunch held at Hotel Irvine. This was followed by an organ concert by Carole Terry, a frequent performer and lecturer on historic organs, on the William B.D. Simmons Organ at Los Altos United Methodist Church in Long Beach. This mechanical-action organ, built in 1852 and shipped on a six-month journey around Cape Horn to Howard Street Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, was completely rebuilt in 1977 by Manuel Rosales and Associates. Jaebon Hwang then played a recital at St. John's Lutheran Church of Orange.

The concluding event of this year's Convention was a recital by Grammy Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs on the William J. Gillespie Concert Organ (C.B. Fisk Opus 130) in the Segerstrom Concert Hall.



The Fisk op. 130 in Segerstrom Concert Hall, before Paul Jacobs' concluding performance

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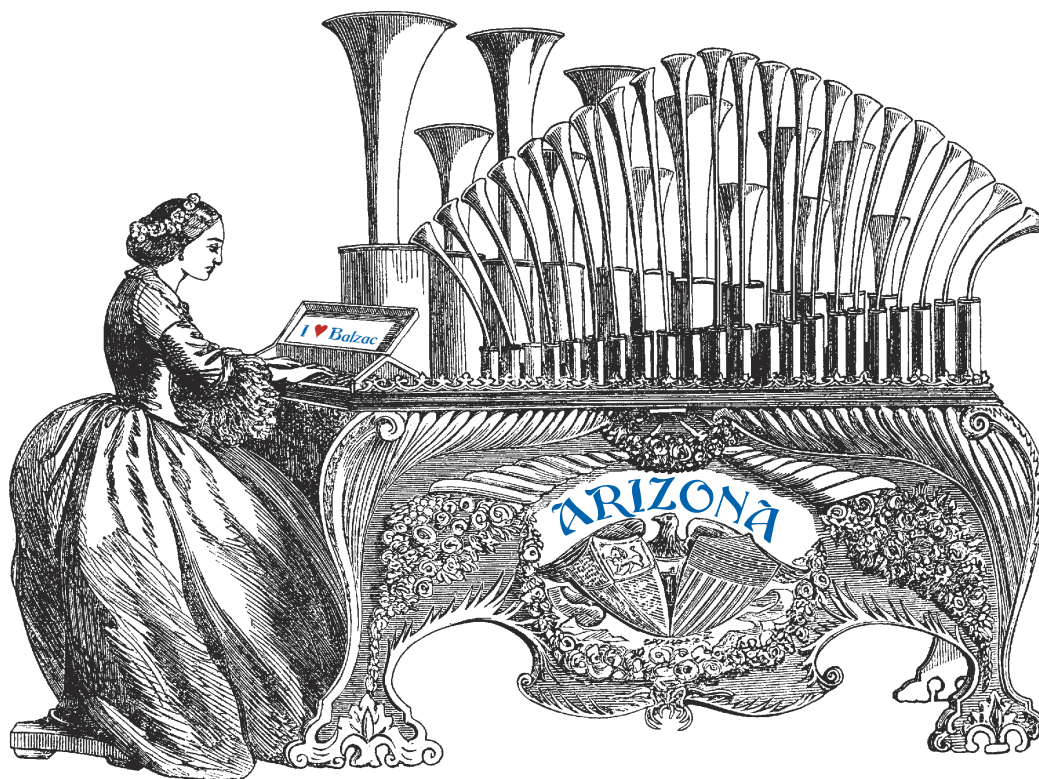
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