

**25th annual Christmas Concert
First United Methodist Church**

Friday, December 5 at 7:30 pm

Artists include:
Richard Fleisher, harpist
Max Lyall, pianist
James Cripps, organist
Lindsey Tuller, soprano

Tickets are \$5

First United Methodist Church
225 E. Duval Street, Jacksonville
Phone 904-356-5618

**Howard Tappen
Commemorative Organ Concert**

Mary Conley Holladay, organist
performs on the Holtkamp Organ
at Penney Memorial Church

Sunday, December 7 at 7:00 pm

Music by
Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Guilman, Locklair,
as well as arrangements of
familiar Christmas Carols.

Free admission.

Penney Memorial Church
Penney Farms Retirement Community
Penney Farms, Florida

**The St. Augustine Community Chorus
Dr. Theodore K. Mathews, Conductor**

**The St. Augustine Children's Chorus
Ms. Kerry Fradley, Conductor**

A Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 pm
Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 pm

Messiah by **G.F. Handel**
and other seasonal selections

Tickets \$10 (children under 12 are free)

Ms. Shannon McKay, Principal Accompanist
with orchestral accompaniment by
The Concert Artists of Jacksonville

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine
38 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine, FL

**Annual Riverside/Avondale
Luminaria concert**

Sunday, December 21 at 6:30 pm

"A Christmas Celebration"

Music of the season by the
Chancel, Children's and Handbell Choirs

Free admission

Riverside Baptist Church
2650 Park Street
Jacksonville, Florida
Phone 904-388-7692

Benefit Dinner for Eileen Gillooly's Daughter

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm

Erin Gillooly Kistner, a member of the choir at Good Shepherd Episcopal and daughter of Eileen Gillooly, Music Director at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, is suffering kidney failure and is currently on the transplant list through Mayo Clinic. As you may know, even with insurance, out of pocket expenses for transplant related care and medication are astronomical. A fund raiser and organ donor awareness night will be held at the Orange Park Women's Club on Tuesday, Dec 9th from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Timeline for the evening is:

Dinner & Music: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Silent Auction: 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Vocal performance: 8:00 - 8:30 pm (Cabaret style)

DJ/Dancing: 8:30 - 10:30 pm

Tickets are \$40/person, \$75/couple or \$25 for just the show and dancing (no dinner.)

All proceeds will go to a VyStar donation account, set up for Erin's transplant related expenses.

For more information you may contact Eileen at emgop@aol.com, or the event planner Layla Smith layla@wedwithease.com, or go to the blog supportorgandonation.blogspot.com

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza

Dear Jax AGO Member,

In 2009 the Jacksonville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will sponsor another Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza--a popular event designed to introduce young people to the organ.

This event will involve explanations and demonstrations of the pipe organ as an instrument. Students will have the opportunity to explore the organ console with the assistance of a teacher, and play a piece from their current repertoire. The primary purpose of the program is to expose them to the instrument and to expand their keyboard experiences.

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 9am to approximately 2:30pm, beginning with the organ at Riverside Park United Methodist Church at 819 Park Street in Jacksonville's west side. A non-refundable \$7.00 fee will include all materials and pizza.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call Jane Daugherty at 737-3218 OR the Dean of the Jacksonville Chapter, Rodney Cleveland, at 733-8055.

The registration forms can be found on the Jax AGO web site www.jaxago.org

Please copy as many registration forms as you need.

Registrations should be returned not later than January 1, 2009 to:

Joanna Corbett
1348 Red Maple Court
Orange Park, FL 32073

Registrations will be limited to the first forty (40) students. All registered students will receive a copy of the schedule, directions, and a medical release form prior to the event.

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Service Playing Certificate

Have you read the Mission Statement of the American Guild of Organists lately? If not, its scope might surprise you. The guild exists "to promote the organ . . .to encourage excellence . . .to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

Certification?

Through study and testing, Guild members can receive several designations:

- Service Playing Certificate (SPC)
Colleague (CAGO)
Associate (AAGO)
Fellow (FAGO)
Choir Master (ChM)

Each certificate shows that a guild member has demonstrated proficiency in specific areas of musical study.

Here are some quick facts about Guild certification:

- 1. The program is already in place and strengthens the organist in areas such as sight-reading, accompaniment, and hymn playing.
2. Preparation is flexible and can be done individually, with a teacher, or in a group.

- 3. There are no surprises at exam time. Requirements are carefully laid out in advance. (See the July 2008 issue of TAO or www.agohq.org for a complete listing of skill and repertoire requirements/options.)
4. The exam can be repeated if necessary.
5. Some churches base their pay rates for church musicians on the AGO's compensation guidelines, which are tied to degrees and certification.
6. Becoming certified will increase your confidence and improve your skills.

Several AGO chapters provide certification classes for their members. The Jacksonville chapter is considering such an endeavor if the desire and the need exist. Our plan is to begin with the Service Playing Certificate designation. We'll have a group meeting in early November to determine the needs and set classes that will allow us to work through the examination deadline, which is April 30, 2009.

If you would appreciate some help with the certification process, please contact Tony Cruz by email (vespers@comcast.net) or cell phone (904-742-5136). If you are a member who can provide instruction for certification, please contact Tony as well.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Organist - Choirmaster

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
1100 Stockton Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204
Phone 904-387-5691

Full-time Organist-Choirmaster. Send cover letter, resume, and three references to John Zell, Chairman, Organist-Choirmaster Search Committee, at the church address.

The pipe organ is a 4-manual 47-rank Skinner (opus 725) with a newly rebuilt console.

Artistic Director
The Orange Park Chorale

After more than 15 years, Dr. Carole Clifford, founder of The Orange Park Chorale, will be retiring from her post as Artistic Director at the end of the 2008-2009 season.

Any party interested in applying for the position of Artistic Director of The Orange Park Chorale is encouraged to apply by September 30, 2008.

Resumes and inquiries may be sent to Amy Szkody, Board Chair of The Orange Park Chorale, at OPCBoard@gmail.com or call (904) 504-7247.

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<p>Director of Liturgical Music Christ the King Catholic Church 742 Arlington Road N, Jacksonville, FL 32211 Phone 904-724-0080 • Fax: 904-724-3340</p> <p>Full-time position, Director of Choirs/Principal Organist.</p> <p>Responsible for planning and executing all liturgical music for Sundays, Holy Days, Sacramental celebrations and other parish events in the church. Direction and supervision of the King's Choir, Handbell Choirs, Funeral Choir, Children's Choir, as well as any other musicians or groups. Will plan music for funerals and weddings as well. Expected to continue building Concert Programs. Knowledge of Roman Catholic Liturgy is necessary. In addition, a good grasp of the Church Liturgical Documents is desired. Ability to work as a team with parish pastors, administration, and school.</p> <p>The organ is a Rodgers 655, 3-manual, great installation. Services are a blend of traditional and contemporary. Arranging ability is not necessary but a plus!</p> <p>For clarification and further information, please contact Mr. Frank Japour at 904-724-0080. Position available starting November 24, 2008.</p>	<p>Part-Time Organist / Choir Director St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church 1735 Lenoid Road • Jacksonville FL 32218 Phone 904-751-2626</p> <p>St. Elizabeth's seeks a part-time organist and choir director to provide music in this inclusive congregation with traditional worship. Responsibilities include music planning, worship preparation, and leadership to the choir. A small but dedicated choir seeks to grow the music ministry for the church and the community. Parish Priest seeks talented musician who is a team player and values diversity.</p> <p>Current needs are for organist-director for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist. Choir rehearsal occurs after the service.</p> <p>Salary will be based on experience. This position pays semi-monthly and additional compensation is provided to support wedding and funeral services. If you can assist during our search (interim supply), please respond.</p> <p>For more information, please contact The Reverend Michael D. Moore at 904-751-2626 or moorestelizabeth@bellsouth.net.</p>
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<p>Interim Organist Westminster Presbyterian Church 3722 Belfort Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216 • Phone 904-737-5133</p>
<p>Our organist of 16 years has recently departed our congregation because of family responsibilities. We are in need of an interim organist, a position that might be extended. We have two Sunday services: morning worship at 10:45, which is in a traditional style with a two-manual organ, and evening worship at 6:00 with piano. At this time we have several talented young women who are willing to play the piano for the evening service, if necessary.</p> <p>We have no choir at this time, and very seldom do any special music, but have several interested congregation members. In addition, there are several in the congregation who are studying violin. We hope eventually to include more strings in the worship services, given that someone can arrange.</p> <p>We are a conservative congregation with a formal worship style and hope to continue our tradition of strong hymn singing. We use the Trinity Hymnal of the Presbyterian Church of America, and several have studied the musical style of the Reformed University Ministries.</p> <p>We have a great appreciation for the Reformed Faith of historic Presbyterianism. Our worship is God-centered, rich in Scripture content, and not entertainment oriented. We practice the regulative principle of worship, desiring to include only that which God's Word commands. A growing relationship with Christ Jesus is essential to participate in the worship. It is joyous and soul-satisfying.</p> <p>Salary is negotiable, commensurate with experience. Please reply to Steve Jennings at email jsmjenn@yahoo.com.</p>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tue Dec 2	7:30 pm	<p>JU: First Coast Wind Ensemble www.fcwe.org with Don Thompson Chorale Admission: Free Terry Concert Hall, Jacksonville University • 2800 Univ Blvd North, Jacksonville • 904-256-8000</p>
Wed Dec 3	6:30 pm	<p>JPL: Yuletide Swing with the St. Johns River City Band Jacksonville Main Library, Hicks Auditorium • 303 N Laura Street, Jacksonville • 904-354-5477</p>
Wed Dec 3	7:30 pm	<p>JU: Film "hedDA" Premiere JU's young film program, headed by Dr. Carolina Conte, opens it's theater's doors to the public, presenting the program's first feature film, "hedDA," based upon Ibsen's classic tragedy, "Hedda Gabler. Scot Watkins (www.scottwatkinspianist.com) composed the original score, and conducts the Jacksonville University Chorus. Admission is free. ... bring your own popcorn! Swisher Theater, Jacksonville University • 2800 Univ Blvd North, Jacksonville • 904-256-8000</p>

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Thu Dec 4	7:30 pm	JU: "A Choral Christmas Card" The Annual Christmas Concert features carols, motets, anthems, and songs of the Christmas season, sung by the JU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers directed by Dr. Jon O. Carlson. Terry Concert Hall, Jacksonville University • 2800 Univ Blvd North, Jacksonville • 904-256-8000
Fri Dec 5	11:00 am	Friday Musicale ~ Christmas Music ~ Friday Musicale Choral Ensemble <i>Friday Musicale concerts are free.</i> Friday Musicale • 645 Oak Street, Jacksonville • Phone 904-355-7584
Fri Dec 5	7:30 pm	25th annual Christmas Concert at First United Methodist Church Artists include: Richard Fleisher, harpist; Max Lyall, pianist; James Cripps, organist; Lindsey Tuller, soprano. Tickets \$5. First United Methodist Church • 225 E. Duval Street, Jacksonville • Phone 904-356-5618
Fri Dec 5	8:00 pm	RFA: Preservation Hall Jazz Band Location: Church of The Good Shepherd • www.goodshepherd23.org 1100 Stockton Street, Jacksonville, FL • Phone 904-387-5691 Riverside Fine Arts Concert Series • For tickets, visit riversidefinearts.org or call 904-389-6222
Fri-Sun Dec 5-7	~	JSO: First Coast Nutcracker Morihiro Nakahara, conductor • TCHAIKOVSKY <i>The Nutcracker</i> Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra • www.jaxsymphony.org • Moran Theatre • 904-354-5547
Sat Dec 6	8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Friday Musicale ~ Young Pianists Competitions <i>Friday Musicale concerts are free</i> Friday Musicale • 645 Oak Street, Jacksonville, FL • Phone 904-355-7584
Sat Dec 6	1:30 pm 2:30 pm	JPL: Victorian Carolers of Jacksonville Jacksonville Main Library, 2nd Floor Atrium • 303 N Laura Street, Jacksonville • 904-354-5477
Sat Dec 6	2:00 pm 7:30 pm	"The Cool Side of Yule Tide" Holiday Concert Jacksonville Children's Chorus (www.jaxchildrenschorus.com) with St. Johns River City Band (www.rivercityband.com) and First Coast Ringers (Jerald Jay, Director) Performing Arts Center • St. Johns Country Day School • www.sjcds.net 3100 Doctors Lake Dr, Orange Park, FL 32073 • Phone 904-264-9572
Sat Dec 6	2:00 pm 8:00 pm	UNF: 3rd Annual Feast of Carols Dr. Cara Tasher, conductor This 3rd annual holiday event for the community features the UNF Chorale, Chamber Singers, Brass Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, and fine guest ensembles from all over Northeast Florida. This event has two performances. One takes place at 2:00 p.m. and the second at 8:00 p.m. Participating ensembles include Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, Duncan U. Fletcher High School, First Coast High School, Terry Parker High School, Paxon School for Advanced Studies, and JMAC. Call Box Office at 620-2878 for tickets. (Students free with student ID) Lazzara Hall • University of North Florida • 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville • Phone 904-620-2961
Sat Dec 6	7:30 pm	JU: Orchestra Holiday Concert • The JU Orchestra rings in the holidays with seasonal selections of classical music and lighter fare. Terry Concert Hall, Jacksonville University • 2800 Univ Blvd North, Jacksonville • 904-256-8000
Sat Dec 6	7:30pm	"Clay County Christmas" Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts • www.thcenter.org Located on the Orange Park Campus of St. Johns River Community College 283 College Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065 • Box Office Tickets 904-276-6750
Sun Dec 7	3:00 pm	Jacksonville Masterworks Chorale: Messiah Sing www.jmcsings.org Island View Baptist Church • 900 Park Ave, Orange Park • Phone: 904-264-6411

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Sun Dec 7	4:00 pm	Palm Coast: HANDEL'S MESSIAH Trinity Presbyterian Church • 156 Florida Park Drive, Palm Coast, FL • Phone: 386-445-4757
Sun Dec 7	5:00 pm	Riverside Community Concert A Festival of Christmas Music sung by the combined choirs of Riverside Riverside Presbyterian Church • 849 Park St. • Jacksonville, FL • Phone 904-355-4585
Sun Dec 7	7:00 pm	Howard Tappen Commemorative Organ Concert Mary Conley Holladay, organist, in the Howard Tappen Commemorative Organ Concert, Penney Memorial Church, Penney Farms Retirement Community, Holtkamp Organ. Music by Bach, Mozart, Guilman, Locklair and others. Free admission. Penney Memorial Church, Penney Farms Retirement Community, Penney Farms, Florida
Sun Dec 7	7:30 pm	JU: First Coast Wind Ensemble www.fcwe.org Admission: Free Christ the Redeemer Church • 190 S Roscoe Blvd, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL • 904-285-8009
Mon Dec 8	6:15 pm	JPL: Polish Music for Violin and Piano JSO violinist Piotr Szewczyk and pianist Christine Clark perform works by Bacewicz, Gorecki, Penderecki, Szymanowski, Szewczyk and Wieniawski. Jacksonville Main Library, Hicks Auditorium • 303 N Laura Street, Jacksonville • 904-354-5477
Tue Dec 9	6:30 pm	Benefit Dinner for Eileen Gillooly's Daughter Erin Gillooly Kistner, a member of the choir at Good Shepherd Episcopal and daughter of Eileen Gillooly, Music Director at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, is suffering kidney failure and is currently on the transplant list through Mayo Clinic. As you may know, even with insurance, out of pocket expenses for transplant related care and medication are astronomical. A fund raiser and organ donor awareness night will be held at the Orange Park Women's Club on Tuesday, Dec 9th from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Timeline for the evening is: Dinner & Music: 6:30 - 8:00 pm Silent Auction: 6:30 - 9:00 pm Vocal performance: 8:00 - 8:30 pm (Cabaret style) DJ/Dancing: 8:30 - 10:30 pm Tickets are \$40/person, \$75/couple or \$25 for just the show and dancing (no dinner.) All proceeds will go to a VyStar donation account, set up for Erin's transplant related expenses. For more information you may contact Eileen at emgop@aol.com , or the event planner Layla Smith layla@wedwithease.com , or go to the blog supportorgandonation.blogspot.com
Fri-Sun Dec 12-14	~	JSO: Home for the Holidays • Morihiko Nakahara, conductor Jacksonville Symphony Chorus (www.jaxsymphonychorus.org) Jacksonville Children's Chorus (www.jaxchildrenschorus.com) Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra • www.jaxsymphony.org • Jacoby Hall • 904-354-5547
Sat Dec 13	1:00 pm	JPL: Singing Well in 12 Steps : with David Paul Jacksonville Main Library, Conference Room G4 • 303 N Laura Street, Jacksonville • 354-5477
Sat Dec 13 Sun Dec 14	8:00 pm 3:00 pm	The St. Augustine Community Chorus ~ Christmas Concert <i>Messiah</i> by G.F. Handel and other seasonal selections Dr. Theodore K. Mathews, Conductor Accompanist for the St. Augustine Community Chorus is Ms. Shannon McKay For additional information, call 904-794-5181 or visit www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine • 38 Cathedral Place, downtown St. Augustine, FL
Sun Dec 14	3:00 pm	JSYO: Sounds of the Season Scott Gregg, conductor Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra (www.jaxsymphony.org/jsyo/) Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra • www.jaxsymphony.org • Jacoby Hall • 904-354-5547

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Sun Dec 14	3:30 pm	BFA: Romeros Guitar Quartet www.romeroguitarquartet.com Free and open to the public Sponsored by Beaches Fine Arts • www.beachesfinearts.org St. Paul's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church • 1150 Fifth St N, Jacksonville Beach • 904-249-4091
Wed-Thu Dec 17-18	8:00 pm	EMMA: JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - Holiday Pops EMMA CONCERT ASSOCIATION • www.emmaconcerts.com • Call for tickets: 904-797-2800 Flagler College Auditorium • 14 Granada Street, St. Augustine, FL • Phone 904-829-6481
Sat Dec 20	1:30 pm	UNF: Yuleslide ~ Dr. Marc Dickman, conductor Yuleslide is an annual holiday event for all trombonists and an opportunity for trombone players of all ages and ability levels to come together and perform Christmas songs and carols. You need to bring an instrument in working order, a music stand, festive clothing, and have a good attitude. Music is available at the rehearsal. It is included with the \$5.00 registration fee. Rehearsal: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at UNF Fine Arts Center, Room 1420 University of North Florida • Department of Music • www.unf.edu/coas/music/ 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224 • Phone 904-620-2961 Performance: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Town Center
Sat Dec 20	~	JSO: Handel's Messiah • Morihiko Nakahara, conductor Jacksonville Symphony Chorus (www.jaxsymphonychorus.org) • Soloists: Esther Heideman, soprano • Stacy Rishoi, mezzo-soprano • Brian Downen, tenor • Timothy Lefebvre, baritone Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra • www.jaxsymphony.org • Jacoby Hall • 904-354-5547
Sun Dec 21	11:00 am	Riverside Community Concert ~ A Service of Lessons and Carols Riverside Presbyterian Church • 849 Park St. • Jacksonville, FL • Phone 904-355-4585
Sun Dec 21	5:00 pm	Handel's Messiah performed by The Community Mass Choir and Chamber Orchestra Conducted by Roger D. Sears • with Michael Booker, harpsichord • and Henry Mack, organ Featuring Michelle Grant, soprano • Francesca Scott, alto • Marty Simmons, tenor • Eland Wilson, bass Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church • 1118 W. Beaver St, Jacksonville • Phone 904-353-8829
Sun Dec 21	6:30 pm	Annual Riverside/Avondale Luminaria concert "A Christmas Celebration" Music of the season by the Chancel, Children's and Handbell Choirs. Free admission. Riverside Baptist Church • 2650 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida • Phone 904-388-7692
Fri Dec 26	7:30 pm	Friday Musicale ~ College Scholarship Concert Seth Bowser, piano • Micah Clark, cello • John Henry Kruer, violin • John Urban, piano • Keith Griffis, French horn • Kathie Polk, soprano • Rebecca Boone, soprano <i>Friday Musicale concerts are free.</i> Friday Musicale • 645 Oak Street, Jacksonville, FL • Phone 904-355-7584

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