



# Vox Humana

Newsletter of the Piedmont NC Chapter  
of the American Guild of Organists

January 2025

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## Message from the Dean

Dear colleagues and friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that you were able to find some down time during the holidays to enjoy family and friends, and to recharge your batteries as we go into 2025.

There are many exciting events coming up in the next several months here in the Piedmont (see calendar in this newsletter for those in the near future). I would, however, like to draw your attention to one in particular: the Piedmont NC Chapter's first (annual?) "mini-convention"!

Thanks to our dues and the extraordinary work of several of our members — including your board — we will present a two-day mini-convention on May 30–31, 2025. Featured will be a guest recitalist, several workshops that will inspire, encourage, and educate us, and several opportunities for fellowship including a catered dinner on Friday evening before the concert. Please save the dates now if you haven't already!

The mini-convention will begin in the late afternoon on Friday, May 30, and will conclude around noon on Saturday, May 31. More specific details and registration information will be coming soon, so keep an eye out for more emails from our chapter's email address: [PiedmontNCAGO@outlook.com](mailto:PiedmontNCAGO@outlook.com).

I hope to see you at many of the wonderful upcoming events. We have such a rich organ culture here in the Piedmont!

Thank you for your membership in our chapter and for your participation and support of the upcoming events! I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely, Timothy Olsen, dean

# Cookies and Keys



## Other Chapter Events

### UNCSA/Piedmont NC AGO Middle School/ High School Organ Festival & Competition

January 31 – February 2

All events below are free and open to the public.

AGO Chapter members are particularly invited to attend

#### **Friday, January 31, 7:30 pm**

*Timothy Olsen, recital*

Shirley Recital Hall, Elberson Fine Arts Center, Salem College

#### **Saturday, February 1**

*Intermediate Division Competitors, 10-11 am*

Shirley Recital Hall, Elberson Fine Arts Center, Salem College

*Advanced Division Competitors, 11:15 am–12:45 pm*

and 2:15–3:40 pm

Hanes Auditorium, Elberson Fine Arts Center, Salem College

*Winners Recital and Awards Presentation*, approx. 4:15 pm  
Elberson Fine Arts Center, Salem College (Hall TBD)

*UNCSA Organ Studio Recital*, 7:30 pm  
Crawford Hall, UNCSA

### **AGO Service Playing Exam**

The exam will be held (afternoon) Saturday, March 22, in the afternoon.

**IMPORTANT:** The deadline for registering is **February 1!**

This exam is open to anyone who would like to receive the Service Playing Certificate. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to apply for the exam.

Contact Timothy Olsen by email — [olsent@uncsa.edu](mailto:olsent@uncsa.edu) — **ASAP** for information about the exam location and needed exam coordinator information for the application.

### **Piedmont NC Chapter “Mini-Convention”**

Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31

**SAVE the DATES.**

## Upcoming Events

### **Friends of Music Concerts**

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem

Thursday Feb 20, 7:00 pm  
North Carolina Baroque Orchestra Chamber Players.  
Program of Trio Sonatas. \$20 suggested donation. Students are free.

Friday, April 4, 2025, 7:00 pm  
North Carolina Baroque Orchestra  
Music of Bach, Corelli, and Rameau  
\$20 suggested donation. Students free

### **Friday, February 21, 7:30 pm**

Music for a Great Space

Amanda Mole, organ

Christ United Methodist Church, Greensboro. For tickets, go to

<https://musicforagreatspace.org/events/141>

### **Saturday, February 22, 10 am to 12 noon**

Masterclass with Amanda Mole  
Christ United Methodist Church.



## Flentrop Organ Recital Series

Four 30-minute organ recitals  
Tuesdays in February at 12 noon

February 4, 11, 18, 25  
Shirley Recital Hall in the Elberson  
Fine Arts Center  
Salem College  
Each event is free admission



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2025  
Flentrop  
Organ  
Recital  
Series

FEBRUARY 4  
TIMOTHY OLSEN

FEBRUARY 11  
CARSON HAYES  
MORA WOLFF

FEBRUARY 18  
DREAMA LOVITT

FEBRUARY 25  
MARY LOUISE BAKER

30-MINUTE ORGAN RECITALS  
EVERY TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY  
AT 12 NOON  
SHIRLEY RECITAL HALL  
ELBERSON FINE ARTS CENTER, SALEM COLLEGE

## Saturday, March 1, 3:00 pm

Arts at Ardmore present “**Feste Fantini**” (organ, brass, and percussion) in concert Saturday, March 1 at 3:00 p.m. The players of Feste Fantini have worked together since 1975 in brass quintets, symphony orchestras and most recently performed for the “Festwoche klassischer Musik” in Oppenau and Offenburg, Germany, and for the American Guild of Organists in Las Vegas and Los Angeles. Feste Fantini members Dr. Bruce Barrie (trumpet), Dr. Gary Malvern (trumpet), Dr. Genie Burkett (timpani/organ) and Mr. Steven Trinkle (trumpet) will be joined by Thomas Strauss (organ) from Germany.



ARTS at  
ARDMORE  
SERIES  
...where community, faith,  
and the arts  
come together

ORGAN, BRASS, AND PERCUSSION

**Feste Fantini**

Members of the ensemble have performed worldwide with symphony orchestras and renowned artists, recorded with Grammy award winning musicians, and appeared on public radio and television. Organist, Thomas Strauss of Oppenau, Germany will accompany the ensemble.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1 AT 3:00 PM  
IN THE SANCTUARY**

The event is free and open to the public. A love offering will be received.

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## Saturday, March 1, 7:00 pm

**Feste Fantini** in concert that same day at 7:00 pm in St. Luke's Episcopal Church 131 W. Council St, Salisbury, NC



Arts at St. Luke's  
PRESENTS  
**FESTE FANTINI**  
in concert

**MARCH 1ST  
7pm ST. LUKE'S**

**FREE ADMISSION**

Feste Fantini members Bruce Barrie (trumpet), Gary Malvern (trumpet), Genie Burkett (timpani/organ) and Steven Trinkle (trumpet) are joined by Thomas Strauss (organ) from South Germany in an American tour.

Feste Fantini has worked together since 1975 in brass quintets, symphony orchestras and many oratorio orchestras. The group has performed for the “Festwoche klassischer Musik” in Oppenau and Offenburg, Germany, and for the American Guild of Organists in Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Program will include Baroque works for one, two and three trumpets, timpani and organ, as well as contemporary works.

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704-633-3221

## **This Summer**

Jul. 13-18 — Pipe Organ Intensive at UNCSA

July 14-25 — UNCG Summer Music Camp

Organ as a secondary instrument elective  
*or* Harpsichord as a primary instrument!

## **Position Available**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Welcome is seeking an organist/pianist for Sunday services and occasional special services at Christmas and during Lent. The Sunday service is at 10:00am. Typical requirements are a prelude of 2-3 minutes, 3 hymns, short offertory, and quiet music during communion. The organ is a very small Zimmer pipe organ built in 1970.

For more information, contact the pastor at [pastorkellymoore@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkellymoore@gmail.com).

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Please send your news, upcoming events, position openings,  
substitute availability, and other useful information to Susan Keck  
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