



The Tulsa Tracker

Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter,
American Guild of Organists
February, 2021

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

The Program Committee has met to schedule our date of Spring offerings. We will enjoy a workshop by Damin Spritzer that will give us ideas about gems of the repertoire to be used as preludes and postludes.

I will also host another chapter check-in at the end of February. Our last one was well-attended, and it was a meaningful visit. I look forward to the next one.

We will launch some AGO certification workshops throughout 2021. Watch for updates!

In these pandemic times, planning is difficult. The Program Committee, at my recommendation, has planned several months at a time. While this is not ideal, I appreciate your patience and participation. Hopefully by the summer we can get back to a more “normal” routine of planning a year at a time.

I hope you will join us for our upcoming events,

Joseph

Joseph Arndt, Dean

Join us!

Chapter Check In • Thursday, February 25, 7:15-8:15pm

Zoom Chapter Meeting – the link will be sent a few days before the meeting

Lesser-known Gems of the Organ Repertoire • Saturday, March 13, 10:00am – 12:00noon

Workshop with **Damin Spritzer**, University of Oklahoma • More details to follow



There are extra copies of the Tulsa Chapter Directory available! If you would like to have a spare, please contact Bruce Wilkin: beedub@aol.com or 918-645-8632. You could have a copy at work and at home!

Please add to the directory: Oscar Ho, oscar.tehtarik@gmail.com

Let us know of any other corrections that need to be made.

Virtual and In-person Events:

A Little Monday Music

A weekly organ video offering from **Rebecca te Velde** which can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbRmxIR6cgaPfqLubGV6sHAFZCzDVNAV7>

First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater

Tuesdays at Trinity • Streams at 12:05pm www.facebook.com/trinitytulsa

Feb 2 – **Tulsa Opera** presents **Filstrup Resident Artists**

Feb 9 – **Thomas Starnes**, Organist, Christ the King Catholic Church

Feb 16 – **Lise Glaser**, Oboist

Feb 23 – **Lyndon Meyer**, Organist, Church of St. Mary



University of Tulsa Concerts with Commentary • Thursday, February 4 at 7:30pm

Pianist **Stuart Deaver** performs Beethoven's "Eroica Variations" • Link to the livestream concert at:

<https://artsandsciences.utulsa.edu/music/concerts-with-commentary/>

Cimarron Chapter Organ Series • Sunday, Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 2:00pm

Chapter members demonstrate the organs they play in a series of short videos each Sunday in February at 2:00pm: **Rebecca te Velde** on the 34-rank Reuter of First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater; **Brad Newcomb** on the 34-rank Reuter of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ponca City; **Micheal Crockett** on the 37-rank Dobson of First Christian Church, Stillwater; and **Gerald Frank** on the 20-rank Roy Redman organ at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Stillwater. The videos will premiere live on the chapter Facebook and YouTube pages.

Please like and subscribe to the pages:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/241658380909800>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKPXMA0-45AXLPXQagb7maw/featured>

Second Saturday Silents • Saturday, February 13 at 11:00am livestreamed free at [Youtube.com/CircleCinema](https://www.youtube.com/CircleCinema)

Enjoy some film history with two early silent films from 1918 that star "Fatty" Arbuckle and a young Buster Keaton: *The Bell Boy* and *Moonshine*. Both will be accompanied by Bill Rowland on the Circle Cinema's 1928 theatre pipe organ

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes • Wednesday, February 17 at 12:05pm www.facebook.com/trinitytulsa

Music will include Farrant's "Hide not thou thy face" • Virtual service from Trinity Episcopal Church



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Carolyn McCright passed away peacefully on January 3rd, 2021 at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, during a brief illness.

She was born August 25, 1934 in Crisfield, MD. After graduating from Hampton (VA) High School, she attended Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, where she met James Stewart Boles. They graduated and married soon after in 1956. Carolyn and Jim moved to Tulsa in 1959 to accept positions at John Knox Presbyterian Church where she became Organist and he the Minister of Music. In 1974, Carolyn married Lester M. McCright.

For most of her life, Carolyn was devoted to music as both vocation and avocation. In addition to serving at John Knox, Christ United Methodist, and First Presbyterian churches in Tulsa, Carolyn worked at Saied Music Company for over 40 years where she enjoyed assisting customers, beginner or expert, and applying her knowledge. She was an active member of the Tulsa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for more than 60 years and dedicated time and support to various organizations including Neighbor for Neighbor, Community Action Project and the Tulsa Symphony.

Carolyn is survived by her daughter Karen E. Knowles of Westcliffe, CO; grandsons Matt Knowles and Calvin Knowles, both of Nashville, TN; stepdaughters Amy L. Keeton (Randy) of Tulsa and Emily J. Yoxsimer (Greg) of Midland, TX, and their children, David and Hannah; and numerous cousins.

For the health and safety of all a public service is not planned at this time. Any donations may be made in Carolyn's honor to the International Essential Tremor Foundation (essentialtremor.org); First Presbyterian Church Music Fund (firstchurchtulsa.org); or the Tulsa Symphony (tulsasymphony.org).



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