

# CRESCENDO

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## *From the Dean*

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For the past few months our home has been under renovation. We have been blessed with an excellent contractor. His knowledge, patience, and care truly has made the project enjoyable, even with the constant noise and unending supply of dust. During one of our initial meetings the contractor said something I appreciated: if you see something that does not look right, tell me so we can look at it immediately – no matter what. The bottom line is he wanted us to know that it was important for him to get the job done right, no matter how big or small the issue. This comment reminded me of something a former associate pastor said early in our ministry together: inspect what you expect. He truly lived by this. Before every service, no matter how big or small, he would carefully check every element, the physical space of the church – the pulpit, chair he would sit, etc. – and all the personal articles he needed to lead the service. He was in the details because he knew these impacted the experience for the worshipers. This is something I admired and have tried to live out in my own ministry since.

As we enter another busy holy season, there is so much happening we can often overlook the smallest of things. I recall missing one of the service music accompaniments from my playing binder for a Christmas Eve service last year. Fortunately the melody was in the order of worship and I could play from that. But, it was a shock! Had I forgotten something else? Had I only paused for a moment to check my music before the service I could have easily seen the issue and resolved it. *Inspect what you expect.*

Whether you are playing for a children's Christmas pageant, or leading hundreds, maybe thousands in a rousing carol, this time of year, more than usual, folks are listening. And, they are listening closely. Maybe you made it through the Daquin Noel X by the skin of your teeth last year. Or, maybe you thought you could "wing" an improvised introduction to "O Come, All Ye Faithful," only to end up in a key far, far away with the red tutti light glaring at you. Don't let this be you! Breathe, put one foot in front of the other, and invest yourself to offer your best – both for yourself, and for those you serve.

Michael

AGO  
Dallas Chapter

# 2017-18 Dallas Chapter AGO Events

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018**

**SOCIAL EVENT**

Home of Michael Conrady  
4946 Victor St, Dallas, 75214

Click [here](#) for a map

3:00-5:00p

Join us for this casual come-and-go social gathering as we catch up with friends old and new.

Hors-d'oeuvres and refreshments served.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**RTA RECITAL: JANETTE FISHELL**

Caruth Auditorium, SMU Campus  
Owens Arts Center, 6101 Bishop, Dallas 75205

(Co-sponsored by SMU)

7:30p Recital

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**MASTERCLASS BY JANETTE FISHELL**

Caruth Auditorium, SMU Campus

9:00a -12 noon

(Masterclass open to the public; participants will need to register in advance. Info to follow.)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17** (All-day event)

**VISIT TO AMERICAN ORGAN INSTITUTE  
UNIV. OF OKLAHOMA**

Travel to AOI at University of Oklahoma to visit the workshop and artisans

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

**NEIGHBORHOOD RECITAL**

Custer Road UMC  
6601 Custer Rd, Plano, 75023

3:00p Recital

**TUESDAY, MAY 15**

**RTA RECITAL: MARTIN JEAN**

Highland Park Presbyterian Church  
3821 University Blvd, Dallas, 75205

(Co-sponsored by HPPC)

6:00p Social time

6:30p Dinner

7:30p Recital

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**

**MASTERCLASS BY MARTIN JEAN**

Highland Park Presbyterian Church  
3821 University Blvd, Dallas, 75205

10a-noon

# Upcoming Dallas Area Music Events

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7:00 PM**

**CANTUS, *THREE TALES OF CHRISTMAS* CONCERT**

**Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church**

**8011 Douglas at Colgate, Dallas 75225**

Free, but tickets required: available online (click [here](#)) or call 214.363.5471  
Beloved holiday stories such as A Christmas Carol, The Gift of the Magi, The Night Before Christmas, and others will be re-imagined through familiar carols and new holiday classics. Info: click [here](#)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 7:30 PM**

**RECITAL CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF REDMAN ORGAN, OPUS 17**

**The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany**

**421 Custer Road, Richardson, TX 75080**

**Free and open to the public; info [www.epiphany-richardson.org](http://www.epiphany-richardson.org)**

The program will include congregational hymns along with organ music by Bach, Buxtehude, Moore, Togni, Hakim, Key, Cooman, and Dubois, all played by Director of Music, Corey Candler. This concert is free and open to the public, but donations will be graciously accepted. A nursery will be available. A reception will follow in Servants Hall.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 7:30 PM**

**ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL JUSTUS SUNDERMANN GALLERY**

**5100 Ross Ave at N. Garrett, Dallas, 75206**

Pianist Jonathan Tsai in Recital: "Beethoven Split", music of Beethoven, Haydn, Brahms, Liszt, and Wagner. Free Admission

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 7:30 PM**

**ALLEN SYMPHONY CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**FIRST UMC-ALLEN, TX**

**601 S. Greenville Ave.**

Music of Handel, Rutter, Marc Cheban, etc.; Rusty King, conducting; Chris S. Brunt, organist  
Click [here](#) for ticket information

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 3:30 PM**

**CANTATA 140, *WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME*, J.S. BACH**

**Museum of Biblical Art, 7500 Park Lane, Dallas TX 75225**

Performed by Sanctuary Choir of Central Lutheran Church and Brookhaven College Vivace Madrigals, with Chamber Orchestra. Soloists: Nancy Elledge and Forbes Woods

in honor and memory of Bishop Emeritus Mark Herbener  
Free; info at [www.centrallutheran.org](http://www.centrallutheran.org)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 5:00 PM**

**FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**St John's Episcopal Church**

**848 Harter Rd, Dallas 75218**

Free; info at [www.stjohnsepiscopal.org](http://www.stjohnsepiscopal.org)

Music of Willan, Rutter, Mendelssohn, Praetorius, and others. A reception will follow.

**RECITAL SERIES at THE MEYERSON**

Meyerson Symphony Center

2301 Flora Street

Dallas, TX 75201

**Sunday, 2/11/18 at 2:30pm**

**Isabelle Demers – Organ**

**Sunday, 4/22/18 at 2:30pm**

**Ken Cowan – Organ**

Cost for each is \$20 when you contact

Jena Tunnell at 214-871-4025 or

[j.tunnell@dalsym.com](mailto:j.tunnell@dalsym.com)



# Upcoming Dallas Area Music Events

## **ORPHEUS CHAMBER SINGERS DECEMBER CONCERTS: A *BRITISH CHRISTMAS***

**Thursday, December 14, 7:30 pm**  
**Custer Road United Methodist Church**

**Saturday, December 16, 7:30 pm**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church**

**Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm**  
**Episcopal School of Dallas**

For tickets and more information: <http://www.orpheuschambersingers.org>

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 4:00 PM**

### **A FESTIVAL SERVICE ON NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**St. Matthew's Cathedral, 5100 Ross Ave at N. Garrett, Dallas, 75206**  
led by the St. Matthew's Cathedral Choral Artists. Monica Awbrey, conductor; Keith Franks, organist  
Organ prelude 3:30 p.m.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 6:00 P.M.**

### **LESSONS & CAROLS**

**The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 421 Custer Rd., Richardson, 75080**

FREE; [www.epiphany-richardson.org](http://www.epiphany-richardson.org)

The service of Advent Lessons & Carols will be presented by the Epiphany Adult Choir. Join us in singing carols and listening to choral music by David Willcocks, John Rutter, Leo Nestor, John Gardner, John Tavener, Morten Lauridsen. A nursery will be available. There will be a reception in Founders Hall following the service.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 6:00 PM**

### **CANDLELIGHT CAROLS CONCERT**

**Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Sanctuary**  
**9200 Inwood Road, Dallas 75220, (NE corner of Inwood @ Northwest Highway)**

FREE; [www.llumc.org/events](http://www.llumc.org/events)

Features favorite carols and music of the season, featuring adult and children's choirs, handbell choir, Sign Choir, and Jazz Band on the theme, "O Marvelous Mystery." A reception with art show will follow in ArtReach Gallery. Child care is provided, with ample parking.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 6:00 PM**

### **A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Highland Park United Methodist Church**  
**3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas 75205**

Ticketed: [hpumc.org/towerarts](http://hpumc.org/towerarts)

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 11:00 AM**

### **MESSIAH (CHRISTMAS PORTION) BY G.F. HANDEL**

**Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Sanctuary**  
**9200 Inwood Road, Dallas 75220 (NE corner of Inwood @ Northwest Highway)**

FREE; [www.llumc.org/events](http://www.llumc.org/events)

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018; 7:00 PM**

**ORGAN RECITAL: BRADLEY REZNICEK**

**St. Rita Catholic Community**

**12521 Inwood Rd, Dallas, 75244**

Bedient Organ, Opus 33, 1992, 38 ranks

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018; 7:00 PM**

**AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS BY GIAN CARLO MENOTTI**

**Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Shipp Chapel**

**9200 Inwood Road, Dallas 75220 (NE corner of Inwood @ Northwest Highway)**

Ticketed; contact [pknott@llumc.org](mailto:pknott@llumc.org); 214-706-9589. Info: [www.llumc.org/events](http://www.llumc.org/events)

A fully staged performance with professional soloists, members of Sanctuary Choir, and chamber orchestra, conducted by Jimmy Emery, Director of Music. Soloists include Christopher Emery, Erin Thomas, Ryan McDonald, Brandon Gibson, Bob Brooks, and Sam Alvizo, with Brooke Clark Gibson, Choreography/Stage Direction. Ticket prices are \$20/adults and \$10/children, youth and students. Child care will be provided.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 3:00 PM**

**DALLAS CHORAL FESTIVAL**

**Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora Street, Dallas 75201**

**Tickets and more information, please click [here](#)**

## 2017-2018 CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Dean:** Michael Shake, [mshake@kingofglory.com](mailto:mshake@kingofglory.com)

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# Employment Opportunities

## ***Associate Director of Worship & Music/Organist***

New World United Methodist Church, Arlington TX, a vibrant urban church has an opening for a gifted musician to serve as Associate Director of Worship & Music/Organist.

This position is  $\frac{3}{4}$  time. Opportunities include: service playing for two worship services weekly, accompanying the Chancel Choir, assisting with a fully graded Children's Music program, Handbells, and a Youth Music program. Excellent keyboard skills at organ and piano required, as well as gifts in working with a team to continue a great worship and music program.

Position is open January 1, 2018. Please send resumé and cover letter to:

Steven Couch, New World UMC, Arlington, TX 76012. [steven@nwumc.org](mailto:steven@nwumc.org)

## ***Director of Music***

First Community Church, United Church of Christ, 9120 Ferguson Road, Dallas, TX

Job Type: Part time

Hours per week: 10-15

We are seeking an individual with strong musical leadership skills to accompany our worship service and direct our small choir of talented singers. Our modern worship space has excellent acoustics, and our beautiful Kney organ and Steinway grand piano sound incredible! We are in search of someone who is ready and willing to bring their creativity to worship and to collaborate in planning. Is this you? Click [here](#) for the full job description and application instructions.

Organization Website: [www.fccdfw.org](http://www.fccdfw.org)

## ***Director of Music; Organist, or combination of both***

First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, 401 S Denton St, Gainesville, TX 76240

(940) 665-5153

First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, is looking for a Director of Music, Organist, or combination of both.

This is a part time position, typically Wednesday night rehearsal and Sunday morning Worship Service.

Salary is based on experience.

Detailed Job Description available on request. Send resume to [fpcgaines@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpcgaines@sbcglobal.net).

## ***Position Title: Organist/Accompanist***

Buckingham United Methodist Church, Garland

Job Type: Part-time # of hours/week: not listed

Organization Website:

<http://www.bumcgarland.org/>

For more information: click [here](#)



# Important Submissions and Address Correction Information

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Submissions to for the Crescendo must be submitted by the online forms listed below:

- Employment Opportunities: click [here](#)
- Dallas Area Music Events: [here](#)

Events will follow this example:

**EVENT DATE**

**EVENT NAME**

**Event Location (please include street address and zip code)**

Event Description (BRIEF! Not to exceed 40 words)

Event web address (link to online flyer for information or printing)

Questions? Email [newsletter@dallasago.org](mailto:newsletter@dallasago.org). Submission deadline is 20th of month prior to publication.

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If you or someone you know has recently changed email addresses,  
please email the member's name and updated contact information to:

[communications@dallasago.org](mailto:communications@dallasago.org)