

About the American Guild of Organists

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields.

The Guild was founded as both an educational and service organization whose mission is to promote the organ, encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

Membership

Membership is open to all from beginners to the occasional church organist to the full-time professional as well as teachers, choir directors, organ builders, suppliers to the field, students, clergy, and all choral and organ music enthusiasts.

The Suffolk Chapter of the AGO serves the western portion of Suffolk County on Long Island, New York, and is one of 28 chapters in the New York-Northern New Jersey area (Region II).

We meet on a regular basis throughout the year and hold annual events such as

- the **Children's Choir Directors' Workshop** and **Children's Choir Festival**,
- the **Organ Expo**, and
- the **Scholarship Recital** and **Awards** for students of the organ,
- as well as **workshops, master classes, and lecture/recitals** led by members and guests.

We regularly partner with neighboring chapters in the Long Island/New York City area to organize activities. Meetings are educational and informal.

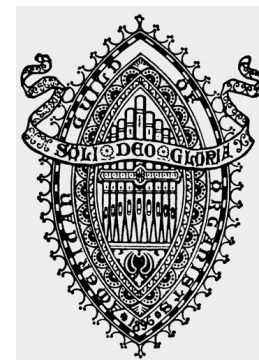
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2018 Organ Scholarship Opportunities (for students who either reside Suffolk County or are current Suffolk AGO members)



2015 Scholarship recipients with Recitalist, Scott Montgomery, Sebastian M. Glück, Basil Pizzutto, and Scholarship Chair, Dr. Joan Daly-Lewis

The Suffolk Chapter Scholarships

The Suffolk Chapter established its Scholarships in 2004 in recognition of the need to support and to encourage the training of new organists. **To be eligible, applicants must either reside in Suffolk County or be Suffolk AGO members. (Note this new policy!)**

Two of the scholarships are funded through our generous donors, Sebastian M. Glück and JoEllen Elsener. This year's *Secondary School Award* is funded through donations made by chapter members* and friends, designated portions of free-will offerings taken at chapter events, and chapter funds.

As much as \$3,000 is available annually: up to \$1,000 each for *The Sebastian M. Glück College Scholarship*, for a student pursuing college level organ studies (which may include a high school senior about to enter college or a post HS student studying privately); *The Suffolk AGO Secondary Students Scholarship*, for grade 6-12 students studying organ privately; and *The Award for Beginning Organ Students*, (for those **of any age** who are new to the organ, or have studied for less than two years).

Students and/or their teachers must be members of the AGO to be eligible for these scholarships. Additional information can be found at www.suffolkliago.org.



Juliet Rand receiving The 2017 Elsener Award for Organ Beginners from Paul Elsener on behalf of Jo Ellen Elsener

* Membership applications are available for download at www.SuffolkLIago.org or by calling the chapter Registrar, Eleanor Gould, (631) 234-3342 .

Performance Requirements

Students competing for *The Sebastian M. Glück College Level Scholarship* will be expected to perform a Prelude/Toccatina and Fugue or Trio Sonata by J.S. Bach, a piece from the 19th century, a piece from the 20th or 21st centuries, (these may be single movements from larger works), and two stanzas of a hymn (*Lasst Uns Erfreuen, Sine Nomine* or *Ein Feste Burg*) with variations.

Students who are currently enrolled in a college who cannot audition in person may submit an unedited CD recording.

Grade 6 through 12 students competing for *The Suffolk AGO Secondary Students Scholarship* will be expected to play one piece by J.S. Bach and a second piece from the 19th, 20th, or 21st century, plus two stanzas of a hymn (*Hyfrydol, Lobe Den Herren* or *St. Anne*) with some variation on stanza two.

Applicants for *The Award for Beginning Organ Students* will be asked to play one piece of their choice, either on piano or organ, as well as two stanzas of any hymn. They will also be asked to submit a brief paragraph about why they would like to study the organ.

For scholarship recipients under the age of 17, we will require a Statement of Commitment signed by student, parent, and organ instructor.

How to Apply

The application deadline is March 29, 2018, and auditions will take place May 4, 2018. Forms and additional details are available for download at www.suffolkliago.org. You may also request an application from Dr. Joan Daly-Lewis, jdalylew@optonline.net.

Scholarship Donations Welcome

Your financial contribution helps!

In addition to the personal satisfaction of knowing that you're supporting organ students on Long Island, you'll receive recognition in our annual Scholarship Awards Recital Program.

Please make your check, notated as a Scholarship Donation, payable to *Suffolk Chapter, AGO*

Send donations to:
Janet Pinto, *Treasurer*
7 Daremy Court
Melville, NY 11747-2704

Thank you!

<i>Vox Celeste:</i>	\$1,000 and above
<i>Trumpet:</i>	\$ 500 - \$ 1,000
<i>Rohrflöte:</i>	\$ 250 - \$ 500
<i>Principal:</i>	\$ 100 - \$ 250
<i>Diapason:</i>	\$ 15 - \$ 100

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2017 Scholarship recipients, Julia Minicozzi, Matthew Luca, Patrick Hines, Juliet Rand, Mahesh Tiwari, and Zachary B. Schurman (Additional awardee was Theresa Bissex)