

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 sponsoring workshops, masterclasses, scholarship awards, recitals and other activities to promote the continuing education of organists and choir directors, as well as to create a fellowship of all people who love the organ and organ music, and to promote interest in the instrument throughout Suffolk County.

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

Program information can be found on our website: <https://www.suffolkliago.org/>

AGO Suffolk Chapter Executive Board 2024-26

Dean	Bill Margiotta
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Board Appointments 2024-26

Certification	Deanna Muro, CAGO
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Scholarship Co-Chairs:	Terence Purtell Bill Margiotta
Publicity	Paul Elsener

2025 Scholarship Recitalists:

Eddie Zheng and Aletheia Teague

Eddie Zheng is currently serving as Assistant Organist at St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church, NY. He earned his combined Bachelor's and Master's degrees at The Juilliard School with renowned organist Paul Jacobs in the Juilliard Artist Diploma program.

Aletheia Teague attends The Juilliard School where she is completing her undergraduate degree in Organ Performance under Mr. Paul Jacobs. Currently she serves as Assistant Organist at Christ Church on the Upper East Side under Dr. Steve Pilkington. Aletheia is the recipient of the Jerome L. Greene Fellowship at Juilliard.

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2025 Organ Scholarship Opportunities

www.SuffolkLIAGO.org

The Suffolk Chapter Scholarships

The Suffolk Chapter Scholarship Program was established in 2004 in recognition of the need to support and encourage the training of new organists. Residency and membership requirements for applicants from Nassau and Suffolk can be found on the Suffolk AGO web site, www.suffolkliago.org

Two of the scholarships are funded through our generous donors, Dr. Joseph Woo, sponsor of *The Carol Landis Memorial Scholarships for Beginning Level Organists*, and The Peragallo Organ Company. The 2024 *Secondary Level Chapter Scholarship* is funded through contributions from chapter members and friends, and designated portions of free-will offerings made at chapter events.

As much as \$1,000 is available annually for each of our three awards:

~ *The Peragallo Organ Company College Scholarship*, for students pursuing college level organ studies (may include high school seniors or post-HS college-age students studying privately);

~ *The Suffolk Chapter Secondary Students Scholarship*, for grade 6-12 students studying organ privately; and

~ *The Carol Landis Memorial Scholarships for Beginning Level Organists*, for students of **any age** who are new to the organ, or have studied for less than two years.

In honor of Carl Gscheidle, the *Gscheidle Special Recognition Award* of up to \$300 may be awarded to augment the other scholarships.

SAGO membership applications are available for download at www.suffolkliago.org or by calling Chapter Registrar, Brenda Clark at (631)486-1043.

Performance Requirements

Students competing for *The Peragallo College Level Scholarship* will be expected to perform a Prelude/Toccata 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 college who cannot audition in person may submit an unedited, verified digital recording.

Grade 6 through 12 students competing for *The Suffolk Chapter 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 Carol Landis Memorial Scholarships for Beginning Level Organists* will be asked to play one piece of their choice, on either 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.

Scholarship recipients under the age of 17 will be required to provide a Statement of Commitment form, signed by the student, parent, and organ instructor.

How to Apply

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 11, 2025, and auditions will take place May 16, 2025. Forms and additional details are available for download at www.suffolkliago.org. You may also request an application from Terence Purtell, director@terencepurtell.com.

Scholarship Donations Welcome

Your financial contribution makes these scholarships possible!

In addition to the personal satisfaction of knowing that you're supporting organ students on Long Island, donors 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:

Eleanor Gould, *Treasurer*
437 Ralph Ave.
Central Islip NY 11722-1831
Thank you!

<i>Vox Celeste:</i>	\$1,000 and above
<i>Trumpet:</i>	\$ 500 - \$ 999
<i>Rohrflöte:</i>	\$ 250 - \$ 499
<i>Principal:</i>	\$ 100 - \$ 249
<i>Diapason:</i>	\$ 15 - \$ 99

We are especially grateful to our Vox Celeste level donors, Dr. Joseph Woo, M.D., and The Peragallo Organ Company.

The Suffolk Chapter of the AGO is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit educational organization, as registered with the Internal Revenue Service. All contributions are tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes.



2024 Scholarship Winners with Matthew Luca (recitalist, second from left), Dr. Joseph Woo (Dean, second from right), Dr. Joan Daly-Lewis (Scholarship Chair, far right)