**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

- a *Children's Choir Directors' Workshop* and *Children's Choir Festival*,
- *Organ Expo*, and
- The *Scholarship Recital* and *Awards Ceremony* 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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**AGO Suffolk Chapter Executive Board 2019-20**

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**Board Appointments 2019-20**

- **Certification**
  - Deanna Muro CAGO
- **Events Calendar**
  - Maureen Husing
- **Newsletter**
  - Maureen Husing, editor
- **Placement**
  - Christopher Cusumano
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  - Helen Kegerreis
- **Publicity**
  - Paul Elsener
- **Registrar/Directory**
  - Brenda Clark, CAGO
- **Scholarships**
  - Joan Daly-Lewis Ed. D.
- **Webmaster**
  - Paul Elsener
- **Chaplain**
  - Rev. Charles Van Houten

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**2020 Scholarship Concert recitalist, Dan Ficarri**

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The Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

2020 Organ Scholarship Opportunities

www.SuffolkLIAGO.org
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 2020 Secondary Level Chapter Award is funded in part through donations made by Foley~Baker, Inc., as well as 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 students studying privately);
- Suffolk Chapter AGO 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.

SGAO 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 CD 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, 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.

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

The application deadline is April 3, 2020, and auditions will take place May 1, 2020. Forms and additional details will be 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 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:
Janet Pinto, Treasurer
7 Daremy Court
Melville, NY 11747-2704

Thank you!

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We are most 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.

2019 scholarship recipients, l to r, Patrick Hines, Sadie Heston, Joseph Scarpa, and Mahesh Tiwari.