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## **AGO ANNOUNCES SIX PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS**

### **Weeklong Summer Programs Will Offer Intensive Study of the King of Instruments for Youth and Young Adults**

NEW YORK CITY—The **American Guild of Organists** (AGO) is proud to announce four **PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS** (POEs) and one **POE (Advanced)** for participants aged 13–18, and a **POE (Technical)** for participants aged 16–23 in 2019. Application deadlines to attend vary from site to site. Complete information for each weeklong program can be found online at [Agohq.org](http://Agohq.org). The summer schedule follows:

**POE** (for ages 13–18)

July 15–20	Cape Cod, Mass.
July 14–19	Seattle, Wash.
July 28–Aug. 3	St. Louis, Mo.
Aug. 1–7	Helsinki, Finland

**POE Advanced** (for ages 13–18)

June 23–28	Houston, Tex.
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**POE Technical** (for ages 16–23)

July 21–27, 2019	River Forest and Oak Park, Ill.
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The **PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER** (POE) is an introduction to the pipe organ through instruction in organ playing, repertoire, history, design, and construction. These regional summer music camps for teenage participants provide private and group instruction in service playing and solo repertoire, opportunities to learn about the musical heritage of various religious denominations, and a chance for young musicians to meet others with similar interests. Piano or organ proficiency ranging from intermediate to advanced is required. Scholarship assistance is available.

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The **POE Advanced** provides intermediate to advanced classes in areas such as organ literature, history, pipe organ construction and design, music theory, improvisation, conducting, and service playing for participants who have achieved a high level of success in organ study. Scholarship assistance is available.

The **POE Technical** is a program designed for participants who are interested in learning the art and craft of organ building. The event is hosted in the workshop of an organ builder working in cooperation with a local AGO chapter. Scholarship assistance is available.

Generous funding from the **Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America** (APOBA), the **American Institute of Organbuilders** (AIO), the **Jordan Organ Endowment**, and the **National Endowment for the Arts** will support these summer educational programs from coast to coast and abroad. Scholarship assistance is provided by the AGO New Organist Fund.

“The AGO and APOBA have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship since 1975,” declared AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. “Likewise, the AIO has been active in supporting the Guild’s educational programs, beginning with their partnership in *Pulling Out All the Stops*, a video produced jointly in 1996 by the AGO, AIO, APOBA, the Organ Historical Society, and the American Theater Organ Society and aired on PBS. In addition, we are delighted to receive support from the Jordan Organ Endowment at Columbus State University as well as a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts supporting our educational activities this year.” ■

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The **AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS** is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. Founded in 1896 as both an educational and service organization, it sets and maintains high musical standards and promotes the understanding and appreciation of all aspects of organ and choral music. The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ. The Guild currently serves approximately 14,000 members in 295 local chapters throughout the United States and abroad. THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine, the official journal of the AGO and the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America, reaches an audience of more than 15,000 each month. Visit the AGO online at [Agohq.org](http://Agohq.org).