



The Weekend Organist: New Year's Resolutions You Can Keep

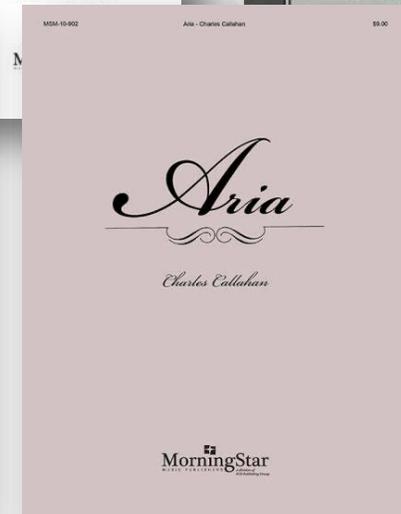
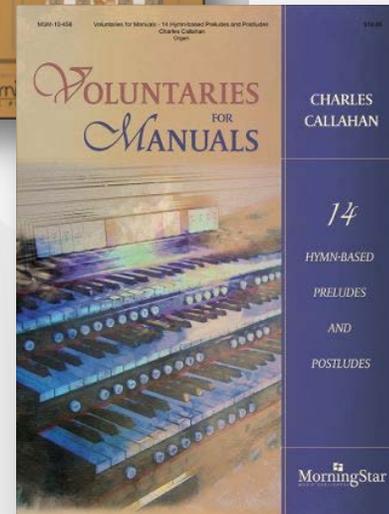
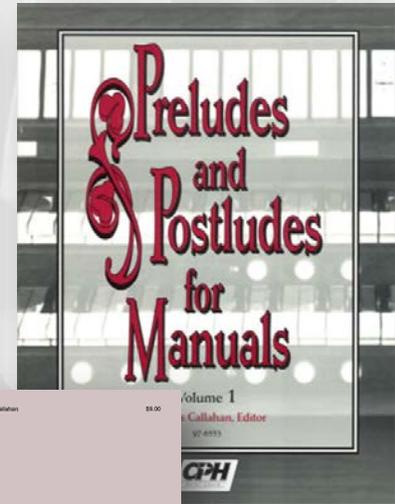
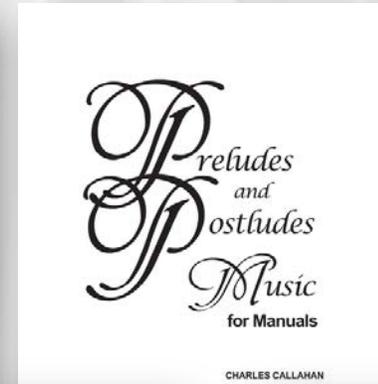
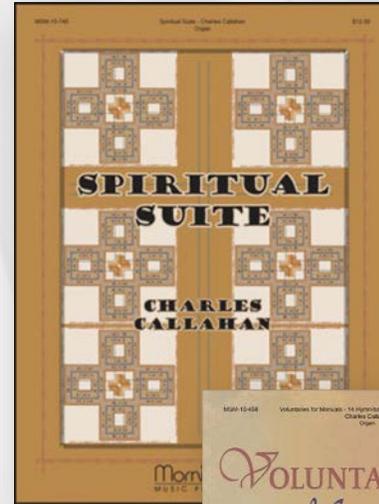
J.W. Arnold, CAE, Fellow PRSA
Monday, January 8, 2024
7 PM ET / 4 PM PT



We Remember Charles Callahan



(1951-2023)





What is a Weekend Organist?

- Part-Time Church Musician (5 – 20 hours)
- Generally Paid (Hourly or Salaried)
- Self-Taught OR Professionally Trained
- Other Primary Occupation(s)
- Must Do More with Less
 - *Practice Time*
 - *Instrument(s)*
 - *Budget*
 - *Volunteers*
- Leads a Meaningful Music Ministry!



The Numbers

**Around 60% of AGO Members
are Part-Time / Weekend
Organists!**



We'd Like to Know More about YOU!

We'd like to know more about your church duties, training and education, and interests. How can the AGO help you?

Please take a couple of minutes to complete this short anonymous survey (link in chat, also):

www.surveymonkey.com/r/WeekendOrganist24



New Year's Resolutions

27 MILLION AMERICANS

Made New Year's Resolutions



New Year's Resolutions

Lose Weight

Exercise More

Eat Better

Quit Smoking

Get Organized



The Reality of New Year's Resolutions

**Only 12% Will Stick With Them
for 30 DAYS OR LONGER!**



Common Resolution for Musicians

PRACTICE MORE!



Make “SMART” Resolutions

- S** Specific
- M** Measurable
- A** Achievable
- R** Relevant
- T** Time-Bound



Five Ways to Keep that Resolution

- 1. Learn or Re-learn a Challenging Work**
- 2. Spice Up Your Services**
- 3. Earn AGO Professional Certification**
- 4. Plan and Present a Recital**
- 5. Find a Practice Partner**

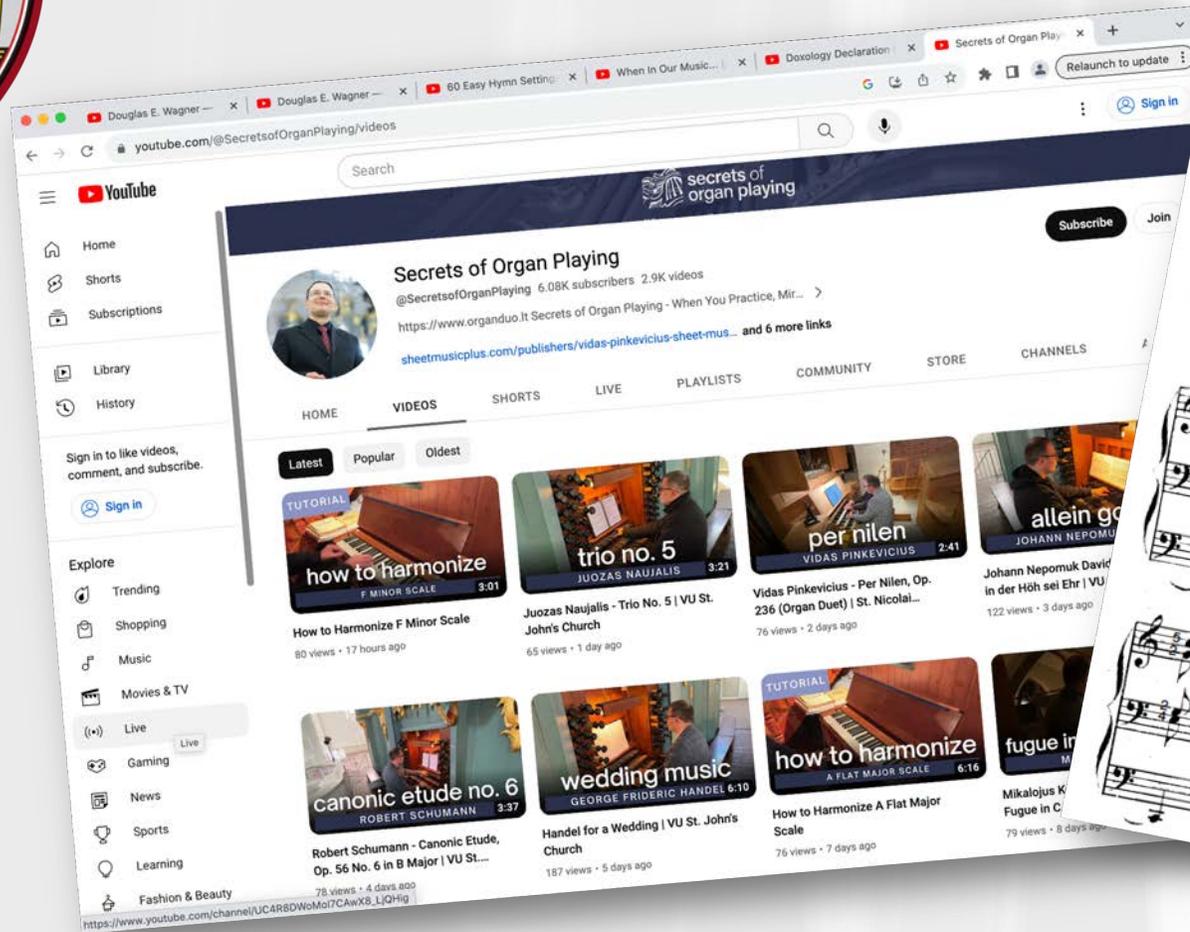


1. Learn / Re-learn a Challenging Work

- Don't Forget the SMART Principles:
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Achievable
 - Relevant
 - **Time Bound**
- It's OK to Re-learn a Favorite Work
- Build Your Confidence as a Performer!



Resource: Secrets of Organ Playing



Suggested registration:
Man.: Principals 16', 8', 4', 3', 2', Mixture
Ped.: Principals 16', 8', 4', Mixture, Posaune 16'

PRAELUDIUM ET FUGA XV.

Praeludium.

In Organo pleno, pedaliter. BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Fingering and pedaling by
Vidas Pinkevicius
www.organduo.lt
Transcribed by Alan Peterson

Manuale.

Pedale.

Vidas Pinkevicius Secrets of Organ Playing (YouTube), www.OrganDuo.It

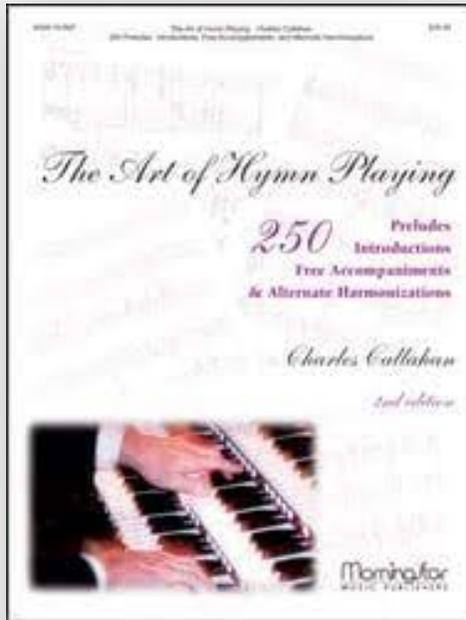


2. Spice Up Your Services

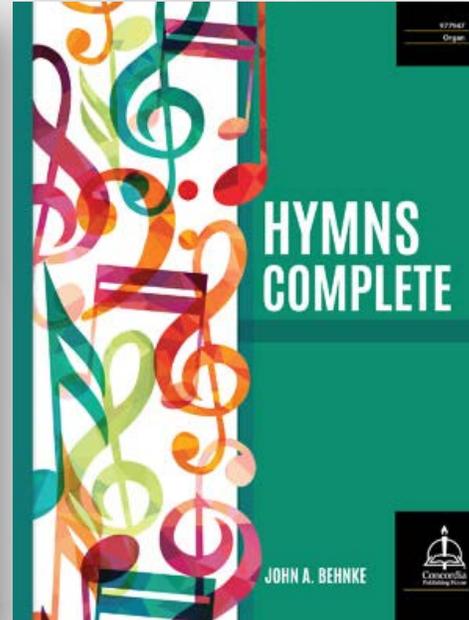
- Incorporate New Hymn Introductions, Reharmonizations, and Variations
- Rethink Your Standard Registrations
- Incorporate Other Instruments, Piano
- Vary Service Music Settings Seasonally
- Occasionally Record Rehearsals or Watch Services
OR Invite a Friend to Practice and Listen
- Make SMART Resolutions



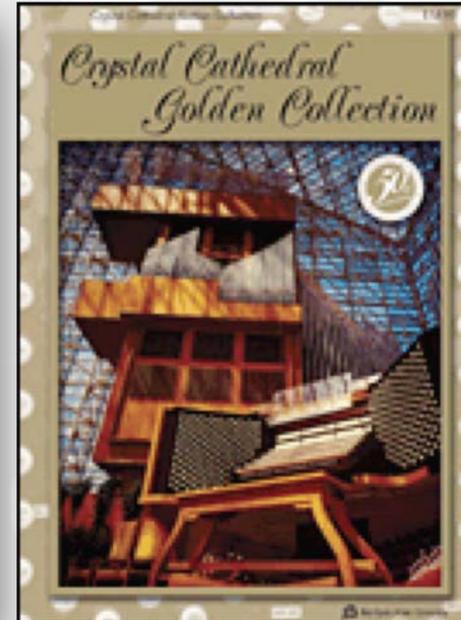
Resources: Hymn Arrangements



Charles Callahan
The Art of Hymn Playing
Vols. 1 - 2
MorningStar



John Behnke
Hymns Complete
Vols. 1 – 2
Concordia



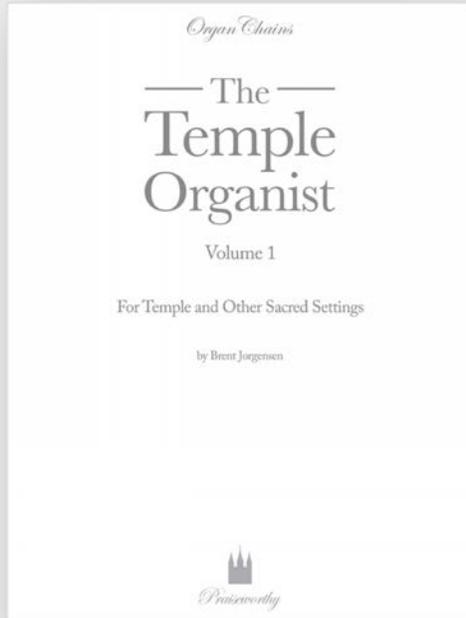
Swann, Thallender
Crystal Cathedral
Golden Collection
Fred Bock



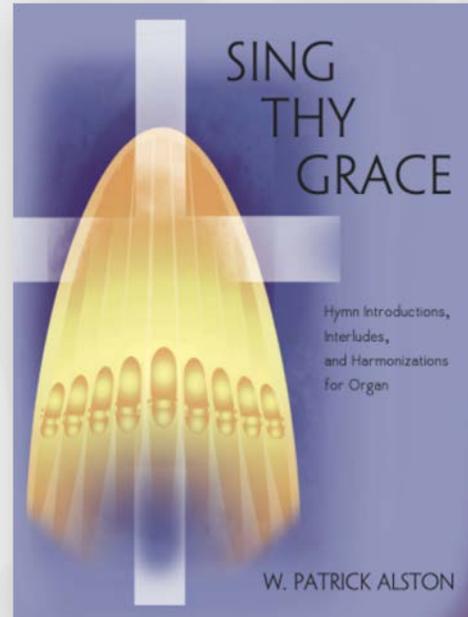
Marianne Kim
18 Congregational
Hymn Accompaniments
MarianneKimMusic.com



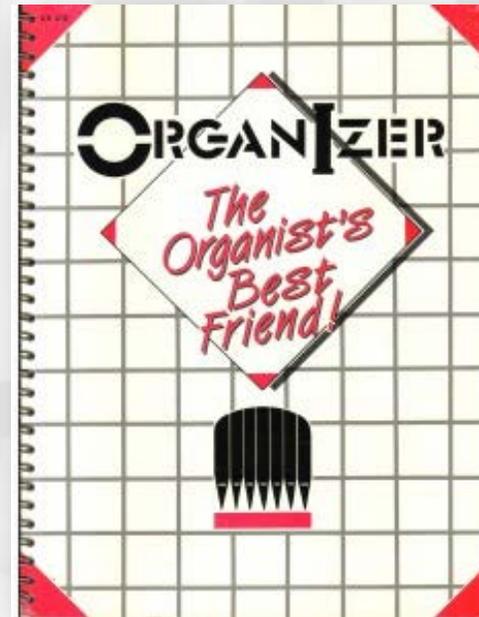
More Resources



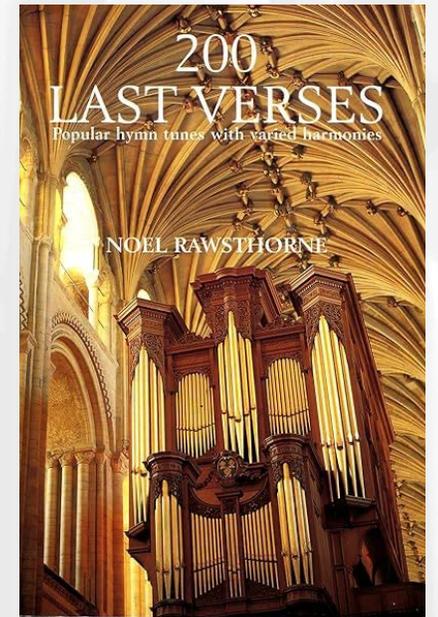
Brent Jorgensen
The Temple Organist
Vols. 1 - 2
Jackman Music



Patrick Alston
Sing Thy
Grace
GIA



Lorenz
Organizer
The Organist's Best Friend
Lorenz



Noel Rawsthorne
200 Last Verses:
Popular Hymn Tunes
Kevin Mayhew Ltd.



And More Resources...

- **St. James Music Press**
\$159/yr Subscription
www.SJMP.com
- **Association of Lutheran Church Musicians**
\$90/\$45 seniors/\$40 students
www.ALCM.org



3. AGO Certification: Service Playing

www.AGOhq.org/certification

- October – March Cycle
- \$175 / \$125 Students
- Study Guide and **Monthly Zoom Study Group**
 - Repertoire
 - Hymn-Playing
 - Sight Reading
 - Accompanying
 - Transposition, Harmonization, & Modulation



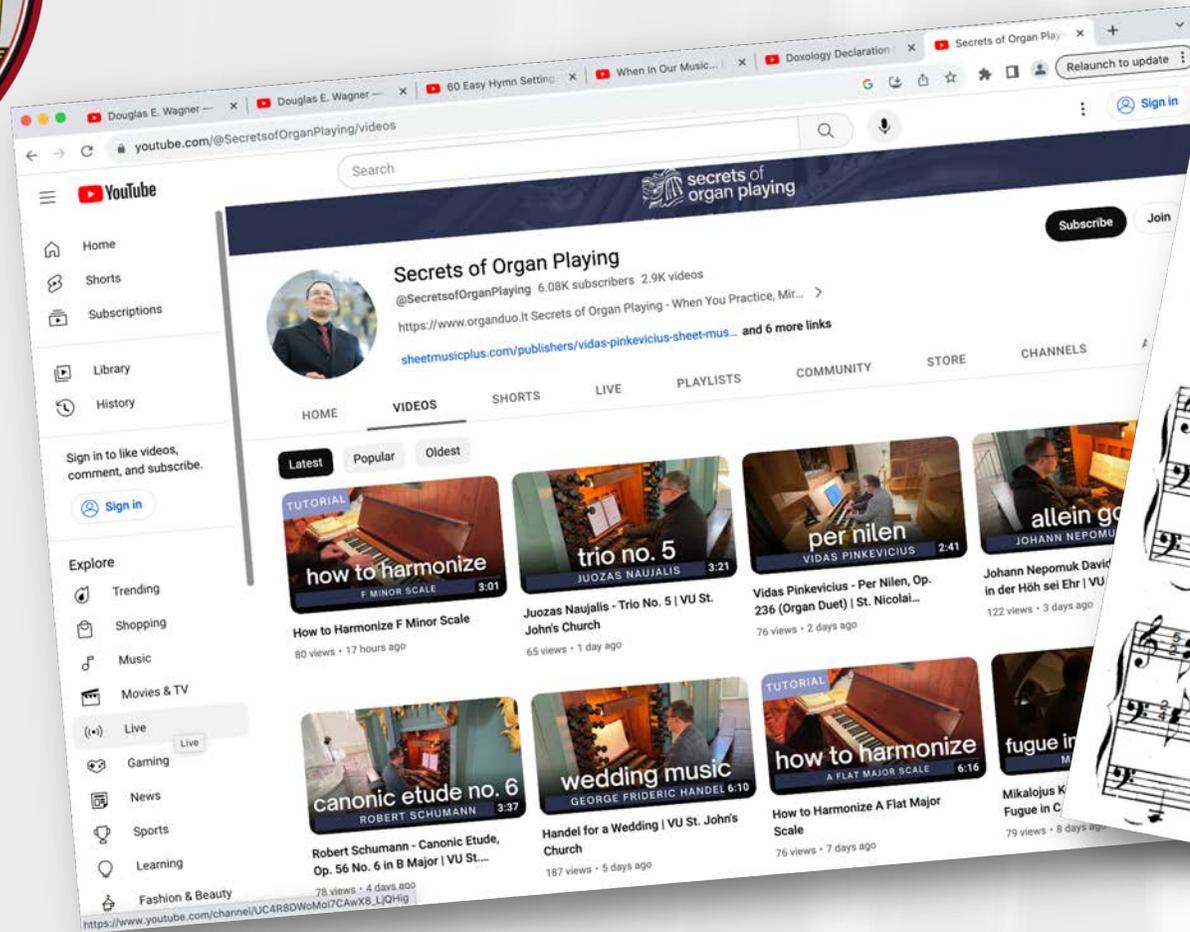
3. AGO Certification: Colleague

www.AGOhq.org/certification

- March 17 and November 15, 2024
- \$200 / \$150 Students (both sections)
- Study Guide and Other Resources
 - Repertoire
 - Hymn-Playing
 - Sight Reading
 - Accompanying
 - Transposition, Harmonization, & Modulation



Resource: Secrets of Organ Playing



Vidas Pinkevicius Secrets of Organ Playing (YouTube), www.OrganDuo.It



4. Plan and Present a Recital

- Widor and Vierne Symphonies Not Required!
- Entertainment, Not Liturgical
- Community Events – ArtWalks, Bazaar, Festivals
- Pick Music You Can't Normally Play on Sundays
 - Longer Works (Partitas)
 - Folk Tune Arrangements and Popular Music
 - Holidays and Special Occasions
 - Hymn Festival Format
 - Make it Fun – Guest Soloists, Sing-a-Longs



Recital Themes

- Holidays and Special Occasions
 - Mother's Day
 - Patriotic (Memorial Day, Independence Day)
 - Halloween
 - Christmas (Sacred and Secular)
- Hail, Britannia! (English Traditional and Folk)
- Broadway or Movie Themes
- Hooked on Classics!
- Hymn Festival of Liturgical Year



5. Find a Practice Partner

- Lots of Possibilities:
 - Organ / Piano Duets
 - Duo-Organists
 - Organ and Instrumentalist / Soloist
- Make it Fun!
- Plan to Perform (SMART Resolution)
 - Special Worship Service
 - Recital (Remember #4)
 - Community Event



Resource: Church Music Institute

www.ChurchMusicInstitute.org

- \$35 Discounted Annual Membership for AGO Members
- Online Database of TENS OF THOUSANDS of Organ and Choral Works in Archive
- Includes IMSLP!

Choral Search Fields

Anthem Title	Additional Choir	Scripture Reference
Composer	Instruments	Lectionary Reference
Author	Soloist	Topical Reference
Arranger	Hymn Tune	Source of Text
Voicing	Source of Music	Publisher
Difficulty	Multi-movement	
	Composition	

[View: Sample Composition page](#)

[Sacred Organ Online Library Introduction](#)

Organ Search Fields

Tune Name	Editor	Difficulty
Composer	Name of Collection	Additional Instruments
Title		Manuals Only
		IMSLP and Editor



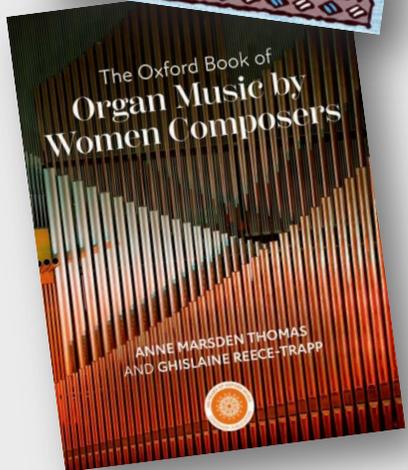
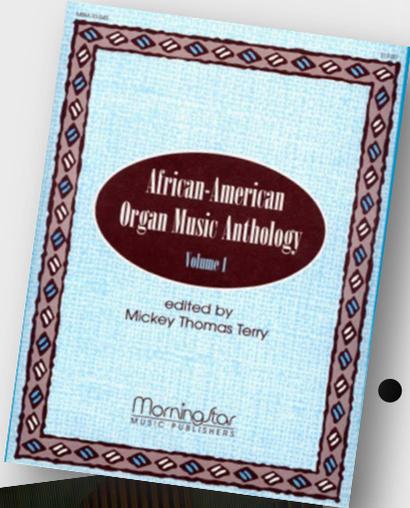
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Planning Ahead

- **Black History Month – February**
 - Florence Price, Adolphus Hailstork, David Hurd
 - *African-American Organ Music Anthology*, vols. 1 - 7 (ed. Mickey Thomas Terry)
- **Woman Composer Sunday - March 10, 2024**
 - Free Compositions in *The American Organist*
 - Webinar on Monday, Feb.
 - *New Oxford Book of Organ Music by Women Composers*





Save the Date

Music for Manuals

Webinar

Monday, April 8

7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT



Join us in San Francisco

**The Weekend Organist
Reading Session and
Networking Opportunities
at the AGO National Convention,
June 30 – July 4**



Next Week!

You Got the Interview...Now What?

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. ET / 4 p.m. PT

Presented by AGO Committee on

Career Development and Support

www.AGOhq.org/webinars



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