# American Guild of Organists



## **Fellowship Examination**

2023

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#### **EXAMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP**

#### June 1 & 2, 2023

#### **SECTION I**

#### WORK AT THE ORGAN

#### Approximately forty-five minutes will be allowed

F 1. (40 points) Candidates will prepare one piece from each of the following four lists, and be prepared to play all or any portion of each piece, as requested by the examiners. One (and only one) of the selections will be a slow movement, marked with an asterisk\* in the lists below. The candidate may play the repertoire in any order.

#### LIST A

Georg Böhm: Vater unser im Himmelreich (ornamented chorale) IGB 24 (Edition Breitkopf 8087)

Nicolaus Bruhns: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Edition Breitkopf 8663, ed. Harald Vogel)

\*Pablo Bruna: Tiento de falsas del segundo tono (Roose: IMSLP #167158)

William Byrd: A Fancy (Faber Music: Faber Early Organ Series, Vol. 2, ed. James Dalton)

\*Nicolas De Grigny: Récit du chant de l'hymne précédent from Pange Lingua (Les Éditions Outremontaises: IMSLP #182962)

Michelangelo Rossi: Toccata settima (Lang: IMSLP #181395)

Franz Tunder: Jesus Christus, unser Heiland (Les Éditions Outremontaises: IMSLP #517340)

#### LIST B

(For the following works by **Johann Sebastian Bach**, the Neue Bach-Ausgabe published by Bärenreiter or Breitkopf Urtext or Wayne Leupold are the only acceptable editions.)

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684, from Clavierübung III

\*An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653b

\*Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', BWV 662 (IMSLP #530846)

Fugue in E Minor ("Wedge"), BWV 548

Allegro (iii) from Trio Sonata No. 2 in C Minor, BWV 526 (Leupold edition of the Trio Sonatas also acceptable)

Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

LIST C

Johannes Brahms: Prelude and Fugue in G Minor (Henle #400)

\*Jeanne Demessieux: Consolateur from Sept Méditations sur le Saint-Esprit (Durand & Cie 13312)

Herbert Howells: Rhapsody in D-flat (Augener or Galaxy or ECS or Wayne Leupold)

Max Reger: Final fugal section of Choralfantasie über "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," Op. 27, beginning with pickup to m. 136 (Peters: IMSLP 46868)

Louis Vierne: Impromptu from Pièces de fantaisie, Suite No. 3, Op. 54 (Durand & Cie: IMSLP #06177)

\*Charles-Marie Widor: Choral from Symphonie romane (Hamelle: IMSLP #412582)

William Bolcom: Jesus Loves Me from Gospel Preludes, Bk. 2 (E.B. Marks or Complete Gospel Preludes, Hal Leonard 220163)

Undine Smith Moore: Variations on "There Is a Fountain" from African-American Organ Music Anthology, Vol. 9 (MorningStar Music Publishers MSM-10-649)

Nico Muhly: The Rev. Mustard: His Installation Prelude (London: Saint Rose Music Publishing Co. #10453977. Available through J.W. Pepper or electronically from the publisher as #10453977E)

Kola Owolabi: Dance (downloadable at KolaOwolabi.com)

Stephen Paulus: Impassioned from Three Temperaments for Organ (Paulus Publications SP112, 1719 Summit Avenue, St. Paul MN 55105, or available at store.subitomusic.com as catalog #80401070)

Margaret Sandresky: Toccata: Veni Creator Spiritus from Organ Music of Margaret Vardell Sandresky, Vol. I (Wayne Leupold Editions WL 600031)

\*Leo Sowerby: Requiescat in pace (H.W. Gray: IMSLP #555116)

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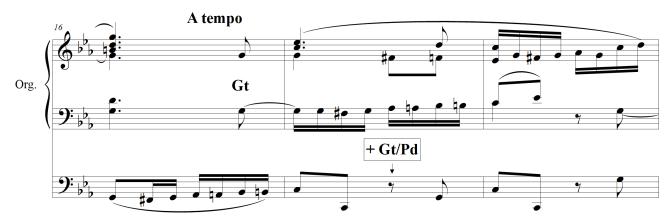
LIST D

### **SECTION I**

**F 2**. (10 points) Play the following at sight. **One minute** is allowed to scan the following item.











(15 points) Play the following at sight. The use of pedals via a manual coupler is **F 3**. permitted. One minute is allowed to scan the following item.



**F 4**. (10 points) Arrange the following piano accompaniment (itself a reduction from an orchestral score) for organ at sight. **One minute** is allowed to scan the following item.

(Note: the vocal lines are printed to give the candidate a better idea of the total context. They are not to be played by the candidate, however.)



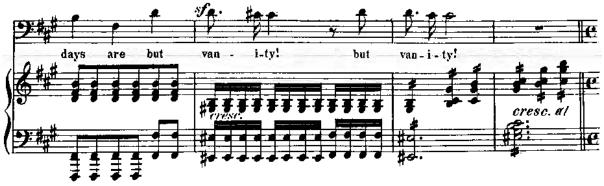
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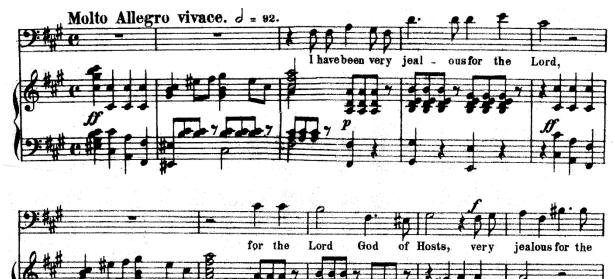




















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**F 5**. (10 points) Transpose the following passage of music up a major third to C Major and down a minor second to G Major. *Do not* play it first in the original key. Pedals may be used. **One minute** is allowed to scan the following item.







F 6. (15 points) Improvise a short piece in ternary form, approximately two minutes in duration. The A section should be based on the theme given below. The candidate will supply a recognizable, contrasting theme for the B section. One minute is allowed to scan the following item.



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June 1, 2023

PAPERWORK

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#### Three and one-half hours allowed

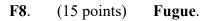
Candidates are required to work every test. No textbook will be permitted in the examination room at either session. The candidate will write each answer on the designated answer sheets provided.

#### F7. (20 points) Counterpoint.

Complete the following fragment in 16<sup>th</sup>-century contrapuntal style, supplying the missing parts and adding text underlay. Please note carefully where rests are specified in the missing voices and where they are not.









- 1. Write a four-voice exposition for string quartet on the above subject. Include a regular countersubject. (10 points)
- 2. After concluding the exposition, use motivic material from the subject or your countersubject to modulate to the relative minor key, then state the subject in that key. (5 points)

#### F9. (15 points) Essay.

Write a detailed response to one of the following questions about the life and music of J.S. Bach.

- 1. Describe three collections of Bach's organ works that he either put together in his lifetime or were gathered into collections after his death. These may include the Seventeen Great Chorales, the Leipzig Chorales, the Schübler Chorales, the *Orgelbüchlein*, or others. For each collection, indicate when the collection was (probably) written and for whom, and indicate the type of chorales, like melody chorales, or contrapuntal pieces, or list other defining characteristics, with titles of individual pieces.
- 2. Describe the North German organ of the time, commenting precisely on divisions of the organ, types of stops and pipes, number of manuals of many of the instruments. Compare and contrast these organs with the French and Italian organs of the same time period.
- 3. Compare and contrast one free work by J.S. Bach with a free work of Dieterich Buxtehude. Compare and contrast one additional (and different) free work by J.S. Bach with a free work of Johann Pachelbel.

# **American Guild of Organists**

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June 2, 2023

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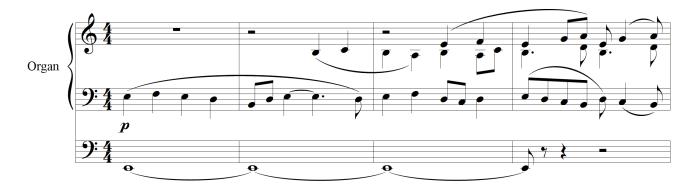
### F 10. (15 points) Ear Tests.

Ear Tests will be given by the proctor.

### F 11. (15 points) Orchestration.

Orchestrate the passage on the following page for a chamber ensemble consisting of the following instruments (with <u>one</u> player per part):

Flute	Two Violins
Two B-flat Clarinets	Viola
B-flat Trumpet	Cello
Horn in F	String Bass









### F 12. (20 points) Composition.

Set the following text for unaccompanied voices (SATB, soli and divisi, etc., as desired). Imaginative use of the tools of composition will be expected.

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song." (Psalm 95:1-2)