



If you have news or events you would like to submit to the newsletter, please text or email Thomas Melton at 559-593-9888 or [thomasm95@gmail.com](mailto:thomasm95@gmail.com).

The members are thrilled to share that in 2026, the Central Florida Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will celebrate a momentous milestone: the **100th anniversary of our Orlando chapter founding on May 5, 1926**. This remarkable occasion is a testament to a century of dedication, artistry, and commitment to the organ and choral music communities. As we look back on the legacy of those who established and sustained our chapter, we are also inspired to look forward and lay the foundation for a vibrant and enduring future. To mark this centennial year AND BEYOND, we are planning a series of exceptional events and programs to honor our history, celebrate our achievements, and inspire future generations. These events will include:

- **Concerts** showcasing extraordinary organists and choirs.
- **Educational initiatives** to engage and uplift our community.
- **Outreach efforts** aimed at fostering a love of organ and choral music.
- **Recruitment programs** to support and encourage emerging musicians.

To ensure the success of our centennial celebrations—and to secure the future of our chapter’s mission—we are delighted to announce the establishment of the **Centennial Fund**. This special fund will underwrite the centennial year’s programming and provide **ONGOING** support for:

1. **Innovative Programming:** Hosting world-class artists and events that enrich our cultural landscape.
2. **Community Outreach:** Expanding access to organ and choral music through education and public engagement.
3. **Membership Recruitment:** Supporting initiatives that attract and nurture young and aspiring musicians.

We invite you to join us in making this milestone truly unforgettable. Contributions to the Centennial Fund will have a lasting impact, enabling us to honor the past, celebrate the present, and invest in the future of our shared passion for organ and choral music. Your support is invaluable, and we hope you will consider contributing to this fund. Together, we can ensure that the Central Florida Chapter remains a beacon of musical excellence and community for generations to come.

Thank you for being part of our journey. We look forward to sharing more details about our centennial plans in the coming months.

