

# AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ORGANBUILDERS

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## AIO Midyear Seminar at Red River Pipe Organ Co.

### Topic: Tuning and Service Work

April 25-26, 2025

**Hotel:** La Quinta Inn and Suites, 930 Ed Noble Dr, Norman OK 73072; 405-579-4000.  
~\$90/night; hot breakfast included

**Instructors:** Nathan Rau, John Riester, Carolyn Sargent, and Christopher Soer

**Seminar Location:** Red River Pipe Organ Co., 3525 Wellsite Drive, #161, Norman OK 73069;  
405-921-1007; [john@redriverorgan.com](mailto:john@redriverorgan.com)

#### **Meals:**

Thursday dinner—Interurban (Dutch treat)

Friday lunch BBQ—Van's Pig Stand BBQ (fixed menu/buffet, at shop)

Friday dinner—Hideaway Pizza (participants buy alcoholic beverages)

Saturday lunch—Midway Deli (boxed lunches, at shop)

Saturday dinner—Gaberino's Italian (Dutch treat)

#### **Tuning and Service Work Presentations:**

1. Pipe Organ Service Work: background and ethos (all presenters)
2. Temperament history and equal temperament: what/how/why (Ray and Riester)
3. Setting and tuning out on equal temperament (Riester and Rau)
4. Remedial flue voicing (open and closed toe) (Soer)
5. Thoughtful tuning. Mixture tuning. Celeste tuning. Cone tuning. (all presenters)
6. Service records and follow-up. Tools and parts for successful service work (Riester)
7. Remedial reed voicing (Sargent)
8. Console troubleshooting (Ray and Soer)
9. Chamber troubleshooting (Soer and Rau)
10. Onsite Demonstration and Discussion of Drawing and Other Challenges at St. Mark.  
(Riester and Sargent)

#### **Hands On Portions:**

1. Tuning on voicing jacks
2. Flue speech correction
3. Reed speech correction
4. Console regulation

#### **Instruments to visit:**

1. St. Thomas More—Schantz Organ Co. 2022 (E.M. Skinner Op. 422, 1923) III/31
2. McFarlin UMC—Noack Op. 110, 1988; III/68
3. St. Mark the Evangelist—Schantz Organ Co. 2023 (W.W. Kimball Co. Opus 7035, 1928) V/70

# Registration Form – Red River Seminar

## Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Agreement

I hereby certify that I understand the risks associated with this **Seminar on Tuning and Service Work**, and agree that the American Institute of Organbuilders (AIO) and Red River Pipe Organ Company (RRPOC) shall not be responsible for any injuries or losses sustained by me during the **Seminar on Tuning and Service Work**. The AIO and RRPOC are not responsible for my safety, and I assume full responsibility for any and all risks associated with this **Seminar**.

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration is \$700 for the two-day seminar.** Meals provided are Friday and Saturday lunches, Friday pizza dinner. Registrants are responsible for other meals, hotel, and travel expenses.

**Schedule:** Registrants and Instructors will meet at 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 24 in the hotel lobby to carpool to dinner. Seminar will begin at 8:30 AM on Friday, April 25. Meet in the hotel lobby at 8:00 AM to carpool on Friday and Saturday. Seminar concludes on Saturday at 5:00 PM.

If flying to Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City, it's best to arrange for a car share ride to the hotel. If you will have a car and can transport others, please note it on the form.

There will be a sufficient supply of tuning tools, so bringing your favorite tuning devices is optional.

**Seminar is limited to 20 participants. Completed form with payment is required to reserve space at this seminar. Form and payment must be received by March 1, 2025. Preference will be given to current AIO members, although non-members may apply.**

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have a car? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you transport others? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your level of tuning experience? Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

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