

RCCO TORONTO CENTRE SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST LIST

Included in this list is the contact information for organists in the Greater Toronto Area who are available as substitutes. Several of the organists on this list have provided a short biography detailing their experience, which you can read on the following pages of this document.

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Note on the Organist Biographies:

Organists have been asked to provide details on their experience, what types of services and organs they are open to playing, general availability, and where in the GTA they are located.

Peter Bayer

FAGO (Fellowship in the American Guild of Organists), BA in Organ Performance, The Catholic University of America. I have completed five years of organ study. I am familiar with Roman Catholic and Anglican services. I am currently a graduate student (in Ancient Philosophy), at the University of Toronto, so I am less likely to be able to play for weekday services, but available for Sundays.

Paulo Busato

Experienced Organist, Pianist, Music Director Conductor and Vocal instructor in all styles of music from classical to jazz. Available for evening rehearsals, Saturday and Sunday Services or Masses.

John Charles

I am an accomplished organist and choir director with many years of experience in several different denominations -- Anglican, United and Presbyterian -- in both Canada and Australia. The experience also includes work as an accompanist for several choir tours in Canada, the United States, England, Australia and New Zealand. I am available for Sunday services, weddings, funerals and short-term positions.

J.- C. Coolen

Over 25 years' experience in worship music leadership (organ, piano, choral), primarily in the United Church of Canada congregations. Comfort and familiarity in leading music in a wide range of liturgical contexts (including United Church, Anglican, Roman Catholic and evangelical), including traditional choral+organ, folk, praise and worship, Taizé, etc. (except jazz). Able to cantor (baritone), and while playing piano. Skilled handbell conductor and ringer.

Sunday morning availability is limited to select summer Sundays, but year-round availability for other worship times on Saturdays/Sundays, as well as weekdays. Geographic preference: Toronto/York/Durham.

George Fung

ARCT in Organ Performance and ARCT in Piano Performance. Experienced organist and pianist, recently retired after 30+ years of regular organist/choirmaster positions. Excellent sight-reader and very familiar with Presbyterian, United, Roman Catholic, and Anglican services. Well-versed in rehearsing and directing choirs, and can conduct choirs from the organ console. I live in Vaughan and have a car. Many have said that I have a very friendly, easy-going attitude as an organist.

Marianne Gast

Since the church where I had been playing for 8 year amalgamated with three other churches about 3 years ago, I freelance as a sub organist/pianist. As I have excellent command of sight-reading and improvisation in both classical and popular styles, I am ready to step in on a short notice if needed. I am comfortable playing for all nominations e.g. Roman Catholic, Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, United etc. and willing to take on an occasional or longer commitment in the GTA. I am told that I have a friendly, easy to get along personality.

William Goodfellow

I was actively employed as a church musician for over 45 years, playing in a number of churches e.g. United, Presbyterian and Anglican until my retirement in 1995. Since that time I've been on the supply list for the RCCO and have also now played in Christian Science, Lutheran and Anglo Catholic churches. I live in the south east part of the city and have supplied in various locations throughout the GTA. I have also 'kept the bench warm' in short term positions.

Christine Hanson

I'm an accomplished organist and pianist, with over 20 years experience as a liturgical musician. My musical education includes the RCCO Service Playing and Colleague levels, and an ARCT in Piano. My experience is mostly within United, Lutheran, Anglican and Roman Catholic churches. I live in downtown Toronto, own a car, and am willing to travel within Metro Toronto, and not too distant areas of the GTA. I am available for Weddings, Funerals, weekday services, Saturdays, and on most Sundays.

David Harrison

ARCCO with extensive experience across denominations, with particular depth of experience in the Anglican tradition. Available for short and longer term commitments, including last minute calls. Strong hymn playing, accompanying and improvisational skills.

Paul Jessen

I have played since 1973 and have a doctorate in organ. I am familiar with Protestant, Anglican, and Catholic services. I can cantor (bass) in English, French, German, and Italian. I am available for funerals year-round, but Sunday mornings only in June, July, August, & September.

I cannot play for Weddings during weekends. I have no car, so venues must be accessible by TTC.

Glenn Keefe

I am comfortable playing for United, Presbyterian, Anglican denominations. I follow the RCCO guidelines for payment. From the East Coast (Newfoundland) originally, and new to Toronto.

Matthew Larkin

I have thirty-plus years of full-time liturgical music experience, including churches and cathedrals in Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto, and Victoria. I am a Fellow of the RCCO and attended both the University of Toronto and the Royal College of Music. I am available to play, conduct, or both. I am not retired and am active as a concert artist. I'm able, with a short amount of notice, to travel throughout the city, and offer reasonable rates for my services.

Gerald Martindale

I have 25 years experience as a supply organist. I have a Bachelor of Musical Arts degree, ARCT, ARCCO and I'm a Registered Music Teacher. I'm willing to play anywhere in Toronto or surrounding municipalities that can be reached by public transit. I have experience playing the organ for liturgical and non-liturgical churches. Also, I'm willing to take on interim positions as Organist and Choir Director.

Laura McClure

I have extensive experience with Presbyterian, United, and Mennonite services, and have also worked with the Anglican liturgy. Sixteen years of experience accompanying vocal and instrumental soloists, choirs, and of course congregations. Open to long-term subbing. I live in Oakville and have a car.

Sebastian Moreno (BFA, MA, CRCCO)

I am the Music Director and Organist at St. Jude's Anglican, Oakville. My experience includes work as an organist and choir director in Anglican, Catholic, Presbyterian, and United Church liturgy. My Sunday morning availability is limited; however, I am available for weekday services, weddings, funerals, etc., throughout the GTA.

Hazel Ogilvie

I started my first position as organist and choir director in 1997. I continued in a full-time position until 2012, when my Church was closed down by the Diocese. During those years I worked in an Anglican Church, except for three and a half years in a Baptist Church. I am familiar with the Anglican Liturgy and Contemporary Worship, Praise Songs etc. I will travel out of town in the summer or good weather.

Larry Rootes

Have extensive experience with Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Liturgies. But have also worked in United Churches. I have both a Mus. Bach, and an M.Div. from The Faculty of Theology, University of Saint Michael's College. I am also a lay pastoral assistant at my own

parish St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. I am most comfortable with most types of music, live in Scarborough, and drive.

Ashley Tidy

I was a regular church organist/choirmaster from 1956 to 2000, when I retired. I have frequently done supply work, both single services and long-term, ever since. I am available most Sundays and most weekdays for weddings and funerals. I live in downtown Toronto and prefer to stay in Metro Toronto, but will usually go anywhere in the G.T.A. I am skilled in Anglican, United, Presbyterian and Baptist traditions, but open to others. Open to long term subbing as long as the church is actively looking for a new organist.

Johan van 't Hof

CRCCO, 42 years playing, currently associate organist St Peter and St Simon Anglican, Bloor St, Toronto since 2011. Previously 31 years assistant at St John's York Mills Anglican. Experience – organist at Wycliffe College during university, substituted in 35 churches over the years. I prefer pipe organs in good condition, happy to play in any denomination, but not thrilled at Praise Team genre or piano. Open to long term subbing. I live in Durham, preferring the east side of Toronto due to traffic.

Boris Treivus

I'm an accomplished organist, pianist and a choir director with over 20 years of Canadian experience with various denominations, such as Anglican, Presbyterian, United and Lutheran. I'm also an experienced accompanist to professional jazz, opera and amateur singers. In my repertoire I have a wide range of traditional and contemporary preludes and postludes for both organ and piano. I can also improvise and harmonize tunes, such as psalms. In addition, I can help with selection, preparation and presentation of anthems and Christmas/ Easter cantatas even with a relatively small choir. For an outdoor service I can play hymns and other music on a professional accordion or bring my portable digital piano. I am available for Sundays, evening services, weddings, funerals and other occasions in the GTA regions.

Alexandra Weiss

Experienced pianist, accompanist, and organist, Dr. Alexandra Weiss, is available on Saturdays and Sundays for substitute work, weddings, funerals, short-term positions and permanent positions. I am an excellent sight-reader and I am familiar with Anglican services. I live in Scarborough and have a car.

Peggy Wong

I am a graduate from the University of Toronto, Royal Conservatory of Music and the Trinity College of Music. I have been a Choir Director and Organist for various Anglican Churches for over twenty-five years. I have experience supplying for different denominations and am available for Sunday Services, Weddings, Funerals and interim positions.