A Selected Bibliography for AGO Certification Preparation

This list of recommended publications relating to preparation for AGO professional certification is provided for your information. In addition to these materials, prospective candidates will find other useful resources supplied by AGO Headquarters. Many of these books contain extensive bibliographies themselves. Several excellent works known to be out of print are indicated as such. In these cases, the Committee on Professional Certification feels these works are important enough to be included here; candidates with access to libraries and inter-library loan may be able to obtain them, and used copies are often found in the marketplace.

I. GENERAL MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE (ChM, AAGO, FAGO)

A. Music History


B. Organ History and Literature (AAGO, FAGO)


C. Choral Literature (ChM, AAGO, FAGO)


D. Historical Performance Practice (CAGO, ChM, AAGO, FAGO)


II. KEYBOARD SKILLS (CAGO, AAGO, FAGO)

A. Figured Bass (AAGO, FAGO)


B. Harmonization, Modulation and Improvisation (CAGO, AAGO, FAGO)


C. Score Reading (FAGO)

- Wilkinson, P. *100 Score Reading Exercises*. Novello.

D. Transposition (AAGO, FAGO)

E. Arranging Piano Accompaniments for the Organ (FAGO)


F. Hymn Playing (SPC, CAGO)

Lovelace, Austin. The Organist and Hymn-Playing. Agape, 1981.

G. Sight Reading (All Levels)


III. EAR TRAINING (ChM, AAGO, FAGO)


IV. MUSIC THEORY

A. Harmony (CAGO, AAGO, FAGO)


B. Musical Form and Analysis (AAGO)


**C. 18th Century (Baroque) Counterpoint (AAGO, FAGO)**


**D. 16th Century (Renaissance) Counterpoint (FAGO)**


**E. Orchestration (FAGO)**


**F. Composition (AAGO, FAGO)**


**G. 20th Century Theory**

Further resources concerning music theory may also be accessed in publications of the Society for Music Theory, www.societymusictheory.org.

V. OTHER CHOIRMASTER TOPICS

A. Gregorian Chant


B. Choral Conducting and Technique


C. Hymnology


Further resources concerning hymnody may also be accessed in publications of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada, www.thehymnsociety.org/.

D. Liturgy