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From the Dean

Greetings and Happy New Year.

I have been thinking about this note since Christmas Eve. After all the practice and rehearsals, that season has mostly come and gone. Way too soon we will be trading our greeting of "Merry Christmas" to "He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!" It will be here before we know it. All we need to wrap the Christmas season is Richard Butler's 12th Night party. Can't wait.

I am writing this on New Year's Eve. My church has a New Year's Eve service, and I have just returned from it. Several of the larger families that usually attend were out of town, so the normally small attendance was even smaller. Those of us that did attend are glad we did. It may just be habit, but starting off the New Year (or Eve), in worship just feels like the way to start the year to me.

As most of you are aware, the river is flooded. It has been high since early November. Today we had to paddle a fishing boat out to where we could board our tug. There are two more feet predicted before the river crests, and we are under water already. I have had enough. At least our area has been spared much of the misery and problems that they are having in Missouri and Illinois.

Scott Dettra will play at the January meeting and concert. It will be on the 15th at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. I hope to see you all there as we celebrate Richard Hixson's birthday.

Mike

Next Month's Newsletter

The February 2016 Clarion will be published Monday, February 1. If you have any items to submit (news, events, announcements, job postings, personal ads, opinion pieces, prayer requests) please send them to adam@cacago.org. The deadline is Friday, January 29.

Upcoming CACAGO Programs

Friday, January 15 Scott Dettra, organist St. Mark's Episcopal Church 1000 N. Mississippi St. Little Rock, Arkansas

FebruaryPray for ice & snow

March

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Friday, April 15, 7:30 P.M.
Olivier Latry, organist
Greene Chapel
Hendrix College
1600 Washington Ave.
Conway, Arkansas

JANUARY PROGRAM

Friday, January 15, 2016

Scott Dettra, organist

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.
Dinner & Meeting — 6:45 P.M.
Concert — 8:00 P.M.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church 1000 N. Mississippi St. Little Rock, Arkansas

Hosted by
Timothy Allen
former CACAGO member

Dinner Reservations: The cost for dinner is \$15.00. For dinner reservations, contact Robert Lindley via e-mail (dinner@cacago.org), or phone (501) 217-6735, or complete the reservation form on the website. *Please provide the names of your guests so that nametags may be printed for them.*

Dinner reservations are due by noon, Wednesday, January 13!

Members' Recital

CACAGO will host a Members' Recital in February or March at Lakewood United Methodist Church in North Little Rock. This program hinges upon chapter members volunteering to perform. If you would like to perform on the Members' Recital, please contact Wayne Simpson by e-mail wes@nicholsandsimpson.com or phone/text (501) 231-8835.

Praeclara presents

Messiah: Passion & Ressurection

Saturday, March 19, 2016 • 7:30 P.M. Sunday, March 20, 2016 • 3:00 P.M.

Second Presbyterian Church 600 Pleasant Valley Drive Little Rock, Arkansas

Dr. Bevan Keating conducts the UALR Concert Choir, UALR Community Chorus, and the Adult Choir of Second Presbyterian Church in a performance of Handel's Messiah, Part II & III.

Arts Calendar

Friday, January 15 - 8:00 P.M.

CACAGO: Scott Dettra, organist St. Mark's Episcopal Church Little Rock, AR

Thursday, January 28 - 7:30 P.M.

LRCMS: Michelle Cann, pianist St. Mark's Episcopal Church Little Rock, AR

Saturday, January 30 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Stravinsky Firebird Suite Maumelle Performing Arts Center Maumelle, AR

Sunday, January 31 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Stravinsky Firebird Suite Maumelle Performing Arts Center Maumelle, AR

Tuesday, February 2 - 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Mozart & Mendelssohn Clinton Presidential Center Little Rock, AR

Saturday, February 13 - 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Broadway Rocks! Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center Little Rock, AR

Sunday, February 14 - 3:00 P.M.

ASO Pops: Broadway Rocks! Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center Little Rock, AR

Thursday, February 25 - 7:30 P.M.

Little Rock Wind Symphony Second Presbyterian Church Little Rock, AR

Saturday, February 27 – 7:30 p.m.

ASO Masterworks: Bernstein & Brahms Maumelle Performing Arts Center Maumelle, AR

Sunday, February 28 - 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Bernstein & Brahms Maumelle Performing Arts Center Maumelle, AR

Tuesday, March 1 - 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Mendelssohn Clinton Presidential Center Little Rock, AR

Saturday, March 19 - 7:30 P.M.

Handel's Messiah Part II & III Second Presbyterian Church Little Rock, AR

Sunday, March 20 – 3:00 P.M.

Handel's Messiah Part II & III Second Presbyterian Church Little Rock, AR

Thursday, March 31 - 7:30 P.M.

LRCMS: Brandon Ridenour St. Mark's Episcopal Church Little Rock, AR

Saturday, April 9 - 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Shostakovich Maumelle Performing Arts Center Maumelle, AR

Sunday, April 10 - 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Shostakovich Maumelle Performing Arts Center Maumelle, AR

Tuesday, April 12 - 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Brahms & Dvorak Clinton Presidential Center Little Rock, AR

Friday, April 15 - 7:30 P.M.

CACAGO: Olivier Latry, organist Greene Chapel, Hendrix College Conway, AR

Sunday, April 17 – 3:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus Trinity United Methodist Church Little Rock, AR

Monday, April 18 - 7:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus Trinity United Methodist Church Little Rock, AR

Thursday, April 21 - 7:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus Trinity United Methodist Church Little Rock, AR