

The Clarion

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What's New for Sunday Morning? Antone Godding has the Answer!

Does your music library need updating? Are you struggling to find some good, quality organ music? Are you (and your congregation) ready for some new voluntaries? Have we got a great event for you!

Join members of the Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for a reading session of new and "tried and true" organ literature featuring Dr. Antone Godding, retired Professor of Organ, Oklahoma City University.

The event will be held at First Presbyterian Church, corner of 8th and Scott Streets, downtown Little Rock, Saturday, February 17,

beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Godding retired from Oklahoma City University in 2005 after a distinguished teaching career of over 35 years. A native of Kansas, he was educated at Friends University, Wichita, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and holds the doctor of Music Arts in organ performance and literature from the Eastman School of Music. As a Fulbright Scholar, he studied with Helmut Walcha in Germany.

Dr. Godding has presented repertoire workshops for many local AGO Chapters as well as regional and national convocations.

Lunch will be served and a short chapter meeting will be held following the reading session. Reservations for lunch (\$10.00 per person) may be made by calling Ann Johnston at (501) 661-1943 or email:

don_annjohnston@sbcglobal.net

Deadline for reservations is NOON, Tuesday, February 13.

This is a perfect opportunity to invite organists who might not be members of our chapter so they might see what we have to offer in the way of educational events. Please bring a friend!

Organ & Harpsichord Event for Students

Please invite your students and young people from your church to attend our "Pipe Organ and Harpsichord Encounter" on Saturday, February 10, 10:00 a.m., St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 12415 Cantrell Road, Little Rock. The

event will feature a performance of several duets featuring Dean Phil Bordeleau and member André Duvall.

The event will also allow time for students to become acquainted with the

instruments at the church. What a wonderful way to expand the minds of our youth!

Encourage all to join our Chapter in keeping the organ at the forefront of our eyes, ears, and souls.

From the Dean

The Central Arkansas Chapter will be doing a lot of outreach for the community in the month of February. As has been reported outreach to young piano students and other music makers features the harpsichord and the pipe organ in a duet program geared at the young musicians. We have done quite a lot of publicity through the newsletters, the piano teacher community, our list-serve, online notices etc. We thank St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 12415 Cantrell, Elizabeth Plowman, Music Director, for allowing us to hold this event at the church. Also thanks to André Duvall for his work at the organ, as secondo to the harpsichord styling of your dean.

[Also, the regular monthly meeting, Saturday, February 17th, will be an educational program of interest to many of our guild. A reading session of organ music suitable for church voluntary selections will be presented by Dr. Antone Godding, retired music professor from Oklahoma City University. Dr. Godding held a similar presentation for our chapter a few years back and

there has been some request to have him back to look at more repertoire. Do plan to attend First Presbyterian Church of LR at 8th and Scott Streets at 10 AM. We will have a lunch meeting following the presentation. Make your reservations now! For those of you with organ playing friends, or pianist friends pressed into service at their local churches this would be a great meeting to invite them to be guests. The specific need of the church organist is being met directly. Bring friends!

Also we express our condolences to the family of new AGO member Martin Wittig, who was organist at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in North Little Rock. Martin had been a member of the organ guild many years ago, and had recently returned as a member of our chapter.

The Executive committee has also been looking at amending the by-laws as a housekeeping matter to reflect our practices of meeting time variation and to the process of officer nominations. Specifically the meeting times have in recent times departed from the "second Tuesday of the

Month" as outlined in Section IV. Part C. We have sought to maximize our potential with audiences of concert programs and for offerings in education programming by varying our program times. The executive committee shall still approve any meeting time submitted by the program committee.

Also, the nomination of officers listed in Section VI. Part A. Rather than nominating a slate of single candidate officers for the guild the executive committee strongly recommends that two candidates per office be considered for the purpose of elections by the general membership. We wish to have greater involvement in the decision making and participation of the general membership and one of the primary decisions made through the years is the election of its officers.

Make plans to bring an organist with you to our reading session, and send a young music maker to the Organ/harpsichord event!
Dean Phil

The Treasurer's Report

Balance as of December 15, 2006		<u>\$3751.23</u>
<u>Deposits</u>		
18 Dinners @ \$10.00 each (12th Night)		\$180.00
Membership Dues (1 regular, 1 special)		\$144.00
Deposit Subtotal		\$324.00
<u>Checks Written</u>		
<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Custom Trophy	for Richard Hixson	(\$103.00)
Bob Bidewell	Clarion Postage	(\$39.00)
David Scribner	18 Dinners	(\$180.00)
AGO Headquarters	1 Special Dues	(\$33.50)
AGO Headquarters	1 Independent Dues	(\$84.00)
Check Subtotal		(\$439.68)
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Calendar of Events—February 2007

***Saturday, February 10 - Organ and Harpsichord Encounter for Students. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Little Rock (see article on page 1.)**

***Saturday, February 10 - Arkansas AGEHR RINGFEST - a handbell festival for 2-3 octave choirs. Guest clinician will be Margaret Ratliff, Lakeside UMC, Pine Bluff. Lakewood UMC, North Little Rock. For more information, contact Bob Bidewell at bbidewell@lakewood-umc.org or call (501) 753-6186**

***Saturday, February 17 - "What's New For Sunday" featuring Dr. Antone Godding. A reading session for church organists. First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock (see article on page 1.)**

***Sunday, February 18 - An Organ Recital featuring husband and wife duo concert artists Kiyo and Chiemi Watanabe. 6:00 p.m. Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. For more information contact Lyndon Finney at lyndonf@swbell.net**

***Saturday, February 24 - AGEHR State Handbell Festival. The 25th Annual gathering of handbell choirs from across the state. Guest clinician will be composer/conductor Anna Laura Page. Geyer Springs First Baptist Church, Little Rock. For more information, contact Bob Bidewell at bbidewell@lakewood-umc.org or call (501) 753-6186**

***Monday, February 26 - The Concordia Seminary Men's Chorus (St. Louis) in Concert. Grace Lutheran Church, 5124 Hillcrest, Little Rock. For more information contact Nathan Beethe at nathan.beethe@gmail.com or call (501) 663-3631. The program is free, however, a free-will offering will be collected to help defray expenses.**