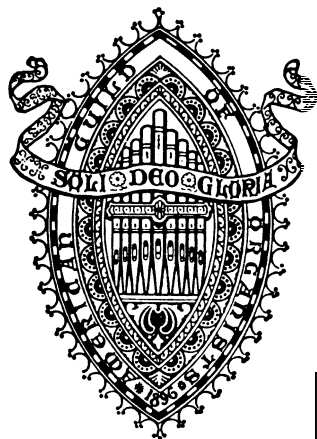


"Making a Weekend Of It!"

THE CLARION

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From the Dean:

Greetings CACAGO Members, having recently coordinated, played in or conducted the Second ORGAN AND ORCHESTRA EXTRAVAGANZA a few weeks ago, it continues to be a wonderful memory of music and sense of occasion.

My first words are THANK YOU to Dr Richard Hixson who has continued to provide us the means necessary to make this event a reality. Through his generosity, the Arkansas Arts Council, and individual donations to the CACAGO, we presented this musical feast. We drew audience from many parts of the state, and beyond. Also our audience included new attendees hearing one of our programs for the first time. I marveled at the presence of many young listeners from local schools and the university who choose to include our music making in their evening.

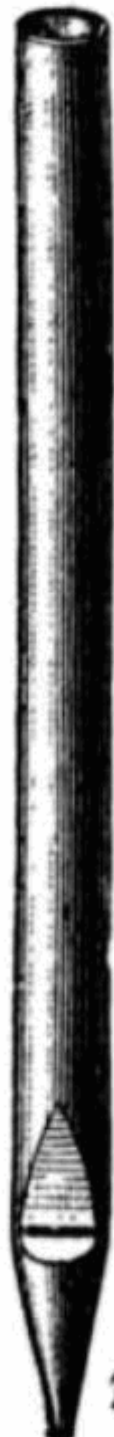
Thanks are due to the organists who made this a reality as well: Timothy Allen, Ansley Fleming and Kay McAfee. It was a pleasure to include my peers in such a festive evening of monumental music. The audience rose to its feet!

Now looking ahead we are blessed with a combined weekend of organ concert and workshop for bettering our organ skills.

You will see elsewhere in the newsletter information about Dr. Jeffery Blersch who is playing a concert on the newly refurbished and expanded organ at Grace Lutheran Church on Friday February 27th at 8 PM. Our chapter dinner will take place with punch bowl activities at 6 PM followed by the dinner provided by the catering of Scott Seidenschwarz, at 6:30. The workshop on Saturday will begin at 10 AM with Dr. Blersch discussing hymn accompanying, new ways to beef up our playing. Dr. Blersch is a published composer/arranger of music, including hymn preludes and choral music. Don't let this opportunity pass to get new ideas for your organ playing!



Phil and Kay after January's program



Friday, February 27th, 2009

**Jeffrey Blersch playing a program of hymns
and recital pieces.**

Presented By:

**The Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
&
Grace Lutheran**

5124 Hillcrest St. Little Rock, AR

Dinner reservations may be placed with Marian Berry via-email to dinner@cacago.org or phoned in to 501-663-1693. Marian is accepting reservations until noon, Fri, Feb. 20th. You should receive a confirmation of your reservation via email or phone. If you do not get confirmation, please call Marian to ensure your reservation has been placed. This is a great opportunity to see everyone after the busy holiday! We look forward to seeing you there!

Catering by Scott Seidenschwarz

Punchbowl: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Recital: 8:00 PM

REMEMBER YOU NEED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR SATURDAY AS WELL SEE BELOW ↓

(A side note, if you have standing reservations it would be help to confirm you are on the list!)



Grace Lutheran Church, Little Rock, AR



Our Artist:

Jeffrey N. Blersch, D.M.A.

Jeffery received degrees in organ performance and music education from the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, and the Doctor of Musical Arts in organ performance from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is currently Professor of Music and University Organist at Concordia University, Nebraska. Dr. Blersch will perform a recital featuring hymns and concert pieces for the organ. He will also be presenting a workshop that will provide practical tips and ideas on leading hymns and liturgy. Both events are free and lunch will be provided after the workshop.



Saturday, February 28th, 2009

10:00 am Grace Lutheran

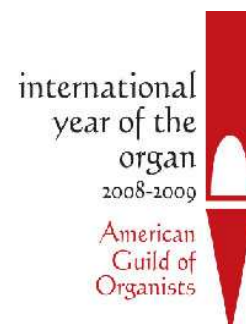
Jeffrey Blersch:

Service Playing Workshop

For reservations call Nathan Beethe at

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MISCELLANEOUS PIPING

This section of the Clarion is devoted to misc information or events. If you have anything you would like posted please send that to Editor@cacago.org.

Next Month : Robert Del Camp

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock

Ansley Fleming has kindly offered his services as a substitute if you should need one. You may contact him at:

flemna@conwaycorp.net

Don't forget the yearbook has members listed who can also sub should you need them.



Photo courtesy of David Scribner

MINUTES OF CACAGO MEETING, FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009 CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

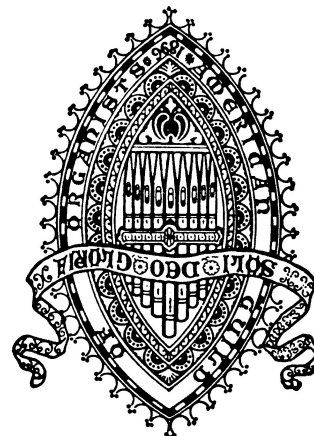
PHIL BORDELEAU, DEAN AND HOST

The meeting was opened with a big thank-you to Ann and Sylvia for the wonderful meal. Guests, of whom there were several, were introduced. Phil Bordeleau, our dean, also welcomed a special guest--Michael Bedford, the new Region VII councilor. He succeeds Madolyn Douglas Fallis, who recently retired from that position after many years of service. Michael is organist/choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is a published composer of organ and choral works for all ages of choirs.

Phil reminded the membership that monetary contributions are always welcome, and needed, for the ongoing support of the CACAGO programming and events.

A reception will be held right after tonight's program in the big room next door. Virginia Strohmeier-Miles is in charge of the reception, and she will have several elves to assist her.

Respectfully submitted: Betty Anderson, CACAGO Secretary



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THE 2008 /20009 SEASON : FEB 09, JEFFERY BLERSCH

February 2009

27th - Jeffery Blersch playing a program of hymns and recital pieces at Grace Lutheran, Little Rock

28th - Jeffery Blersch on service playing and worship at Grace Lutheran, Little Rock

March 2009

20th - Robert G. Delcamp, Choir Master Organist, Sewanee University, Sewanee TN, in concert at Trinity Episcopal in Little Rock. More info on Robert at:

http://sitemason.sewanee.edu/site/bvr9M4/robert_delcamp

April 2009

17th - first of two concerts for the 6th Annual Organ Recital series celebrating the life of Robert Ellis. The first recital will be at First Presbyterian in Little Rock.

Nathan Laube from The Curtis Institute will be performing.

19th - second of two concerts for the 6th Annual Organ Recital series celebrating the life of Robert Ellis.

The second recital will feature Nathan Laube at FUMC Arkadelphia at 4:00 p.m.

May 2009

15th - Laura Ellis at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Little Rock

ORGAN RECITAL & ORGANISTS' WORKSHOP

Recital: *Friday, February 27th, 8:00 pm*

Workshop: *Saturday, February 28th, 10 am - noon*

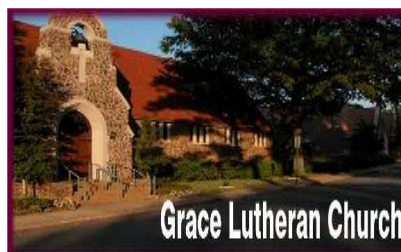
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Please register for the organists' workshop by February 20th.

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