



**The Central Arkansas Chapter
The American Guild of Organists**

The Clarion

March 2007

MARCH PROGRAM

A Recital of Music for Harpsichord and Organ

Featuring Timothy Allen and Phil Bordeleau

Tuesday, March 13 7:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

12415 Cantrell Road Little Rock

Music of Rinck, Bixi, Purvis, Vivaldi and Bach

Punchbowl 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

**Menu: Chicken Breast with Mushroom Sauce
or Spinach Quiche (vegetarian) Carrots Green Beans Salad
Rolls Dessert (Marshmallow Brownie or Lemon Square)**

Reservation information may be found in the column to the left.

The meal is being catered by Sylvia and Ann.

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Dinner Reservations

Dinner reservations for the Tuesday, March 13, event may be made by calling Ann Johnston at (501) 661-1943 (please leave your reservation with whoever answers) or don_annjohnston@sbcglobal.net

Deadline for reservations is NOON, Thursday, March 8. Reservations are \$10.00 per person.

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From the Dean

Greetings all. We are now in the period known as "Lent" to some of us in denominations that observe the 40s days prior to Easter as such. For some it means giving "up" something to make us more spiritual or more penitent. I remember a priest once telling me that he didn't give up, he took on. In mulling on that I wonder if perhaps, "taking on" would be more likely to give me self examination.

Maybe I need to practice more. Maybe I should learn new repertoire. Maybe I can expand my knowledge something particularly germane to my work as a Cathedral organist. Lent is, in the Catholic faith at least, a time of lessened demands musically. All focus is directed towards Holy Week and Easter.

Having just had a wonderful repertoire session with Antone Godding, I have picked out a few new things I enjoyed and want to obtain for my library. Now is the time to commit to this effort! I challenge each of us to "take on" for Lent.

And speaking of taking on, both a challenge and an invitation await our guild members. The chapter's endowment for the artist fund is now accepting donations. Founded in 1998, this money has been set aside to grow and provide underwriting to the costs of providing chapter funding. We are currently soliciting money for the artist endowment fund which can be used in the upcoming years. Interest from this fund will soon be available to underwrite some of our concert costs.

In addition, I challenge our members to consider a "pledge" on a monthly basis to assist in the programming of fine organ concerts in the coming year. As with the season of Lent when we give up something, (something which we know is not good for us!) I challenge us to take that Starbucks money, that cigarette money, that chocolate money, and pledge \$10, \$15, or \$20 a month to the guild's artist account. Perhaps you wish to have your money go to the endowment where it will become a permanent asset for our programming needs. Or perhaps you wish to have your money be part of the ongoing source of money to pay for immediate needs in its entirety.

I also wish to invite each of you to our March 13th meeting at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. A delightful evening of pipe organ and harpsichord music awaits you. My thanks to Elizabeth Plowman at St. Michael's for allowing us to conduct our meeting and program there. And special thanks to Timothy Allen, the new organist at Trinity Cathedral for being our duet artist who will perform in duet and alternation with me, your Dean.

Once again it is my pleasure to serve our chapter as Dean as we provide educational and artistic opportunities for our guild members as well as the musical community at large.

Phil Bordeleau, Dean.

Minutes of the February Meeting

The February 17, 2007, meeting of the CACAGO was called to order. Guests were introduced; the Secretary read the minutes of the November meeting, and the Treasurer gave the monthly report. Announcements of upcoming events were made. Wayne Simpson read for the record two proposed changes to our by-laws: that our meeting time no longer be Tuesday night, and that we be flexible so that meetings can be held when decided upon by the Program and Executive Committees. We thanked Scott Seidenswartz both for hosting the program that morning, and for our very tasty lunch. Thanks to Tony Godding, Professor Emeritus of Music at Oklahoma City University, for an excellent organ literature workshop

Submitted by Elizabeth Plowman, Secretary

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2007-2008

The Nominating Committee, Chair Betty Cohen, has submitted the following slate of officers for 2007-2008. Guidelines for election procedures may be found in the Chapter Yearbook, pp. 20-21. A reminder that additional nominations (provided the nominee consents to his/her nomination) may be made by petitions signed by at least five voting members of the Chapter in good standing and submitted to the Secretary prior to April 1.

Dean: Phil Bordeleau, James Maase

Sub-Dean: Wayne Simpson, Steve Bullock

Secretary: Betty Anderson, Linda Lowe

Treasurer: Virginia Strohmeyer-Miles, Betty Deislinger

Member at Large (2010): Nathan Beethe, Bert Miller



Noon-Day Lenten Recitals at Trinity Cathedral

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock, announces a series of noon-day Organ Recitals each Wednesday during the Lenten season. The concerts begin at 12:10 p.m. and will last approximately 30-40 minutes. The concerts are free and open to all.

February 28 - Kay McAfee, Organist - FUMC/Arkadelphia

March 7 - Robert Lindley, Organist - St. James UMC/Little Rock

March 14 - Timothy Allen, Organist/Choirmaster - Trinity Cathedral/Little Rock

March 21 - Robert Bidewell, Director of Music - Lakewood UMC/North Little Rock

March 28 - Linda Thomas, Organist - Kinsmen Lutheran Church/Houston, Texas

A "Note" Concerning Dinner Reservations

Please be aware that if you make a dinner reservation and don't attend the dinner, you are still responsible for paying for the dinner. We are charged by the catered by how many reservations we have taken, not by how many actually eat. PLEASE, if you have been unable to attend a meeting after making a reservation, we ask that you please pay for your meal. Mail your check (made out to CACAGO) to: Virginia Strohmeyer-Miles, Treasurer P.O. Box 2765 Little Rock, AR 72203-2765

Be sure to visit our website www.cacago.org to view photos of our organ/harpsichord encounter for students and the reading sessions with Tony Godding. Thanks to webmaster David Scribner and photographer Christian Lentz.

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Events Calendar

***Sunday, March 4 - A Recital by Kay McAfee, organ, performing works of Widor, Vierne, Langlais, and Messiaen. 3:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church, Arkadelphia. The program will be presented for the Atlanta Chapter of AGO, 7:30 p.m., March 13, Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.**

***Friday, March 16 - Solo Handbell Artist Kathy Fink-Hein in Concert. 7:00 p.m. Lakewood United Methodist Church (corner of Topf and Fairway, NLR). A love offering will be taken to cover the cost of expenses. For more information: (501) 753-6186 or bbidewell@lakewood-umc.org**

***Sunday, March 25 - Stephanie Dickinson, piano, performing Liszt's "Via Crucis," a musical setting of the Stations of the Cross. 6:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Anglican Church (6711 Markham, LR). The program is free and open to all. For more information: (501) 513-9586 or sdickins@conwaycorp.net**

***Friday, April 6 - A Good Friday Concert including John Rutter's *Requiem* (Amanda Woodward, soprano soloist; the Chancel Choir, and musicians from the Little Rock Wind Symphony, Conway Symphony, and the Arkansas Symphony), anthems, and instrumental works. 7:00 p.m. Lakewood United Methodist Church (corner of Topf and Fairway, NLR). The program is free and open to all. For more information: (501) 753-6186 or bbidewell@lakewood-umc.org**

***Friday, April 13 - The 4th Annual Robert Young Ellis Memorial Concert featuring Marilyn Keiser, organ. 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church (8th and Scott Streets, LR). For more information: Wayne Simpson at (501) 661-0197 or wes@nicholsandsimpson.com CACAGO Dinner will precede the concert.**
