

THE CLARION

April 2010

From Our Dean

Greetings all,

The CACAGO meeting for April will be a joint meeting of all AGO chapters in the state. We are excited to be celebrating the anniversary of the original chartering of the Arkansas Chapter (April 3, 1929) and then rechartered November 18th, 1957. Since the original chapter was formed Arkansas now has three chartered chapters; Fort Smith and Northwest Arkansas. In celebration of the origins of our history all three chapters will combine for our meeting on Saturday April 24th, converging on Subiaco Academy. Our featured organist at the Abbey will be Casey Cantwell from Trinity Church, Tulsa. Casey is a renown recitalist as well as a great friend to the AGO, and to many of us personally. We hope to bring many of our brother and sister organists together for this unique combined event to hear music and celebrate our heritage.

Let us also remember that we will be voting soon for officers for the upcoming year. Ballots are being mailed out and need to be brought with you to the meeting in May for our election. If you cannot make the meeting absentee instructions can be found in your AGO handbook. Mail the ballot, UNSIGNED, inside a sealed envelope with your name on the outside of the envelope. This will remain sealed until time to count all the ballots in May. Your name on the outside assures us of voting irregularities being nullified.

Regards,

Phil Bordeleau

Dean; CACAGO

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CACAGO

OFFICERS 09/10

Dean

Phil Bordeleau

Sub Dean

Wayne Simpson

Secretary

Betty Anderson

Treasurer

Jess Anthony

Members at large

Nathan Beethe

Bert Miller

Jo L Fleming



Saturday, April 24, 2010 Casey Cantwell at Subiaco Abbey



Presented By:

The Central Arkansas, Ft. Smith, and Northwest Arkansas Chapters of
the American Guild of Organists

And

Subiaco Abbey

405 North Subiaco Avenue
Subiaco, AR 72865

Luncheon reservations may be placed with Marian Berry via email Dinner@cacago.org or phoned in to 501-663-1693. Marian is accepting reservations until noon, Wednesday, April 21. You should receive a confirmation of your reservations via email or phone. If you do not get confirmation, please call Marian to ensure your reservation has been placed. We are anticipating an amazing day of beautiful vistas, music-making, and fellowship. ☺

Concert: 10:00 AM Luncheon: 12:00 PM

(Note: if you have standing reservations it would be help to confirm you are on the list.)



2010/2011 Nominated Officers

Dean: Richard Hixson

Sub Dean: Wayne Simpson

Robert Lindley

Secretary: Betty Anderson

Treasurer: Jess Anthony

Board member: Adam Savacool

Mike Monnikendam

The nominating committee for 2010 is:
Betty Cohen, chair; Nathan Beethe,
Bob Bidewell, and Elizabeth Plowman.

Voting Members should have received their ballots in the mail. If you have not received your ballot please contact the Secretary, Betty Anderson. For those that are going to mail their vote, please remember the envelope must be postmarked by May 10, 2010



Casey Cantwell, a native of Dallas, Texas, is Organist and Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Organ Performance at Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport. He served as Associate Organist/Music Director at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church from 1989 until 2001. Mr. Cantwell is a member of the American Guild of Organists, The American Choral Directors Association, The Association of Anglican Musicians and is on the Board of Oklahoma Choral Directors Association. He is a visiting Professor of Music at Tulsa Community College and is listed in Who's Who.

MISCELLANEOUS PIPING

WWW.CACAGO.ORG

**Members, please make a note of the
May Concert being on Thursday May 20th
instead of Friday May 21st**

Substitute Available

Betty Deislinger is offering her services for those needing a Substitute.

You may contact her at 501 - 412-3822



Next Month

Joshua
Stafford

First United
Methodist
Church

Pine Bluff, AR

Thurs, May
20th, 2010

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
AWARDED \$35,000 IN GRANTS FROM THE
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

NEA Funding Will Support New Music and Performances at the 50th Biennial AGO National Convention in Washington, D.C., July 4–8, 2010

NEW YORK CITY — The American Guild of Organists (AGO) has been awarded two grants over the 2009 and 2010 calendar years by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The grants, totaling \$35,000, will support the AGO National Convention in Washington, D.C., and carry a mandate that they be matched dollar for dollar from other funding sources. The 2010 calendar year marks the fifth consecutive year the AGO has received funding through the NEA's "Access to Artistic Excellence" program.

For its 50th biennial national convention in Washington, D.C., the AGO has commissioned new compositions by: Mary Beth Bennett, Rihards Dubra, David Hurd, Rachel Laurin, Shirley Murray, Leo Nestor, Bruce Neswick, Dorothy Papadakos, Craig Phillips, and Gwyneth Walker. The 2009 NEA grant supported these commissioned works as well as their premier performances to be held in Washington. The 2010 NEA grant supports the entire convention performance program.

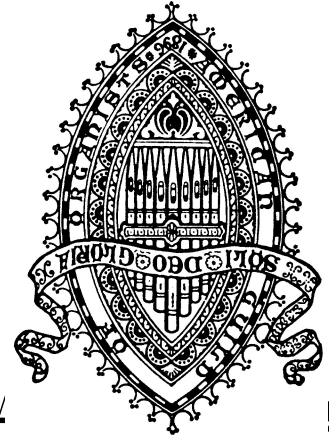
"Since its founding in 1896, the AGO has commissioned more new works for organ and choir than any other organization in the world," declared AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. "The AGO also provides auspicious performances of these works by highly skilled artists. It is an honor for us to be recognized by the NEA, and we are highly grateful for the grants that will enable this tradition to continue when we meet for our 2010 AGO National Convention in the Nation's Capital." AGO President Eileen Guenther added, "The recognition by the NEA reaffirms the importance of new music commissions to increase organ and choral repertoire available to future generations, and to increase the American public's knowledge of and appreciation for contemporary classical music. The AGO is especially interested in supporting new music for the concert stage, as there are increasing numbers of American concert halls being constructed or renewed that contain new or rebuilt organs."

NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman announced the first round of 2010 grants, which are the first grants awarded under his leadership. In total, the NEA will distribute \$26,968,500 to support 1,207 projects, continuing its legacy of bringing arts of the highest quality to communities nationwide. Access to Artistic Excellence grants support the creation and presentation of work in the disciplines of dance, design, folk and traditional arts, literature, media arts, museums, music, musical theater, opera, theater, and visual arts. Through the Access to Artistic Excellence category, the NEA will fund 994 projects with a total of \$23,828,500.

"I am thrilled that we are able to help art work in this country through more than 1,200 projects across this country. We are supporting projects that have great works of art at the heart of them; that work to inspire and transport audiences and visitors; and that create and retain opportunities for artists and arts workers to be a part of this country's real economy," said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. "It is our job at the NEA to support excellence in the arts, and to connect more Americans with more art, more often. This round of grants furthers that mission."

**We want You to Participate!!
Vote in the upcoming election,
It's that simple!!**



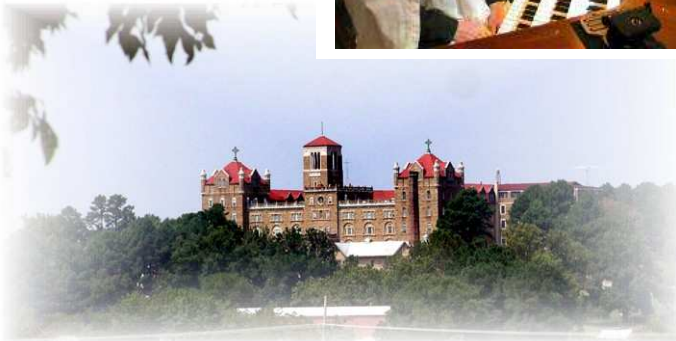
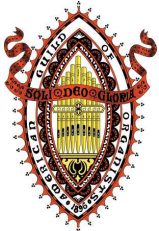


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The Central Arkansas Chapter of
the American Guild of Organists
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE CACAGO

WHAT'S THIS MONTH...

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010
Joint Meeting of the Arkansas AGO Chapters
(Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the AGO in Arkansas)
Subiaco Abbey Church, Subiaco, AR
Casey Cantwell, Organist
Concert – 10:00 am Luncheon – 12:00 pm



WHAT'S NEXT MONTH...

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010
First United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, AR
Joshua Stafford, Organist
All Thursday/Friday programs will have a Punch Bowl and Dinner preceding the
8:00 pm program



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Of the American Guild Of Organists,
With Ft. Smith, and Northwest Arkansas Chapters Presents

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Casey Cantwell in Concert

Saturday, April 24th at 10:00 AM.

Subiaco Abbey

405 Subiaco Avenue, Subiaco, AR 72865

For additional information call 501-374-2794 ext 228

