



Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

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Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music; inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors; provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support; nurture future generations of organists; promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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From the Dean

Hello all,

Ah yes, it is spring at last. When I last wrote there were some brave daffodil shoots peeking through the snow in my yard; now the daffodil show is in full swing, and tulips promise to bloom soon. Of more immediate concern to me (and to most of you, I'm sure), is that Palm Sunday is, as I write, 2 days away, and Easter one week following that. And—ARGH—my Easter music isn't ready, and I don't know how it will be ready in nine days. But ready it must be, and ready it will be. Somehow it will happen. Such is the way of life.

Thank you to Steve Bullock for hosting us at our last program, and a very large thank you to Caroline and Cliff Riggs for underwriting our program. It was a such treat to hear Dr. Judith Hancock play the Nichols & Simpson organ at Christ Church. Thank you for your generosity, Caroline and Cliff. We will miss you when you move away from central Arkansas, but our very best wishes go with you for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

The month's program will be Friday, April 24, at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Little Rock. This will be the twelfth annual recital celebrating the life of Robert Ellis; Graham Schultz will be the guest organist. Make your plans now to attend—get your

dinner reservations in, and put it on your calendar.

Those of you who attended the last meeting heard and met Vicki Schaeffer, Regional Councillor for the Southwest Region. Among other things Vicki said was to urge as many of as possible to attend the regional convention in Fort Worth this summer. I second her urging—if possible, please consider going to our regional convention this summer. Both the regional and the national conventions are well worth your time.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the slate of officers that is proposed by our hardworking nominations committee, Betty Deislinger and Barbara Lusk. All of you should have received the ballot by mail; this is just a reminder. The election will be held at our May meeting; if you will NOT be attending the May meeting, please vote and return your ballot to Mike Metzler no later than May 7. Betty and Barbara deserve a huge thank you from all of us; nominations are never an easy job! Thank you so very much for your work.

And make your dinner reservations for the April program!

Betty Cohen
Dean

Upcoming CACAGO Programs

Friday, April 24

**Twelfth Annual Recital
Celebrating the Life of
Robert Young Ellis
Graham Schultz, organist
Cathedral of Saint Andrew
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Friday, May 8

**Adam Pajan, organist
Greene Chapel
Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas**

APRIL PROGRAM

Friday, April 24, 2015

Twelfth Annual Recital
Celebrating the Life of
Robert Young Ellis

Graham Schultz, *organist*

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner & Meeting — 6:45 P.M.

Recital — 8:00 P.M.

Cathedral of Saint Andrew the Apostle
617 Louisiana St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

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 chapter website.

**Dinner reservations are due by
noon, Wednesday, April 22!**

Nominating Committee Report

Betty Deislinger, *Chairman*

Dean: Mike Metzler	Executive Committee (2018)
Sub-Dean: Wayne Simpson	James Cathey
Secretary: William McCandless	Jason Pennington
Treasurer: Jess Anthony	

The election of officers will take place at the May meeting.



Central Arkansas Chapter
American Guild of Organists

Dear Friends,

At the most recent Executive Committee meeting, our discussion centered around the volunteer hours and hard work we have put into the Central Arkansas Chapter during the last two years.

A motion was made, and unanimously approved, to provide some meager bonus to the Executive Committee of the Central Arkansas Chapter. All present agreed the best reward would be to get away for a couple of days.

On Monday, June 8, the eight of us will set off for the West Indies island of Antigua, for a 15-day, 14-night vacation. We will be renting a house on the beach, as well as chartering a private yacht.

The aforementioned trip is, of course, purely for rest and relaxation. However, we believe in being good stewards of the resources and purpose of our organization. We have agreed to spend half of our insubstantial honorarium on continuing education, and renewing our passion for our instrument and our enthusiasm for our mission.

So, in early July, the eight of us will also travel to England to attend the 28th Saint Albans International Organ Festival. We will be renting a manor house in the country for our 11-day, 10-night stay.

These two modest trips will be financed with the remaining balance of the CACAGO checking account, and the full balance of the Endowment Fund. We extend our sincere gratitude to the members and friends of CACAGO, whose generous support has made this small gesture of appreciation possible.

Don't forget to visit the CACAGO Facebook group where we will be posting photos of all the fun we're having!

Warm regards,

The Executive Committee
Central Arkansas Chapter
American Guild of Organists

Biography of Graham Schultz



Graham Schultz, originally from Fayetteville, Arkansas, received his Bachelor of Music in organ performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music studying with Mr. Todd Wilson. Prior to studying in Cleveland, Graham attended the Interlochen Arts Academy where he studied with Mr. Thomas Bara and received the Fine Arts award in organ performance upon graduation. A dedicated church musician, Graham served for five years as the Organist and Choirmaster at St. James Church, Cleveland while also serving as an Assistant Organist at the parish of the Immaculate Conception in Cleveland as well. For four years he was the accompanist and director of the training choir for the Ohio Boychoir. In 2010, Mr. Schultz accompanied the Choir of St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas for a residency at Durham Cathedral in England. In February of 2011, he served as organist for The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys during their residency at Hereford Cathedral, England. He is currently Assistant Organist at Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Schultz's program will include works by Mendelssohn, Birstow, Buxtehude, Duruflé, and Langlais.



Robert Young Ellis was Professor of Organ at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia for 35 years from 1952 to 1987. It is hoped that this series will inspire musicians young and old, as Ellis, through his teaching and playing, influenced innumerable students and colleagues who remember him as a musician of genius and as one who brought both wit and sophistication to the lesson and to the classroom. Mr. Ellis, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, was trained at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, at the University of North Texas and at the University of Michigan. He was guest artist for numerous conventions of the American Guild of Organists and for dedications of many new pipe organ installations throughout the United States. Mr. Ellis was a visiting lecturer at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, New Jersey. In Arkansas, he served as organist for the First United Methodist Church of Hot Springs and the First United Methodist Church of Arkadelphia. At Henderson, he coached four Fulbright scholars and winners of regional and national competitions. He was a man of warm presence and kindness to all who knew him. Those whom he influenced are professionals now serving throughout the country as church musicians, university professors, organ builders, and as principals and supporters for arts organizations.

MAY MEETING

Friday, May 8, 2015

Adam Pajan, *organist*

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner and Meeting — 6:45 P.M.

Program — 8:00 P.M.

Dinner & Meeting

First United
Methodist Church
1610 Prince Street
Conway, Arkansas

Recital

Greene Chapel
Hendrix College
1600 Washington Ave.
Conway, Arkansas

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noon, Wednesday, May 6!**

TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip transportation from Little Rock to Conway will be provided. If you would like a ride, please contact Wayne Simpson via e-mail (wes@nicholsandsimpson.com) or phone (501) 231-8835.

Winner of the Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition in Organ Playing 2011, Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition 2009, West Chester (PA) University's Ninth Annual International Organ Competition, called "our rising star" by the Charleston, SC chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and named a Young Organ Virtuoso, Adam Pajan is beginning his doctoral work at the University of Oklahoma's American Organ Institute as a graduate assistant and Fellow of the Graduate College. He recently completed his Master of Music in Organ Performance and Certificate in Church Music Studies at the Yale University School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music. While at Yale, he garnered top honors as the recipient of the Robert Baker Scholarship, Julia R. Sherman Prize for "excellence in organ playing," Richard Paul DeLong Prize for being "the student whose work best exemplifies the dedication and the use of those special gifts required of practicing church musicians," and was awarded the 2009-2010 Ruth and Paul Manz Scholarship, granted through the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He graduated Magna cum laude from Furman University in Greenville, SC in 2008 with a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance.

SouthArk Choral Society presents
Mozart's Requiem

Thursday, April 23, 2015 • 7:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church
300 E. Main St.
El Dorado, Arkansas

Directed by Victoria Harden
with organist Daniel Beckwith,
and soloists Susan Schafer Hayes, Deleen Davidson,
Shelton Harden, and Frank Blackman. Admission is free.

Arts Calendar

Saturday, April 11 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Mozart, Prokofiev & Strauss
Maumelle Performing Arts Center
Maumelle, AR

Sunday, April 12 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Mozart, Prokofiev & Strauss
Maumelle Performing Arts Center
Maumelle, AR

Tuesday, April 14 – 7:30 P.M.

Centurymen in Concert
Second Baptist Church
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, April 16 – 7:30 P.M.

LRCMS: Knights Chamber Orchestra
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, April 19 – 3:00 P.M.

Center Street Ringers
State Capitol Rotunda
Little Rock, AR

Tuesday, April 21 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Thursday, April 23 – 7:30 P.M.

The Tallis Scholars
Christ Episcopal Church
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, April 23 – 7:00 P.M.

Mozart's Requiem
First Presbyterian Church
El Dorado, AR

Thursday, April 23 – 7:30 P.M.

Little Rock Wind Symphony
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, AR

Friday, April 24 – 8:00 P.M.

CACAGO: Graham Schultz, organist
Cathedral of Saint Andrew the Apostle
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, April 26 – 3:00 P.M.

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

Monday, April 27 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Thursday, April 30 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Friday, May 8 – 8:00 P.M.

CACAGO: Adam Pajan, organist
Greene Chapel, Hendrix College
Conway, AR

Saturday, May 9 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Ashley Brown, soprano
Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, May 10 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Pops: Ashley Brown, soprano
Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center
Little Rock, AR