



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

Greetings!

We had a nice turnout for our concert at Greene Chapel at Hendrix. A lot of our members attended the concert, even if they had been unable to attend the meeting. Hendrix was also having their alumni weekend and many of them joined us as well. It is great to see a crowd.

In case you missed the concert, Olivier Latry put on a tremendous performance. It was indeed a pleasure to have him with us. I could tell that those who sat closer enjoyed his comments, but my old ears could not hear much of it.

Many thanks to Betty Cohen for hosting at her church and for having the afterglow at her beautiful home. A good time was had by all.

We are coming up on the last meeting of the year. Of course, that means that it is election time. If you have not returned your ballot to our secretary, please do so, or bring it to the meeting. Bill has promised to have extras on hand in case anyone forgets theirs.

Most everyone has started to receive renewal notices from the national head-

quarters. Jess explained at our meeting that with the floating renewal dates, your expiration date stays the same, even if you renew early. So, please go ahead and renew while you are thinking about it.

Since tax day has passed, you may be thinking about what to do with that refund, or planning your giving for the next tax season. Please consider a gift to CACAGO. I am writing my check today, and I hope that you will too.

I would like to welcome Mr. Carl Miller and Dr. Karen Reinertsen, our newest members.

Our next meeting will be May 13th at First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. Alex Gilson will be our guest organist, and it will be the 13th Annual Concert Celebrating the Life of Robert Young Ellis. Alex's organ professor from UNT, Dr. Jesse Eschbach, will be in attendance and give us a brief address at the dinner meeting. I hope to see you there.

Mike

Upcoming Newsletter

The September 2016 Clarion will be published Monday, September 5. If you have any items to submit (news, events, announcements, job postings, personal ads, opinion pieces, prayer requests) please send them to adam@cacago.org. The deadline is Friday, September 2.

CACAGO Season Finale

Friday, May 13

The 13th Annual Concert

Celebrating the Life of

Robert Young Ellis

Alex Gilson, organist

First Presbyterian Church

800 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

MAY MEETING

Friday, May 13, 2016

Thirteenth Annual Concert
Celebrating the Life of
Robert Young Ellis

Alex Gilson, *organist*

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner & Meeting — 6:45 P.M.

Concert — 8:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church

800 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Note change in contact info:
(this month only)

DINNER RESERVATIONS: The cost for dinner is \$15.00. For dinner reservations, contact Adam Savacool via e-mail (dinner@cacago.org), or text/call (870) 692-9517, or complete the reservation form on the chapter website. *Please provide the names of your guests so that nametags may be printed for them.*

**Dinner reservations are due by
noon, Wednesday, May 11!**

Nominating Committee Report

Betty Deislinger, *Chairman*

Dean: Mike Metzler	Executive Committee (2019)
Sub-Dean: Wayne Simpson	Beau Baldwin
Secretary: William McCandless	Don VerKuilen
Treasurer: Jess Anthony	

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

Biography of Alex Gilson

Alex Gilson is currently pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in both Organ Performance and Jazz Studies at the University of North Texas where he is a student of Dr. Jesse Eschbach and Pat Coil. He is the organ scholar at The Church of the Incarnation in Dallas. He is the First Prize winner of the 2015 William C. Hall Pipe Organ Competition in both the repertoire and hymn playing divisions. In 2014, Mr. Gilson was named the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Organ Performance at UNT. He received his high school diploma from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in 2012. His teachers have included Dan Haerle, Dr. Crista Miller, and Dr. Timothy Olsen, and Hugh Thompson. Mr. Gilson plans to pursue a career as a church organist and jazz pianist. He was recently accepted at the Eastman School of Music and will start studying there next Fall.

Program

Alex Gilson, *organist*

- Lascension Olivier Messiaen
 III. Transports de Joie (1908 – 1992)
- Organ Sonata No. 2 in C minor, BWV 526 Johann Sebastian Bach
 I. Vivace (1685 – 1750)
 II. Largo
 III. Allegro
- Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541 Johann Sebastian Bach
- Six Pièces pour Grand Orgue César Franck
 V. Prière, Op. 20 (1822 – 1890)
- Variations sur un Noël, Op. 20 Marcel Dupré
 (1886 – 1971)

St. Luke's Festival of the Senses
presents

ARmusica Pastorale

Drew Irvin, Violin

Alisa Coffey, Harp

Jason Pennington, Organ

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 • 7:30 P.M.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

4106 John F. Kennedy Blvd.

North Little Rock, Arkansas

Program includes The Lark Ascending by Vaughan-Williams, The Lass of Richmond Hill by Dussek, Scintillation by Salzedo, Pastorale (6 Pieces d'Orgue) by Franck and other works.

Donations will be accepted to benefit Lucie's Place, a shelter for displaced and homeless LGBTQ youth in Little Rock.

ASO Intimate
Neighborhood Concert

Thursday, May 19, 2016 • 7:00 P.M.

Christ Episcopal Church

509 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Tickets available online from Arkansas Symphony website. General Admission \$25.

Organist Justin Bischof will be featured as the soloist in Samuel Barber's *Toccata Festiva*.

Arts Calendar

Tuesday, May 3 – 7:30 P.M.

St. Luke's Festival of the Senses
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
North Little Rock, AR

Friday, May 13 – 8:00 P.M.

CACAGO: Alex Gilson, organist
First Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, May 7 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Music of John Williams
Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, May 19 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO: Intimate Neighborhood Concert
Christ Episcopal Church
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, May 8 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Pops: Music of John Williams
Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center
Little Rock, AR