



# Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

*The*  
*Clarion*  
May 2022

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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.

## 2021-2022 Officers

Bob Bidewell, *dean*  
Charles Russell, *sub-dean*  
Jess Anthony, *treasurer*  
Jane Gamble, *secretary*

## Executive Committee

Betty Cohen (2022)  
Karen Horton (2023)  
Jason Saugey (2024)

## From the Dean

We made it! CACAGO had a full year of programming. COVID has been quite the demon for all arts organizations. But, by Saint Cecilia, we did it! I must thank our Executive Council, especially Sub-Dean Charles Russell for his excellent planning, and all the host churches and artists/presenters who helped make the 2021-2022 season possible. Bravo, one and all!

Special thanks to Dr. Jess Anthony and the staff of First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock for hosting our guest artist Scott Montgomery this past weekend. What an amazing recital and what a great crowd.

To close the season, I am excited to announce we will have a Chapter dinner and meeting on Friday, May 13, at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Little Rock. The schedule will be as follows:

6:00: Meet and Greet in McDonald Hall

6:30: Dinner/Meeting/Election

7:30: Organ Recital by Kevin Kwan

A reception in McDonald Hall will be held following the recital.

Dinner reservations must be made by noon, Tuesday, May 10, by e-mailing Dr. Jane Gamble, [dinner@cacago.org](mailto:dinner@cacago.org) or by calling or texting her, (901) 827-7909.

With the pandemic, and rising costs of food and beverages, we must announce that dinner prices have increased—the price is \$20 per person. Thank you for understanding!

As of this writing the Arkansas Department of Health has issued a “Medium” level for COVID. Masks and social distancing are optional if you are fully vaccinated. Please use your own judgement for the evening. We ask that everyone respect those who do not wish to shake hands or hug. And, please, invite a guest or a potential member!

Election of Officers for 2022-2023: All paid members will receive a ballot in the mail this week. You can return that ballot via mail or bring it with you to the May 13 meeting to be counted. I will appoint two members to serve as Auditors for the election. Results will be announced then.

Please thank Betty Cohen who rotates off the board after so many years of leadership! You are one of the backbones of our Chapter and we are who we are because of your leadership.

Finally, my thanks to our Executive Council for keeping us together the past two years! I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished. I can attest that we have some amazing programs planned for 2022-2023! Get those memberships paid (by July 1)! Thank you all for hanging in there! Have a wonderful, peaceful, restful summer.

All my best,

Bob

## Upcoming CACAGO Program

Friday, May 13, 7:30 P.M.

Kevin Kwan, *organist*

Cathedral of St. Andrew

617 Louisiana St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

## MAY MEETING

The Eighteenth Annual Concert  
Celebrating the Life of Robert Young Ellis  
Kevin Kwan, *organist*

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| 🕒 <b>Friday, May 13, 2022</b> | 📍 <b>Cathedral of Saint Andrew</b> |
| 6:00 P.M. – Meet & Greet      | 617 Louisiana St.                  |
| 6:30 P.M. – Dinner & Meeting  | Little Rock, Arkansas              |
| 7:30 P.M. – Concert           |                                    |

**DINNER RESERVATIONS:** The cost for dinner is \$20.00. For dinner reservations, contact Dr. Jane Gamble via e-mail ([dinner@cacago.org](mailto:dinner@cacago.org)), or voice/text (901) 827-7909, or complete the dinner reservation form on the chapter website. ***Please provide the names of your guests so that nametags may be printed for them.***

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## Biography of Kevin Kwan

Kevin Kwan received his degrees from the University of California, San Diego and the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he studied with Edgar Billups and Todd Wilson, respectively. Upon completion of his studies, Mr. Kwan served as Organ Scholar at Gloucester Cathedral, where he enjoyed two international tours with the Choir of Men and Boys, was featured live on BBC Radio, and played in the historic Three Choirs Festival. For four years Mr. Kwan served as Assistant Organist at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue in New York City, where he worked daily with the renowned Choir of Men and Boys under the direction of the late John Scott. He also served as the Head of Instrumental Music at Saint Thomas Choir School.

As a recitalist, Mr. Kwan has performed solo recitals in many prestigious venues, including Lichfield, Truro,

Bristol, Westminster Cathedrals, as well as Bath Abbey and Westminster Abbey. In 2010, he played before a capacity audience at Passau Cathedral, Germany.

Mr. Kwan currently serves as Organist & Director of Music at Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, VA, only the fifth organist in the last 135 years to hold the post. In addition to directing the large adult choir and developing the youth chorister program, he oversees the comprehensive concert series Sacred Music in a Sacred Space. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the 2022 Annual Conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians in Richmond, VA, and is past Dean of the Tidewater Chapter of the AGO.

## May Program

Kevin Kwan, *organist*

### **Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 546**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### **Ciacona in E minor, BuxWV 160**

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

### **Fantasia in A minor**

César Franck (1822-90)

### **Suite on Christ and St. Luke's**

I. Fanfare

II. Tune

III. Meditation

IV. Petite Fugue

V. Toccata

Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

### **Meditation on**

### **“Draw us in the Spirit's Tether”**

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

### **Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

### **Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound**

George Shearing (1919-2011)

### **Improvisation on “We Shall Overcome”**

Carl Haywood

# Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p><b>REVENUE</b></p> <p>Dues \$1,961.00</p> <p>Ad Sales</p> <p>Meals</p> <p>Carry Over (FY20) \$2,527.88</p> <p>Other/Mail</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$4,488.88</p> <p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Individuals \$4,083.91</p> <p>Other (ACH)</p> <p>Endowment</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$1,263.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$5,346.91</p> <p><b>TOTAL INCOME</b> \$9,835.79</p>	<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>Dues to National</p> <p>Catering/Reception</p> <p>Marketing/Public Relations</p> <p>Remaining Expenses <span style="float: right;">\$887.52</span></p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$887.52</p> <p><b>ARTISTIC</b></p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing <span style="float: right;">\$5,750.26</span></p> <p>Remaining Expenses (ACH)</p> <p>Tech/Production</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$5,750.26</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p><b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> <span style="float: right;">\$6,637.78</span></p> <p><b>BALANCE</b> <span style="float: right;">\$3,198.01</span></p>

## Position Available

### **Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church** Little Rock, Arkansas

**Position:** Associate Director of Music/Organist

**Compensation:** Negotiable

**Job Description:** Pulaski Heights UMC is seeking a full-time Associate Director of Music/Organist. This position is 40 hours work per week with a negotiable salary, with health, dental, eye insurance, a 6% pension contribution, continuing ed and moving allowance if necessary. Vacation is granted in coordination with the policies stated in the employee handbook. Applications should include a letter of inquiry, résumé and unedited recordings of solo and hymn playing, choral accompaniment. For more information, visit [phumc.com](http://phumc.com).

Please send applications to: Rev. Jay Clark, [jlark@phumc.com](mailto:jlark@phumc.com)

Organ Concert  
Jason A. Saugey, organist

Sunday, June 5 • 3:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church  
1610 Prince St  
Conway, AR 72201-3807

Jason A. Saugey will play an organ recital on Pentecost Sunday. Works of Bach, Hindemith, Eben, Mahler, and Reger. The program is free and open to the public.

The Choirs of Christ Church and Trinity Cathedral  
Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday, June 5 • 3:00 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
310 W 17th St  
Little Rock, AR 72206-1461

The program will consist of music written for coronations, written during the Queen's reign, or written by composers associated with the Queen. This event is free and open to the public and will conclude with a festive British-themed reception.