



*American Guild of*  
**ORGANISTS**  
Central Arkansas Chapter

**THE CLARION**  
*May 2024*

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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.

### **2023-2024 Officers**

Jason Saugey, *dean*  
Beau Baldwin, *sub-dean*  
Jess Anthony, *treasurer*  
James Stanley, *secretary*

### **Executive Committee**

Colin MacKnight (2024)  
John Alec Briggs (2025)  
Patrick Jennings (2026)

## **From the Dean**

Greetings, Friends!

It's been an exciting and event-packed program-year for the Central Arkansas Chapter, beginning with a resplendent evensong at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and coming to a close with a thrilling recital on Friday, May 17 played by our own Jess Anthony at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. (8th and Scott Streets). Many thanks to Jess for agreeing to host a brief meeting over light refreshments at 6:00 p.m. prior to his program.

Our gathering at First Presbyterian on May 17 will be brief and serve two purposes: a chance for end-of-the-season fellowship and a chance for those who have not yet voted to vote in person. For those who prefer to vote by mail, look for your ballot this week and be sure to use the stamped envelope to return your ballot immediately. Also in this edition of *The Clarion*, you will find the roster of candidates for 2024-2025.

One of the vital missions of the American Guild of Organists is to engage the community—both members and non-members alike—not only with excellent and inspiring concert offerings throughout the year but also with programs that educate and inform. For some time now, the primary target audience for this as perceived by our national organization has been young people: young organists just starting out as well as young future organists who may not yet realize their calling to play this magnificent musical machine. On Saturday, April 27, the CACAGO, hosted by First United Methodist and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Conway, offered *Pipes, Pedals, and Piz̄za*, a day-long activity to introduce youth aged 8 and up to the pipe organ. The day was an overwhelming success with fifteen students in attendance along with almost as many parents and guardians. Students watched and discussed segments of the AGO

video *Pulling Out All The Stops*, each section presented by a different organist. Topics covered: organ building, function, and history; theater organs and concert hall organs; and the role of the organ in the worship of various faith traditions. We were treated to a rousing and entertaining performance of Daniel Burton's *Rex, King of Instruments* for some practical information about the instrument and all it can do. Plenty of time was devoted at both churches to providing each participant an opportunity to sit at the console, play a few tunes, and to discover and investigate various stops and combinations. Many thanks to all who served as leaders, presenters, and performers at PPP: Sungyun Kim, James Stanley, John Krebs, JoAna Rusche, Linda Ball, and Janie Heffington. And many thanks too to the parishes of First United Methodist and St. Peter's. You may read a more detailed report of the day on the CACAGO Facebook page, posted along with plenty of photos from class sessions and organ discovery times.

Finally, many thanks to all of you, our members, for making the 2023-2024 program year such a success: those who attended our meetings and meals faithfully and consistently, those who attended and helped with our events, and especially those of you who hosted us throughout the season. It takes a load of planning, preparation, and old-fashioned legwork to stage an Organ Guild meeting, and for doing that, we are all so grateful.

I hope to see you all on Friday, May 17 at First Presbyterian, 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for light refreshments and voting followed by Jess's recital.

Christ's Peace,  
Jason Saugey, CAGO Dean

## MAY MEETING

Election of Officers

Organ Recital

Jess Anthony, *organist*

🕒 **Friday, May 17, 2024**

6:00 P.M. – Refreshments/Election

7:00 P.M. – Recital

📍 **First Presbyterian Church**

800 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

## Nominating Committee Report

The following is a listing of the 2024-2025 slate of officers for positions to be elected on May 17. Many thanks to our nominating committee!

Dean - Jason Saugey

Sub Dean - Sungyun Kim

Secretary - James Stanley

Treasurer - Jess Anthony

Executive Council Member (2027) - Colin MacKnight

## Organ Substitutes Needed!

We all need subs regularly—at least those of us who need to be away on vacation from time to time or for whatever reason. There're also those instances when others might contact us for leads on someone we know who might be available to play a wedding or a funeral. Often when those calls come, it's difficult to brain storm names on the spot. In the past, the Chapter has maintained a current listing of colleagues willing to serve as subs or play weddings and funerals at various other venues others than one's own. We're currently in the process of revitalizing this list. If you are available as a Sunday sub, a holy day sub, or just for weddings and funerals, please contact John Alec Briggs, who will be compiling the list. You may contact him by email: [jbriggs@stmargaretschurch.org](mailto:jbriggs@stmargaretschurch.org).

### Organ Recital: Jess Anthony, organist

Friday, May 17 • 7:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church

800 Scott St

Little Rock, AR 72201-4614

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the installation of the Nichols & Simpson, Inc. organ. Featuring soprano Deleen Davidson. Works by Frescobaldi, Messiaen, Bach, Vierre and Widor.

## Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p><b>REVENUE</b></p> <p>Dues \$2,780.00</p> <p>Ad Sales</p> <p>Meals \$1,345.00</p> <p>Carry Over (FY23) \$4,614.91</p> <p>Other/Mail</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$8,739.91</p> <p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Individuals \$2,650.00</p> <p>Corporate/Church \$3,905.20</p> <p>Endowment</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$1,304.03</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$7,859.23</p> <p><b>TOTAL INCOME</b> \$16,599.14</p>	<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>Dues to National</p> <p>Catering/Reception \$1,838.56</p> <p>Marketing/Public Relations</p> <p>Remaining Expenses</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$176.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,014.56</p> <p><b>ARTISTIC</b></p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing \$7,544.11</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;">\$1,102.10</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$8,646.21</p> <p><b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> \$10,660.77</p> <p><b>BALANCE</b> \$5,938.37</p>

## Arts Calendar

**Saturday, May 11 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO Pops: Arkansas Talent  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, May 19 – 3:00 P.M.**

Organ Concert: Sungyun Kim, organist  
 Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, May 12 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO Pops: Arkansas Talent  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, June 9 – 7:00 P.M.**

LR Winds: A Star Spangled Salute!  
 MacArthur Park  
 Little Rock, AR

**Friday, May 17 – 7:00 P.M.**

Organ Concert: Jess Anthony, organist  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR