

The Clarion

Central Arkansas Chapter
The American
Guild of Organists

September 2006

A Message from the Dean

Hello all. We are excited about the coming year. Our Executive Committee and Programming Committee have worked diligently over the summer to craft new ideas for drawing people to the organ as well as new ideas on education and audiences for the organ.

Programming will include a mix of organ repertoire, anthem repertoire, choral events and organ concerts.

Part of that which makes a successful organization is the ability to have a public presence in the community which we serve. Many of our membership have been recruited to muster those within their own denominations and affiliations.

I am so proud and excited by our denominational team leaders in their many hours of phone calling and writing and mailing to prospective new members. We hope to include more folks into the ranks of us who make music in church.

The two things that distinguish us as a "guild" are both the sponsorship of concerts as well as the teaching or mentoring as an institution of skilled professionals which we can provide to others.

In that vein I am thrilled that we have now in place an educational liaison, Dr. Kay McAfee, to devise traditional and non-traditional learning opportunities for folks seeking to learn about service playing, as well as improved organ prowess in general.

Our expanded programming will require additional funding sources beyond the traditional source of membership dues. Looking ahead we will actively campaign for: 1. A standing concert fund, much as we see in symphony, opera and ballet concerts; 2. Programming donations in order to bring in more outside programming for monthly meetings; and 3. Endowment donations for the purpose of long-term yield in the funding of the concerts we want to offer our community.

As I reflect upon my own initiation into a career as an organist, many of my first experiences as a teenager were upon the Wurlitzer theater organ. I suppose much of my enthusiasm was generated by popular music upon the organ, with disciplined study coming later. As we seek to attract new audiences let us all reflect upon how we came to do our work as church musicians, seeking to find new ways to attract the new generation of organ aficionados.

Our September meeting will include the installation of officers followed by an anthem reading session with anthems provided by various members representing different denominations and styles. We invite you to invite guests to this meeting! Bring your choir director/pianists/accompanists/pastors so that more church staff can know of the existence of and assistance available from the Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

See you there at our first meeting!

Phil Bordeleau
Dean

Join Us at First Lutheran September 11

The September meeting of the Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be held at First Lutheran Church, 314 East 8th Street, Downtown Little Rock, Monday, September 11. Following the punchbowl and dinner, an Installation Service will be held, and an anthem reading session presented by members of our Chapter will conclude the evening. A wide variety of texts, styles, and voicings will be included. Chapter members are encouraged to invite their choral directors for new program ideas. More information on the event may be found in the column found to the right.

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Monday, September 11
First Lutheran Church
Little Rock

6:00 - Punchbowl

6:30 - Dinner

German Pork Roast Dinner

**7:30 - Installation Service
and Anthem Reading**

Reservations may be made by
calling Ann Johnston at
(501) 661-1943 (please leave
your reservation with whoever
answers) or by emailing
don_annjohnston@
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Reservations must be made by
**5:00 p.m. Wednesday,
September 6**

Reservations are \$10.00 each.

Chapter Minutes - May 2006 Meeting

The Central Arkansas Chapter of American Guild of Organists met on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, for a dinner meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Hot Springs, followed by a concert presented by the American Boychoir.

Dean Craig Chotard presided. The host, Lynn Payette, was recognized, and the caterers were thanked.

Results of the 2006-07 election were announced: Dean -- Jim Metzler; Sub-Dean -- Phil Bordeleau; Treasurer -- Virginia Strohmeier-Miles; Secretary -- Elizabeth Plowman; Executive Board member -- Lynn Payette.

Four chapter members plan to attend the Chicago convention -- Virginia Strohmeier-Miles, Betty Anderson, Kay McAfee, and Betty Coombs

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned to the sanctuary for the program.

Submitted,

Betty Coombs
CACAGO Secretary

(Editors Note - Following the May meeting Jim Metzler resigned his position at Trinity Cathedral to move to Michigan. Phil Bordeleau agreed to serve as Dean of the Chapter. Former Dean Craig Chotard had appointed Robert Lindley to serve in Mr. Metzler's position as "Member at Large" so that Mr. Metzler could serve as the new Dean. Wayne Simpson has graciously agreed to serve as Sub-Dean. Bob Bidewell, Clarion Editor)

Job Opening

Part Time Organist (or Choral Director) - Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. Position available November 1. Job description and details will be available soon. Contact Bob Bidewell, Director of Music, (501) 753-6186 or bbidewell@lakewood-umc.org, for more information.

Organ For Sale

North Texas State University Department of Keyboard Studies has, for sale, a nine-stop Otto Hoffman practice organ. The organ is currently available for inspection, fully functional. Asking price is \$15,000 or best offer with purchaser responsible for removal. Prospective purchasers should contact:

Dr. Jesse Eschbach
Chair, Division of Keyboard Studies
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College of Music
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Have You Visited our Website?

Thanks to David Scribner for serving as webmaster for our website: www.cacago.org
Included on the site are membership forms and a form to buy advertising for our 2006-2007 Yearbook. More to come. Take a look!

If you have a concert announcement, event, or job opening you would like included in "The Clarion" please contact the editor at:
bbidewell@lakewood-umc.org
Deadline is the 20th of each month for publication the following month. The next edition will be October 2006.

CACAGO Program Calendar - 2006-2007

- ♪ September 11 - Installation of Officers and Anthem Reading Session. First Lutheran Church, Little Rock
- ♪ October 24 - Organist Phillip Scriven in Concert. First United Methodist Church, Little Rock
- ♪ November 17 - "Sing-a-Long" *Messiah*. Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock
- ♪ December 29 - Annual Richard Hixson Birthday Recital. Artist TBA. Christ Episcopal Church, Little Rock
- ♪ January 5 - Twelfth Night Progressive Party in the Quapaw Quarter
- ♪ February 10 - Organ Music Repertoire with Anton Godding. First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock
- ♪ March 13 - A Recital of Harpsichord and Organ Duets with Kathleen Scheide and Lynne Payette. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Little Rock
- ♪ April - Annual Robert Ellis Memorial Recital. Artist and date TBA. First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock.
- ♪ May 21 - Hymn Festival. Cathedral of St. Andrew, Little Rock

**Need a substitute?
(Listing as of
August 25, 2006)**

All Services

**Carol Majors
(501) 868-4512**

Weddings and Funerals

**Betty Anderson
(501) 753-9647**

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Upcoming Concerts and Events

- **The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra** with Fabio Bidini, Piano Soloist. Music of Shostakovich, Prokofiev, and Brahms. David Itkin, Artistic Director/Conductor. Saturday, September 16, 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 17, 3:00 p.m. Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock.

- **Music Under the Steeple** presents *8 Hands-2 Grands* featuring Linda Kennedy, Kurt Kennedy, André Duvall, and Bob Bidewell. Music of Dvorak, Bach, Sousa, and Joplin. Sunday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

- **The Little Rock Wind Symphony**, Dr. Karen Fannin, Music Director/Conductor. Dr. Jackie Lamar, Guest Saxophone Soloist. Music of Holst, Wagner, Colgrass, and Heiden. Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock.

- **The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra** with Horacio Gutierrez, Piano Soloist. Music of Mussorgsky, Rachmaninoff, Dukas, and Strauss. Saturday, October 21, 8:00 p.m. Sunday, October 22, 3:00 p.m. Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock.

- **The Arkansas Chamber Singers**, Dr. John Erwin, Conductor. Music by Bach and Rutter. Friday, October 27, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Little Rock. Saturday, October 28, 7:30 p.m., St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock.

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Service of Installation and Anthem Reading Session

6:00 Punchbowl

6:30 Dinner (reservation information on page 1)

7:30 Program

Join us and bring a friend!

Membership dues must be paid by the first meeting date for inclusion in the Chapter Yearbook. Visit www.cacago.org if you need a membership form. Advertising forms for the Yearbook are also available. Support your Chapter!