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CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER
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The Clarion

Jeremy Bruns in Concert

JEREMY S. BRUNS is the newly appointed Organist-Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Buffalo, New York. At St. Paul's, he will prepare four choirs to sing five weekly choral services, as well as additional services, concerts and guest appearances. Before this, he served as Associate Organist at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City. He is a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians, and is an active participant in the Royal School of Church Music in America.

Mr. Bruns studied with David Higgs at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, earning his M.Mus. in

performance and literature and the Performer's Certificate. He has won prizes in major competitions, including the 2003 Dallas International Organ Competition. He was also one of four North American finalists chosen to compete in the 1998 Calgary International Organ Festival and Competition, and was second prize winner in the 1993 International J.S. Bach Organ Competition held at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington DC.

Mr. Bruns has been featured on the nationally syndicated radio show *Pipedreams*, and has accompanied The Saint Thomas Choir for regular broadcasts on BBC Radio, as well as two

recordings on the Pro Organo label. He has performed numerous recitals with engagements including St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London, Canterbury Cathedral, Washington National Cathedral, St. James' Cathedral in Toronto, Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, and other venues in the United States and England.



Concert, Dinner and Meeting—September 21

The Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will convene the 2007-2008 season at St. James United Methodist Church, Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, on Friday evening, September 21.

A punchbowl gathering will be held at 6:00; dinner will be served at 6:30, and an organ recital by Jeremy Bruns will begin at 7:30.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by

calling Ann Johnston at (501) 661-1943 or by emailing: don_annjohnston@sbcglobal.net

Deadline for reservations is Monday, September 17.

Reservations are \$10.00 per person.

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“Notes” from the Dean

Greetings all!

We all return to weekly routines of rehearsals and intensified practice. I was refreshed with time away as well as a large stack of new music acquisitions that await my intensity of practice needed to master them!

Having had the opportunity to hear wonderful music in other lands it inspired me to practice and add new repertoire to my corporal conscience. Such is the benefit of summertime travel.

Not only is summer the chance to so enlighten and enliven our desire to learn and grow. This season we have many wonderful programs planned. We are indeed thankful to those who thoughtfully responded to my requesting additional giving by our membership in order to bring more exciting artistry to our chapter's concerts.

We are very pleased to have wonderful artists lined up. Our September meeting will be at St. James United Methodist Church, Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, on Friday, September 21. We will hear Jeremy Bruns open our season. You may read Jeremy's bio on the front page of this edition. In response to many members with evening conflicts (rehearsals, lessons, etc.) we have attempted to place as many of our recitals as possible on Friday evenings when other arts events are not in performance.

We invite you to consider these concerts as if you were going to the symphony, opera, Chamber Singers, etc. Bring friends, dress up, make a sense of occasion of these evenings.

Speaking of symphony, one of our programs will be an evening of music for organ and orchestra. Plans are currently underway to present a small orchestra and organ concert and a few other works with combined organ and orchestra. This is likewise a Friday evening, January 18. Come hear the Rheinberger *G minor Organ Concerto* among other works.

More details will follow as the season is finalized. I again applaud all those who placed ads in the yearbook, who gave donations, and who gave substantial underwriting to our upcoming season. We are a small community called to do big things.

I look forward to seeing you at our opening meeting at St. James. Complete details of the evening schedule may be found on page one.

Regards,

Phil Bordeleau, Dean

Minutes of the May Meeting

The Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists met at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Little Rock, on May 21, 2007. The meeting was called to order and guests were introduced. The minutes of the March meeting were read and the Treasurer gave the monthly report. Wayne Simpson conducted the business portion of the meeting for Dean Phil Bordeleau, who was preparing for the evening's concert. New officers were elected and the membership voted on two proposed By-Law changes: that (1.) the monthly meeting day be flexible and no longer the second Tuesday night of the month; and (2.) the ballot for the election of officers would contain two nominees for each position. Both changes passed and the following slate of officers was elected for 2007-2008: Dean - Phil Bordeleau; Sub-Dean - Wayne Simpson; Secretary - Betty Anderson; Treasurer - Virginia Strohmeier-Miles; Board Member through 2010 - Dr. Bert Miller. (Shortly after the election Virginia Strohmeier-Miles moved to Kansas City and Betty Deislinger, the other candidate for the position of Treasurer, was appointed to fill the term.

Submitted by Elizabeth Plowman, Secretary

Program Calendar 2007-2008

Friday - September 21

Organist Jeremy Bruns in Concert St. James UMC Little Rock

Monday - October 8

Organist Timothy Allen in Concert Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Little Rock

Friday - November 16/Saturday - November 17

Friday Evening Concert/Saturday Morning Workshop
Artist TBA Pulaski Heights UMC Little Rock

Friday - December 7

Chapter Holiday Party Home of Bob Bidewell N. Little Rock

Friday - January 18

Music for Organ and Orchestra Cathedral of St. Andrew Little Rock

TBA - February

Members Recital Venue TBA

Monday, March 31

Duo Organists - The Chenaults Hendrix College Conway

TBA - April

Robert Ellis Memorial Concert Subiaco Monastery Subiaco

Friday, May 16

Organ Recital of Music by Masonic Composers
Artist TBA First Presbyterian Church Little Rock

Watch for updates on concert times, venues, and artists.

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Job Opening

Asbury United Methodist Church, 1700 Napa Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212, (501)-225-9231 x119, FAX: (501)-225-8578, is seeking a part-time organist to accompany Chancel Choir for traditional Sunday morning worship services (8:30am), Wednesday evening choir rehearsals (6:30pm), funerals, weddings and other special worship services (Advent, Lent, Holiday Concerts, etc) throughout the year as needed. Experience in directing both adult and children's handbell choirs as well as accompanying children's choirs and other musical ensembles as needed is desirable, but not required. Please send complete and current resume with salary requirements (depending on experience) to Janet Tullos, Director of Music Ministries at the church or email to janet@asbury-lr.org

Program at Pulaski Heights Baptist

Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, 2200 Kavanaugh Boulevard, will sponsor the inaugural event of the Dr. Tom Greer "Faith and the Arts" series on September 30. Dr. Greer was a professor at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, for 30 years. He had a keen interest in the arts as a means of communicating the Christian gospel. Another love he had was the China Studies Program involving exchange programs for students and faculty of the university. He also served as interim pastor on two occasions at Pulaski Heights Baptist Church: 1984-1986 and 1995. He died in November of 2006.

The program for September 30 will include photography, poetry, and music. The guest speaker for the 10:45 a.m. worship service will be Dr. Larry Taylor, a native of Little Rock, and Pastor Emeritus of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana. A concert of organ music by **Mrs. Ann Johnston** and a duo-piano concert by Dr. Ouida Keck, Professor of Music, and Dr. Cai Lei, Assistant Professor of Music, Ouachita Baptist University, will emphasize Dr. Greer's interest in and love for the country of China. The concert will begin at 3:00 p.m.