



Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

The
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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

Hello all,

Welcome to a new year and a new season with CACAGO.

In this newsletter you will find the programs that Wayne Simpson, Sub-Dean, has outlined for this year. It looks like a great season with something for everyone. I'd particularly like to point out the two recitals listed for Saturday, November 1 in Hot Springs. The two performers that day are rising young artists. Alcée Chriss is our own AGO Region VII (now the Southwest Region) Young Artist; I had the pleasure of hearing him at the National AGO Convention in Boston this past June and can tell you that we are in for a treat.

There are a few things I need to talk over with you. Here's the first:

1. As of earlier this week something less than half of our membership had renewed for the 2014-15 season. Please, *please, please* get your renewals in. Do it NOW. Renewal only takes a few minutes. Everyone in this chapter (who hasn't renewed) has gotten at least one and

Yearbook Advertising

The Advertising Committee would like to ask the chapter members to consider purchasing a \$20 greeting in the upcoming CACAGO yearbook. Also, please consider asking your church or business to purchase an ad for the yearbook. All of the ad revenue collected stays in the chapter and helps fund our programs. To purchase an ad, please contact advertising chair Gini Freemyer (gfreemyer@gmail.com). The deadline for purchasing a yearbook ad is Friday, October 31.

probably two reminder phone calls, plus the e-mail reminder Adam sent out last week. If either Barbara Lusk or I didn't talk to you personally, we left a message on your phone. Consider this another phone call or e-mail. Just do it, OK?

2. Please consider supporting our programs and our chapter with a donation. Any amount helps, and any amount is welcome. I, and most of your board, have already given a donation of some amount. Please join us.
3. Please consider purchasing an ad in our yearbook. This is another form of donation, and is equally appreciated. Contact Gini Freemyer.
4. Come to our programs and bring a friend!

Our first program is Friday, Sept. 26 at Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church in Little Rock. Please join me for the start of a super year!

Betty Cohen
Dean

Membership Renewal

If you have not already renewed your membership for the upcoming year, please do so as soon as possible. The renewal form is available on the website (www.cacago.org).

Yearbook Entries

If there have been any changes in your contact information or employment since you renewed your membership, please send them to Adam Savacool (cacago.editor@gmail.com) so that they can be incorporated into our yearbook.

The 2014-2015 yearbooks will be distributed at the November 21 meeting, no *ifs, and's* or *butt's*.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Friday, September 26, 2014

Installation of Officers

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner & Meeting — 6:45 P.M.

Installation Service — 8:00 P.M.

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church

1003 N. Tyler Street

Little Rock, Arkansas

DINNER: The cost for dinner is \$15.00. For dinner reservations, contact Robert Lindley via e-mail (dinner@cacago.org) or phone (501) 217-6735. Robert is accepting reservations until noon on Wednesday, September 24. Your reservation will be confirmed via phone or e-mail. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Robert to assure your reservation has been received.

2014-2015 CACAGO Programs

Friday, September 26

Installation of Officers Service

Our Lady of the Holy Souls
Catholic Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, November 1

A Fall Outing

10:45 a.m. – Recital
Luncheon
2:00 p.m. – Recital

Venues:

First Presbyterian Church
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Artists:

Alcée Chriss III
Hentus van Rooyen

Friday, November 21

Scott Dettra, *organist*

First Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, November 22

Choral Accompaniment Workshop

Scott Dettra, *clinician*
First Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, December 5

Members' Recital

First United Methodist Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, January 16

Richard Hixson Birthday Recital

Jens Korndörfer, *organist*
Christ Episcopal Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, February 6

A Recital Benefiting the Arkansas Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Center

Lisa Shihoten, *violin*
Ken Cowan, *organ*
First Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, March 20

Judith Hancock, *organist*
Christ Episcopal Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, April 24

Twelfth Annual Recital
Celebrating the Life of
Robert Young Ellis
Graham Schultz, *organist*
Cathedral of Saint Andrew
Little Rock, Arkansas

May: To Be Announced

AGO Boston 2014

by Bill Fox

WHAT A WEEK! From the opening concert with James David Christie at the Boston Symphony Hall to the closing concert with Stephen Tharp at The First Church of Christ, Scientist, the week was filled with music, exploration, and appreciation for the King of Instruments.

Some highlights of the week include:

- James David Christie and the Boston Landmarks Orchestra;
- Opening worship with Rev. Barbara Crafton (An interesting aside is that James and I shared an elevator with this delightful lady, Barbara Crafton, not knowing it was *the* Rev. Crafton until we arrived at the opening worship service.);
- Of course, Scott Dettra, in concert at Trinity Church; and
- An Afternoon in Cambridge, where we were privileged to hear the rising star of Region VII, Alcée Chriss, who was truly amazing.

Friday was a special day in that we spent the entire day outside Boston. The morning activities included

visiting Wellesley College where we heard concerts at Houghton Memorial Chapel and at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Of particular interest Friday afternoon were visits to Shanklin Music Hall and Methuen Memorial Music Hall at Groton. Jonathan Ortloff performed on the very large theater organ at Shanklin, performing classics from composers such as Cole Porter, Zez Confrey, Stephen Sondheim, and Mel Brooks. Kola Owolabi was the artist at Methuen performing works from Widor and Sowerby.

The final concert was, of course, the St. Cecilia Recital, endowed by the late Marianne Webb, and played by Stephen Tharp. It was truly technically amazing; we did not know it was possible to get that many notes into a specific time period! The highlights of this concert were works by Hakim, Sowerby, and Stravinsky.

To end on the same note: *What a week!* It was a truly enriching experience to attend AGO Boston 2014!

Meshugga Klezmer Band

Sunday, September 7, 2014 • 6:00 P.M.
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
4106 John F. Kennedy Blvd
North Little Rock, AR 72116-8250

Dinner and concert.
\$15 Adults. \$10 children (5-15 years).

Boston Brass

Thursday, September 11, 2014 • 7:30 P.M.
Christ Episcopal Church
509 Scott St
Little Rock, AR 72201-3807

for more information, visit:
www.bostonbrass.com

An Afternoon at the Movies

John Churchwell, organ

Sunday, September 7, 2014 • 3:00 P.M.
First United Methodist Church
723 Center St
Little Rock, AR 72201-4317

Featuring music from these popular movies and more: Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Jurassic Park, Exodus, Gone with the Wind, James Bond, Back to the Future, Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Lion King, Aladdin and Frozen.

All donations will benefit Camp Aldersgate. Fun for all ages! Kids, wear your costumes for a parade, prizes will be awarded! Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the concert!

Arts Calendar

Sunday, September 7 – 6:00 P.M.

Meshugga Klezmer Band
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
North Little Rock, AR

Sunday, September 7 – 3:00 P.M.

At the Movies: John Churchwell, organ
First United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, September 11 – 7:30 P.M.

Boston Brass
Christ Episcopal Church
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, September 14 – 3:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Trinity United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Monday, September 15 – 7:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Trinity United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, September 18 – 7:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Trinity United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, September 25 – 7:00 P.M.

Organ Recital: Hector Olivera, organist
Trinity United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, September 27 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Rachmaninoff 2nd
Maumelle Performing Arts Center
Maumelle, AR

Sunday, September 28 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Rachmaninoff 2nd
Maumelle Performing Arts Center
Maumelle, AR

Tuesday, September 30 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Death and the Maiden
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, October 4 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Bill Conti
Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, October 5 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Pops: Bill Conti
Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, October 9 – 7:30 P.M.

Little Rock Wind Symphony
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, AR

Friday, October 10 – 7:30 P.M.

Arkansas Chamber Singers
St. James United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, October 18 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Blazing Brass
Maumelle Performing Arts Center
Maumelle, AR

Sunday, October 19 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Blazing Brass
Maumelle Performing Arts Center
Maumelle, AR

Tuesday, October 21 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Quartet for the End of Time
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, October 26 – 4:00 P.M.

Pine Bluff Symphony
Pine Bluff Convention Center
Pine Bluff, AR

Saturday, November 8 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Beethoven & Blue Jeans
Maumelle Performing Arts Center
Maumelle, AR

Sunday, November 9 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Beethoven & Blue Jeans
Maumelle Performing Arts Center
Maumelle, AR

Tuesday, November 11 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Italian Serenade
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, November 30 – 3:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Trinity United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p>REVENUE</p> <p>Dues \$2,458.00</p> <p>Ad Sales \$0.00</p> <p>Meals \$0.00</p> <p>Carry Over (FY14) \$7,428.72</p> <p>Reception/Postage \$5.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$9,891.72</p> <p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Individuals \$2,949.31</p> <p>Corporate/Church \$0.00</p> <p>Endowment \$0.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,949.31</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p>TOTAL INCOME \$12,841.03</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>Dues to National \$2,002.50</p> <p>Catering/Reception \$200.00</p> <p>Marketing/Public Relations \$0.00</p> <p>Remaining Expenses \$0.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,202.50</p> <p>ARTISTIC</p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing \$0.00</p> <p>Remaining Expenses \$0.00</p> <p>Tech/Production \$0.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$0.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p>TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,202.50</p> <p>BALANCE \$10,638.53</p>

Position Available

St. Paul United Methodist Church Little Rock, Arkansas

Position: Part-time Organist/Choir Director

Compensation: Commensurate with experience

Job Description: St. Paul United Methodist in Little Rock seeks a part-time organist/choir director. Duties include directing the chancel choir, bell choir and children's choir. Currently St. Paul offers one morning service at 9:30 am. Two manual Wicks organ. For more information, call St. Paul at (501) 666-9429, or send resumes to <stpaulumc@sbcglobal.net>.