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*American Guild of Organists*

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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 Everyone,

Where has summer gone? I know that every year seems to go by faster and faster, but this summer has really passed me by. It did not help that the river was high and had a ridiculous amount of current until the end of July. The weather this week has been so nice that it is hard to believe it is the end of August. I hope September is as nice.

For those of us with choirs that take a summer break, like school, it is time to get back into the groove. My choir continues to sing during the summer, but we do not hold weekly practice. I can tell that they are ready to start back. I am too.

I have learned a lesson about organ repairs. We are still waiting to get the one at First Lutheran back together. Playing a keyboard like it is an organ got old many weeks ago. Hopefully the end is in sight. I had hopes that it would be finished by now and that perhaps the 8th Street organists might have had a small concert. That will have to wait for another time.

It is with a sad heart that I note the passing of two of our colleagues, Lecil Gibson and Matt Lyles. Lecil Gibson was a Past Dean of CACAGO (1972-1974). I only met Lecil one time, but I have heard hundreds of stories about him. I think that it could rightly be said that he was an institution in the Arkansas organ community. Matt was a current chapter member and was the organist at St. John's Episcopal in Camden. Both will be missed and I offer our condolences to their friends and families.

Our first meeting will be the installation of officers, and it will be on September 18th at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Little Rock. I hope to see everyone there.

As always, if you have not paid your dues, please do.

Mike

**Upcoming CACAGO Programs**

**Friday, September 18**

**Installation of Officers**

St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
12415 Cantrell Rd.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, November 20**

**Jonathan Moyer, organist**

Pulaski Heights UMC  
4823 Woodlawn Dr.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, October 16**

**A Benefit Concert for  
Out of the Woods Animal Rescue**

**Brian Jones, organist**  
**Bruce Adami, pianist & organist**  
First Presbyterian Church  
800 Scott St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Friday, September 18, 2015

### Installation of Officers

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner & Meeting — 6:45 P.M.

Installation Service — 8:00 P.M.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

12415 Cantrell Rd.

Little Rock, Arkansas

**Dinner Reservations:** The cost for dinner is \$15.00. For dinner reservations, contact Robert Lindley via e-mail ([dinner@cacago.org](mailto:dinner@cacago.org)), or phone (501) 217-6735, or complete the reservation form on the chapter website.

**Dinner reservations are due by  
noon, Wednesday, September 16!**

### Membership Renewal

If you have not already renewed your membership for the upcoming year, please do so now. You can renew by visiting the AGO ONCARD website and paying your dues online. Or, you may download the 2015 Membership Form and mail it to Jess. If you decide not to join the chapter this year, this will be the last communication you receive.

### Next Month's Newsletter

The October 2015 Clarion will be published Monday, October 5. If you have any items to submit (news, events, announcements, job postings, personal ads, opinion pieces, prayer requests) please send them to [adam@cacago.org](mailto:adam@cacago.org). The deadline is Friday, October 2.

Harold Thompson Concert Series

presents

David Higgs, organist

Friday, September 25, 2015 • 8:00 P.M.

Greene Chapel, Hendrix College  
1600 Washington Ave.  
Conway, AR 72032-4115

Dracula Unearthed

October 29-31, 2015 • 8:00 P.M.

Wildwood Park for the Arts  
20919 Denny Rd.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Tickets: \$25 general admission  
\$50 VIP tickets / \$15 student admission  
Tickets go on sale September 15  
at [wildwoodpark.org](http://wildwoodpark.org)

Arkansas Festival Ballet, Praeclara, and Wildwood Park for the Arts collaborate to present a new twist on a Halloween classic in *Dracula Unearthed*. This production combines dance, song, and dramatic narrative in exploring the multi-faceted legend of the famous vampire, extending his tale beyond the ending of Bram Stoker's 1897 novel.

Audience members are invited to immerse themselves in a full Dracula experience by attending in costume and participating in pre-show activities on the grounds of Wildwood Park. Enjoy drinks before the show. The festivities will begin at 6:30 each evening, with the Lucy Lockett Cabe Festival Theatre opening at 7:45 for seating. For more information, visit [praeclara.org](http://praeclara.org).

# Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p><b>REVENUE</b></p> <p>Dues \$2,036.00</p> <p>Ad Sales</p> <p>Meals</p> <p>Carry Over (FY15) \$10,902.17</p> <p>Other/Mail \$101.00</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$13,039.17</p> <p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Individuals</p> <p>Other (ACH)</p> <p>Endowment</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p><b>TOTAL INCOME</b> \$13,039.17</p>	<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>Dues to National \$496.00</p> <p>Catering/Reception</p> <p>Marketing/Public Relations</p> <p>Remaining Expenses</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$496.00</p> <p><b>ARTISTIC</b></p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing</p> <p>Remaining Expenses (ACH)</p> <p>Tech/Production</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p><b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> \$496.00</p> <p><b>BALANCE</b> \$12,543.17</p>

## Positions Available

### First Presbyterian Church Pine Bluff, Arkansas

**Position:** Part-time Organist/Choral Accompanist

**Job Description:** First Presbyterian, Pine Bluff, Arkansas is seeking an organist, part-time position that includes mid-week choir rehearsal and Sunday morning worship (10:30 am). The choir is small (9) and they usually sing an anthem during worship. Please contact:

**Rev. Susan Wiggins**  
E-mail: revscwiggins@gmail.com

### Westminster Presbyterian Church Hot Springs, Arkansas

**Position:** Part-time Organist/Choral Director

**Job Description:** Westminster Presbyterian Church is seeking an Organist/Choir Director. Established choir. Casavant 2-manual pipe organ. Competitive salary. Resumes need to be received before September 8, 2015 to be considered. No phone calls please. Mail or E-mail:

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
3819 Central Ave.  
Hot Springs, AR 71913  
E-mail: wpchsar@sbcglobal.net

## Free to good home

1960 Spinet organ, as is, needs  
complete restoration. Call Ryan Dill at  
870-926-2385. Located in Pine Bluff.

# Arts Calendar

**Friday, September 18 – 8:00 P.M.**

CACAGO: Installation of Officers  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, September 20 – 3:00 P.M.**

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

**Monday, September 21 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Thursday, September 24 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Friday, September 25 – 8:00 P.M.**

Organ Recital: David Higgs, organist  
Greene Chapel, Hendrix College  
Conway, AR

**Saturday, September 26 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Grieg Piano Concerto  
Maumelle Performing Arts Center  
Maumelle, AR

**Sunday, September 27 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Grieg Piano Concerto  
Maumelle Performing Arts Center  
Maumelle, AR

**Tuesday, September 29 – 7:00 P.M.**

ASO Chamber: John Kimura Parker  
Clinton Presidential Center  
Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, October 8 – 7:30 P.M.**

LRCMS: Miller-Porfiris Duo  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Friday, October 9 – 7:30 P.M.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
St. Edward's Catholic Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, October 11 – 3:00 P.M.**

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

**Thursday, October 15 – 7:30 P.M.**

Little Rock Wind Symphony  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Friday, October 16 – 8:00 P.M.**

CACAGO: Brian Jones & Bruce Adami  
First Presbyterian Church  
Little Rock, AR

**Saturday, October 17 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Dvorak Symphony 8  
Maumelle Performing Arts Center  
Maumelle, AR

**Sunday, October 18 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Dvorak Symphony 8  
Maumelle Performing Arts Center  
Maumelle, AR

**Saturday, October 24 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO Pops: Cirque Musica  
Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center  
Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, October 25 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO Pops: Cirque Musica  
Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center  
Little Rock, AR

**Tuesday, October 27 – 7:00 P.M.**

ASO Chamber  
Clinton Presidential Center  
Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, October 29 – 8:00 P.M.**

Praeclara: Dracula Unearthed  
Wildwood Performing Arts Center  
Little Rock, AR

**Friday, October 30 – 8:00 P.M.**

Praeclara: Dracula Unearthed  
Wildwood Performing Arts Center  
Little Rock, AR

**Saturday, October 31 – 8:00 P.M.**

Praeclara: Dracula Unearthed  
Wildwood Performing Arts Center  
Little Rock, AR