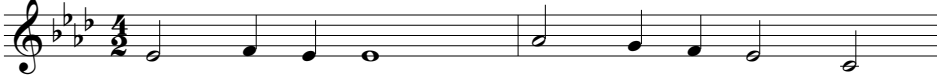


# Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

# The *Clarion* September 2016



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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 everyone and welcome to the 2016-2017 season of the Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Wayne Simpson has done an amazing job of lining up our concerts for this year. I know that we cannot thank him enough, but please try! He has really worked hard on it.

While we are remembering the hard work of our sub Dean, it is only right that we thank Adam Savacool for his work on the website, newsletters and the programs for the concerts. Adam has the new concerts posted on our website already.

I am also happy to report that no one declined to be reappointed as chairperson of their respective committees. Many thanks to you all for volunteering.

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. What happened to all the time that I thought that I would have to do things and learn new music? Choir practice starts again soon and as usual, I am not totally ready. Surely you are more prepared.

Some of us were caught off guard by the new rolling renewal process that the national headquarters started last year. We had a lot of members that had not renewed on time and they were about to get cut off by headquarters and dropped from the TAO magazine subscription. I contacted all of those that were due up until September the first. We have several more that will expire at the first of October. If you are one of those, please renew now to avoid any interruption with your membership.

Our first meeting will be on Friday, the 23rd of September at First United Methodist in Conway. The concert will start at 7:30, this time only. I am scheduled to be in Philadelphia that week, but I am trying to work around it. I hope that you will attend.

Yours truly,  
Mike

## Upcoming CACAGO Programs

**Friday, September 23**  
**Installation of Officers**  
**Tom Trenney, organist**  
First United Methodist Church  
1610 Prince St.  
Conway, Arkansas

**Friday, October 21**  
**Alcée Chriss III, organist**  
First Presbyterian Church  
800 Scott St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, November 4**  
**Weston Jennings, organist**  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
4106 John F. Kennedy Blvd.  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, December 2**  
**Bryan Dunnewald, organist**  
St. James UMC  
321 Pleasant Valley Dr.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, January 13**  
**Richard Hixson**  
**Birthday Concert**  
**Joshua Stafford, organist**  
Christ Episcopal Church  
509 Scott St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, February 3**  
**Damin Spritzer, organist**  
Pulaski Heights UMC  
4823 Woodlawn Dr.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, March 3**  
**David Baskeyfield, organist**  
Cathedral of Saint Andrew  
617 Louisiana St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, April 28**  
**The 14th Annual Concert**  
**Celebrating the Life of**  
**Robert Young Ellis**  
**Monica Czausz, organist**  
First Presbyterian Church  
800 Scott St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, May 5**  
**Joby Bell, organist**  
First United Methodist Church  
200 W. 6th Ave.  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

# SEPTEMBER MEETING

Friday, September 23, 2016

Installation of Officers

Tom Trenney, *organist*

**Note change in times:**  
(this month only)

Punchbowl — 5:45 P.M.

Dinner & Meeting — 6:00 P.M.

Concert — 7:30 P.M.

**First United Methodist Church**

1610 Prince St.

Conway, 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 dinner reservation form on the chapter website. *Please provide the names of your guests so that nametags may be printed for them.*

**Dinner reservations are due by  
noon, Wednesday, September 21!**

**WORKSHOP:** Tom Trenney will be presenting a choral workshop on Thursday, September 22, 2016 beginning at 6:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Conway. Anyone is welcome to attend and observe; however, if you want to participate in the workshop choir, please contact Betty Cohen (501-519-1256, or [bettylc@conwaycorp.net](mailto:bettylc@conwaycorp.net)) no later than Wednesday, September 21. Choir music packets will need to be provided for all who wish to participate, and there is a limited number of those packets available.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation from Little Rock to Conway will be provided. If you would like a ride, please contact Wayne Simpson via e-mail ([wes@nicholsandsimpson.com](mailto:wes@nicholsandsimpson.com)) or phone/text (501) 231-8835.

# Biography of Tom Trenney

Tom Trenney shares his passion as pastoral musician, composer, and teacher in worship with his home congregation, in the college classroom, and in performances, hymn festivals, choral and organ workshops and master classes all around the country. Since 2009, he has served as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Church (United Church of Christ) in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he shepherds four adult choirs, accompanies the congregation on the Schoenstein organ, preaches sermons, and guides the Abendmusik at First-Plymouth Concert Series. In 2015-16, three of First-Plymouth's choirs were invited to perform at conventions of the Nebraska Choral Directors Association, the Nebraska Music Educators Association, and the North Central American Choral Directors Association (ACDA). In March 2017, First-Plymouth's chamber choir, Cantorei, will sing two worship services at the national ACDA convention in Minneapolis.

In addition to his ministry at First-Plymouth, Tom is Music Director of *sounding light* — a chamber choir which he founded in southeastern Michigan in 2003. *sounding light* has recently been selected to perform at the national convention of the ACDA in March 2017. Tom also serves on the choral faculty at Doane University as co-conductor of the Collegiate Chorale.

Tom's choral compositions have been published by Augsburg Fortress, Beckenhorst Press, Morningstar, MusicSpoke, and G. Schirmer. His music has been sung in churches and colleges around the country. Tom's critically-acclaimed recordings with First-Plymouth and *sounding light*

have been featured on national public radio's *Pipedreams*, *With Heart and Voice*, and *Sing for Joy*.

Most notably, Tom has been blessed to perform and teach at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the American Choral Directors Association, the Organ Historical Society, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the Sewanee Church Music Conference, and the Calvin Institute of Worship. He will serve as choral clinician in 2017 at Montreat Worship and Music, Lutheridge Worship and Music, the National Convention of Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, and Atlanta's midwinter Choristers Guild Festival.

In 2006, Tom became the first organist to be awarded First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation; he has since served as a juror for this competition. Represented by Karen McFarlane Artists Concert Management, he has performed multiple times at such venues as the Schermerhorn Symphony Hall (Nashville), Merrill Hall (Portland, Maine), Spreckels Organ Pavilion (San Diego), and Verizon Hall at Kimmel Center (Philadelphia).

A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Eastman School of Music, Tom is grateful for the inspiration of his teachers and mentors — especially Anton Armstrong, David Davidson, David Higgs, William Weinert, Anne Wilson and Todd Wilson.

## September Program

Tom Trenney, *organist*

### Variations on "America"

by Charles Ives (1874-1954)

### Variations on "Mein junges leben hat ein end"

by Jan Pieterswoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

### Improvisation on Poems by Shel Silverstein

Magic carpet

Forgotten language

Dancing Pants

### Soliloquy

by David Conte (b. 1955)

### Everyone Dance!

by Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

INTERMISSION

### Hymn 139: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

### Sonata III in A major

by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

I. Con moto maestoso

### Five Miniatures for Organ

#### I Love Thee, My Lord

arr. George Shearing (1919-2011)

#### Canon in B minor

by Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

#### Impromptu (from Pièces de fantaisie)

by Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

#### The peace may be exchanged

by Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

#### The Flues Blues (from The King of Instruments)

by William Albright (1944-1998)

### Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p><b>REVENUE</b></p> <p>Dues \$1,417.00</p> <p>Ad Sales</p> <p>Meals</p> <p>Carry Over (FY15) \$9,068.17</p> <p>Other/Mail _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$10,485.70</p> <p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Individuals \$2,245.77</p> <p>Other (ACH)</p> <p>Endowment _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,245.77</p> <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"/> <p><b>TOTAL INCOME</b> \$12,731.47</p>	<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>Dues to National \$550.50</p> <p>Catering/Reception</p> <p>Marketing/Public Relations</p> <p>Remaining Expenses _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$550.00</p> <p><b>ARTISTIC</b></p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing</p> <p>Remaining Expenses (ACH)</p> <p>Tech/Production _____</p> <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"/> <p><b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> \$550.50</p> <p><b>BALANCE</b> \$12,180.97</p>

### Congratulations . . .

. . . to CACAGO member Stephen P. Cohen for being elected to the Board of Directors of the Conway Symphony Orchestra!

### Upcoming Newsletter

The October 2016 Clarion will be published Monday, October 3. 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, September 30.

## Positions Available

### Oak Forest UMC Little Rock, Arkansas

**Position:** Part-time Organist and Choir Director  
Compensation: Commensurate with experience and responsibilities

**Job Description:** Oak Forest United Methodist Church in Little Rock is seeking a part-time organist/choir director. Oak Forest is a diverse, loving, and historic congregation located on 2415 Fair Park Blvd., Little Rock 72204. We have a two manual Rodgers organ and our small choir traditionally is accompanied with the use of piano or keyboard. Seasonal handbell choir and children's choir can be developed. For more information about compensation and all other inquiries, please contact:

Rev. Michael Blanchard  
2415 Fair Park Blvd.  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
Phone: (501) 663-9407  
E-mail: michael.blanchard@arumc.org  
Website: oakforestumc.com

### St. Francis Episcopal Church Heber Springs, Arkansas

**Position:** Part-time Organist  
**Compensation:** Commensurate with experience and responsibilities, mileage paid to and from St. Francis (out of town applicants)

**Job Description:** St. Francis Episcopal Church, Heber Springs, Arkansas, is seeking a part-time organist to provide music for Sunday morning services (9 am), Christmas Eve (4 pm), and Holy Week (Maundy Thursday Easter Sunday), as well as special services such as weddings and celebrations of life. Familiarity with Episcopal liturgy and service music is a plus, but not a requirement. New organ and baby grand piano. Sunday morning service includes pre-service music, offertory anthem, communion music, hymns, and service music. No choir. For further information, please contact:

The Reverend Marti Dalby  
20 Woodland Cove  
Heber Springs, AR 72543  
Phone: (501) 365-6564 (cell)  
E-mail: surprisedbygrace@yahoo.com  
Website: stfrancishebersprings.org

### St. Luke's Episcopal Church North Little Rock, Arkansas

**Position:** Part-time Organist/Choirmaster

**Job Description:** St. Luke's Episcopal Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas is seeking a part-time Organist/Choirmaster. The St. Luke's organ, a 28 rank, 2 manual Nichols & Simpson instrument built in 2000, is used for all services. The successful candidate will play two Rite II Sunday Services, rehearse and train the adult choir for one Sunday service and special services, and assist in the direction of the adult handbell choir. Further, he/she will be expected to engage in active recruitment of new choir members. The Organist/Choirmaster serves as the ex officio facilitator of the Festival of the Senses Board of Directors, the annual parish concert series which offers 7-9 concert and visual arts events annually. Service playing skills, knowledge of the liturgy in the Anglican tradition and of standard Episcopal hymnody, vocal coaching skills, and conducting skills are required. Business marketing/Advertisement skills, strong leadership ability and interpersonal skills, as well as desktop publishing and word processing skills are preferred. Minimum educational requirement: B.A. in music or related field. Application deadline is September 30th. Please mail or e-mail resume, along with cover letter and references to:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
4106 JFK Blvd.  
North Little Rock, AR 72116  
E-mail: stlukesnlr@gmail.com  
Website: www.stlukeepiscopal.org

## Featured Community Events

### Choir of Gonville and Caius College Cambridge

Thursday, September 15, 2016 • 7:30 P.M.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
1000 N. Mississippi St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Tickets are available in advance from Tim Allen at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. General admission: \$20; Students: \$10.

### Organ Concert Marilyn Keiser, organist

Friday, September 30, 2016 • 7:30 P.M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
224 N. East Ave.  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Marilyn Keiser will also present a workshop, Saturday October 1, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's, Fayetteville.

### A Schubertiade

Friday, October 28, 2016 • 7:30 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
310 W. 17th St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Members of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra will present a piano quintet concert highlighting the ASO's focus on the music of Franz Schubert. Included in this concert will be the "Trout" piano quintet. A reception to meet and greet the performers will be held afterward. Tickets will be \$20 for open seating, available at: [www.trinitylittlerock.org](http://www.trinitylittlerock.org)

### Christ Church Presents Chanticleer

Sunday, October 29, 2016 • 8:00 P.M.

Christ Episcopal Church  
509 Scott St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Tickets: \$35, \$20 for students

### Little Rock Chamber Music Society Lysander Trio

Thursday, November 17, 2016 • 7:30 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
310 W. 17th St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

An accomplished chamber music group from New York City. Concert tickets will be \$30 for open seating and will be available at the door or through the Little Rock Chamber Music Society.

### Handel's Messiah, Part I

Thursday, December 8, 2016 • 7:30 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church  
800 Scott St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Presented by Praeclara: Artistry in Sound, Motion, and Mind. Bevan Keating, Artistic Director; Bruce Rentz, Producer. General Admission: \$20. For tickets and additional info, call (501) 859-9000 or visit [www.praeclara.org](http://www.praeclara.org)

# Arts Calendar

## **Saturday, September 10 – 7:30 P.M.**

LRCMS: Miller-Porfiris Duo  
 CALS Ron Robinson Theater  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Wednesday, September 14 – 7:00 P.M.**

St. Luke's Festival of the Senses  
 St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
 North Little Rock, AR

## **Thursday, September 15 – 7:30 P.M.**

Choir of Gonville and Caius College Cambridge  
 St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Friday, September 16 – 7:30 P.M.**

Opera in the Rock  
 Pulaski Tech: Center for Arts  
 North Little Rock, AR

## **Saturday, September 17 – 7:30 P.M.**

Opera in the Rock  
 Pulaski Tech: Center for Arts  
 North Little Rock, AR

## **Sunday, September 18 – 3:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
 Second Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Monday, September 19 – 7:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
 Second Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Thursday, September 22 – 7:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
 Second Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Thursday, September 22 – 7:30 P.M.**

Organ Recital: Stephen Tharp, organist  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Greenwood, MS

## **Friday, September 23 – 7:30 P.M.**

CACAGO: Tom Trenney, organist  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Conway, AR

## **Friday, September 30 – 7:30 P.M.**

Organ Concert: Marilyn Keiser, organist  
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
 Fayetteville, AR

## **Saturday, October 1 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO: Mozart & Schubert  
 Maumelle Performing Arts Center  
 Maumelle, AR

## **Sunday, October 2 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO: Mozart & Schubert  
 Maumelle Performing Arts Center  
 Maumelle, AR

## **Tuesday, October 4 – 7:00 P.M.**

ASO Chamber: Elisso Bolkvadze  
 Clinton Presidential Center  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Friday, October 7 – 7:30 P.M.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
 St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Sunday, October 9 – 3:00 P.M.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Thursday, October 13 – 7:30 P.M.**

Little Rock Wind Symphony  
 Second Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Friday, October 21 – 8:00 P.M.**

CACAGO: Alcee Chriss III, organist  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Saturday, October 22 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO: Ravish and Mayhem  
 Maumelle Performing Arts Center  
 Maumelle, AR

## **Sunday, October 23 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO: Ravish and Mayhem  
 Maumelle Performing Arts Center  
 Maumelle, AR

## **Tuesday, October 25 – 7:00 P.M.**

ASO Chamber: Schubert Festival  
 Clinton Presidential Center  
 Little Rock, AR

## **Friday, October 28 – 7:30 P.M.**

A Schubertiade  
 Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
 Little Rock, AR