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CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER—
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The Clarion

Philip Scriven in Concert

The October program of the Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be held at First United Methodist Church, Tuesday, October 24, 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Center and Eighth Streets in downtown Little Rock.

Featured on the program will be Philip Scriven, Organist and Director of Music, Litchfield Cathedral, Great Britain. Mr. Scriven was the winner of the Royal College of Organists coveted “Performer of the Year” award in 1995. He has held positions at Westminster Abbey and Winchester Cathedral and has been an assistant conductor of the English National Opera.

Mr. Scriven’s program will include *Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 545* by J. S. Bach; *Fantasia in F minor* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; *Rubrics* by American composer Dan Locklair, the *Adagietto* from Gustav Mahler’s Symphony No. 5, in Scriven’s arrangement for organ; and *Suite for Organ* by Maurice Duruflé.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored in part by First United Methodist Church and the Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The program will be preceded by “The Punchbowl” at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. Reservation information may be found below. Contact Ansley Fleming at 372-2256 for more information.

Dinner Reservations

Dinner reservations for the October 24 event may be made by calling Ann Johnston at (501) 661-1943 (please leave your reservation with whoever answers) or by e-mail: don_annjohnston@sbcglobal.net

Deadline for reservations is NOON, Thursday, October 19. Reservations are \$10.00 per person.

Menu was not available at press time.

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From the Dean

Dear Friends and Members,

We are excited about hearing Phillip Scriven as he performs an evening of great organ music at First United Methodist Church of Little Rock. Thanks to Ansley Fleming, Organist and Music Director of First Methodist, for hosting us.

On another front, we continue to look ahead long-range towards an eye for new lovers of the pipe organ. Both audience members and performers of organ music are what we hope to attract to the Guild. I wish to thank the denominational "team leaders" who have made many phone calls and sent letters to churches around the region. I encourage each of us to consider directing new folks to attending the major concert programs of the guild, such as our October Meeting.

As always, we need to continue to expand our capital resources for programming and concert funding. In order to be seen and thought of as the arts organization that we wish to be, we must be visible and viable. Both of these require underwriting. Think of the Opera; think of the Symphony; think of the Arkansas Rep. Each of these organizations has any number of individuals who have contributed both large and small sums to underwrite the expenses of their organizations. Our future depends on the ability to be visible and vital.

For the upcoming season we are seeking benefactors and co benefactors who will underwrite the cost of an organ concert. On the average a nationally renowned concert organist fee is typically about \$3000.00. We have a long history of bringing such artists to our area. In order to be able to continue to do so, and to provide the publicity necessary to underscore and provide the visibility commensurate with such a musician, we have to ask for patrons of our organization to assist in this effort. Won't you consider being an underwriter, or benefactor, or co-benefactor, friend or champion in our continuing quest to bring the best to Arkansas?

I am deeply indebted to Dr. Richard Hixson, who has accepted the task of helping raise money for our long standing endowment fund. We will be seeking counsel on the management of these assets, as well as seeking immediate underwriting to pay for our programming needs in the short term. We are also seeking collaborative programming with piano students and piano teachers in order to bring awareness to a young generation of keyboard musicians of the playing of the organ. This is a must-do for the long range population of our concerts and our art form.

Thank you for your continued support! See you at the October meeting.

Phil Bordeleau, Dean

Minutes of the September 11, 2006 Meeting

The September meeting of the Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists was held at First Lutheran Church, Little Rock. Betty Dieslinger served as host musician.

Dean Phil Bordeleau introduced guests, and thanked Brian Gray and Craig Chotard for creating the installation service following dinner. Phil announced that the December meeting will be at First Presbyterian, Little Rock, *not* Christ Church.

Phil spoke about funding within CACAGO: concert, program, and endowment funds. More details will follow on this topic; the hope is that the membership will be given opportunities throughout the year to contribute to a fund of their choice.

The October 24th meeting will be at First Methodist, Little Rock. Reading e-mail copies of the *Clarion* is much less expensive than mailing via the post office. We are encouraged to sign up for the e-mail *Clarion* if at all possible.

What piano teachers do we know? An emphasis is being placed on introducing piano students to the organ, and working with piano teachers to be aware of expanding keyboard possibilities. What piano teachers might we interest in this topic?

Betty Stodola and Bill Fox sent their regrets at being unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned so that we could move into the installation service of this year's officers and a reading session of anthems.

Thank you for the nicely designed installation service, gentlemen, and thanks to Nathan Beethe, organist for the service, and to the anthem introducers: Phil Bordeleau, Steve Bullock, Bryan Gray, Carol Majors.

Submitted by Elizabeth Plowman, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand \$1556.60

DEPOSITS

Contributions \$575.00
Advertisements \$1,770.00
N & S (Pipedreams) \$520.00

DUES

54 Regular @ \$84.00 \$4,536.00
18 Special @ \$60.00 \$1,080.00
2 Students @ 32.00 \$64.00
1 Dual @ \$33.00 \$33.00
12 Friends @ \$35.00 \$420.00
DUES TOTAL \$6,133.00
28 Dinners @ \$10.00 \$280.00

TOTAL \$10,834.60

EXPENDITURES

28 Dinners, 1st Lutheran \$280.00
Postage for *Clarion* \$41.34
KLRE/KUAR (Pipedreams) \$1,040.00

DUES TO NY

54 Regular @ \$50.00 \$2,700.00
18 Special @ \$31.50 \$603.00
2 Students @ 21.00 \$42.00
TOTAL DUES TO NY \$3,345.00

Check Stamp \$19.55

TOTAL \$4,725.89

BALANCE ON HAND \$6,108.71
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Submitted by Virginia Strohmeier-Miles, Treasurer

November Program - "Sing-a-Long" *Messiah*

Invite your choir members, students, and friends, grab your *Messiah* score, and come sing-a-long! The Christmas portion of Handel's beloved oratorio, complete with guest soloists will be conducted by Nancy Fleming, Director of Choral Studies, Hendrix College. The sing-a-long will be accompanied by a string quartet from the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, and our very own Dr. Kay McAfee on the organ.

The program, Friday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., will be held in the newly renovated Sanctuary of Lakewood United Methodist Church in North Little Rock. Punchbowl and a delicious dinner catered by Pat Yielding will precede the program. This would be a perfect opportunity to invite your pastor and choir members to see what we are all about. Invite them!

The Lakewood music library has some scores, however, if you have extra bring them along (make sure they are marked with your church stamp so they can be returned!) You won't want to miss this fun program. For more information contact Bob Bidewell at (501) 753-6186 or bbidewell@lakewood-umc.org

Job Openings

***First UMC (Hot Springs)** - Two full time positions: Traditional Music Minister and Contemporary Worship Leader. Contact Rev. Bud Reeves at (501) 623-6668 for more information.

***First UMC (Nashville, AR)** - Part-time Choral Director. Contact Rev. Russell Hull at (870) 845-3030 for more information.

***First Presbyterian Church (Hot Springs)** - Part-time Organist. Contact Rev. Susan Arnold at (501) 624-5646 for more information.

***Lakewood UMC (North Little Rock)** - Part-time Organist/Assistant Director of Music. Contact Bob Bidewell at (501) 753-6186. Position available January 2007. Deadline for applications is November 15.

***Amboy UMC (North Little Rock)** - Part-time Organist. Contact Rev. David Ashcroft at (501) 804-1186 for more information.

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Return Service Requested

Concerts, Workshops, and Special Services

***The Little Rock Wind Symphony Fall Concert.** Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock. Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. Dr. Karen Fannin, Music Director. Guest soloist Dr. Jackie Lamar, Saxophone.

***Global Music Workshop with Michael Hawn.** St. James UMC, Little Rock. Friday/Saturday October 20/21. “Growing a Children’s Choir Program in the 21st Century: Developing Musical Skills and Expanding Your Repertoire. For more information contact The Choristers Guild at (800) 246-7478, X227.

***Halloween Pranks with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra.** Robinson Music Hall, Little Rock. David Itkin, Music Director. Horacio Gutierrez, Piano. Saturday, October 21, 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 22, 3:00 p.m.

***A Monster Concert in Celebration of All Hallow’s Eve.** Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock. Friday, October 27, 7:30 p.m. Featuring duo organists Dr. John Marsh and Linda Thomas. A “spooktacular” evening of music by J.S. Bach, John Williams, and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Costumes encouraged! Free and open to the public.

***The Arkansas Chamber Singers in Concert. The Magnificat X Two - J.S. Bach and John Rutter.** Dr. John Erwin, Music Director. Friday, October 27, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Little Rock. Saturday, October 28, 7:30 p.m. at St. James UMC, Little Rock.

***Arkansas Presbyterian Hymn Festival.** First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock. Saturday, October 28, 3:00 p.m. Conducted by Dr. Stanley Livengood, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith. A free-will offering will be taken.

***Music Under the Steeple presents “A Celtic Mass” for All Saints Day.** Lakewood UMC, North Little Rock. Sunday, November 5, 6:30 p.m. Featuring the Chancel Choir; André Duvall, organ; Kiril Laskarov, violin; and Chris Knife, bagpipes. Conducted by Bob Bidewell. Free and open to the public.

***“Requiem” by Malcom Archer.** Cathedral of St. Andrew, Little Rock. Sunday, November 5, 7:00 p.m. Featuring the Cathedral Concert Chorale under the direction of Phil Bordeleau. The program, which is free and open to the public, will include the ceremonial reading of the Necrology.

***Candlelight Carol Services.** Greene Chapel, Hendrix College, Conway. November 30, December 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. December 3 at 4:00 p.m. Featuring the Hendrix College Choir, Nancy Fleming, Director. Reservations are required - call (501) 450-1495 beginning November 20. The choir will also be on tour December 14, 7:30 p.m., Germantown (TN) United Methodist Church and December 15, 7:30 p.m., Trinity UMC, Little Rock. No reservations required for tour performances.