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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

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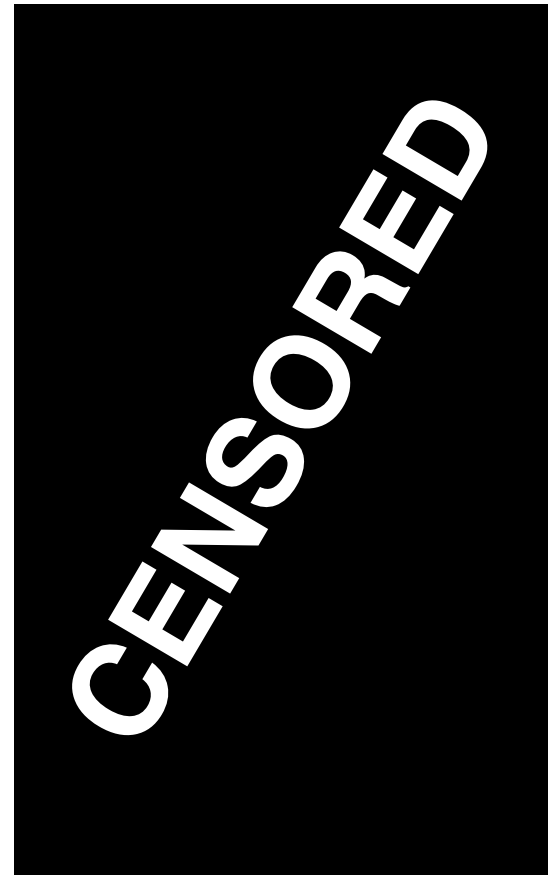
Autumn is finally here! Our first program at Our Lady of the Holy Souls was a lovely installation service thanks to Fred Graham and his Parish Life committee and choir. Obviously, both worked hard to make the event very enjoyable and successful. I am very pleased by the number of new faces present and look forward to seeing those who could not attend for whatever reason soon.

Our October meeting will be at Christ Episcopal Church where Craig Cramer of Notre Dame (South Bend) will treat us to an evening of his always elegant and amazing artistry. Don't forget to e-mail your reservations to Craig Chotard ([dinner@cacago.org](mailto:dinner@cacago.org)) for a sure-to-be tasty dinner. Craig advised us to look for a reply to the e-mail to be sure that the system is working properly. If you do not get a reply, please repeat your effort.

Remember, also, to mark your calendars for your first holiday party. As you no doubt recall, we voted at the September meeting to have our holiday party at the home of Bob Bidewell on Friday, December 2. I do think perhaps we should call it the Barely Advent Gathering—but the spirit is the same anyway. Thanks again Bob for your gracious hospitality.

As most of you are well aware, we are perpetually forced to beg, borrow, and steal so that we may enjoy the caliber artists that we have each season. I have

always been accused of being stodgy and never “thinking out of the box” as it were.  
WELL . . .



If you have any better ideas than this please send cards and letters. Surely we can have a lively discussion at our October meeting.

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**Members' Recital**

There are still plenty of openings for the Members' Recital, which will be Friday, January 13 at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock. It is up to you to make this program happen! If you are interested in performing, please email Adam Savacool ([asavacool@gmail.com](mailto:asavacool@gmail.com)). Volunteer, or you might be volunteered!

## OCTOBER MEETING

Friday, October 7, 2011

Craig Cramer, *organ*

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner and Meeting — 6:45 P.M.

Program — 8:00 P.M.

Christ Episcopal Church

509 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

The cost for dinner is \$10.00. For dinner reservations, contact Craig Chotard via email ([dinner@cacago.org](mailto:dinner@cacago.org)) or phone (501) 225-4203. Craig is accepting reservations until noon on Wednesday, October 5. Your reservation will be confirmed via phone or email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Craig to assure your reservation has been received.

## Upcoming CACAGO Events

### Friday, October 7

Craig Cramer, *organ*

Christ Episcopal Church

509 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

### Friday, December 2 – 6:30-9:00 P.M.

Holiday Party at Home of Bob Bidewell

22 Coronado Circle

North Little Rock, Arkansas

### Friday, November 25

A Benefit Concert for the

Pediatric Injury Prevention Center

Arkansas Children's Hospital

Lisa Shihoten, *violin*

Ken Cowan, *organ*

First Presbyterian Church

800 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

### Friday, December 30

Richard Hixson Birthday Recital

Fred Teardo, *organ*

Christ Episcopal Church

Little Rock, Arkansas

# Biography of Craig Cramer

Craig Cramer is Professor of Organ and Artist in Residence at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He also serves as organist at St. David of Wales Episcopal Church in Elkhart, Indiana. He holds degrees from Westminster Choir College and the Eastman School of Music where he earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance. The Eastman School also awarded him the prestigious Performer's Certificate in Organ. He has studied with Russell Saunders, William Hays, James Drake, David Boe, and André Marchal (Paris). Cramer has been named the winner of several important competitions.

One of the most traveled organists of his generation, Cramer maintains an active recital career across the country and in Europe. He has performed in forty-four of the US states as well as in Canada. Regularly invited to play some of the most important historic organs in the world, Cramer's European concerts have included performances in Germany on the 1727 König organ in Steinfeld, the 1748 Gottfried Silbermann in Nassau, and Schnitger organs in Norden and Steinkirchen. In the Netherlands he has performed on the 1725 Hagerbeer/Schnitger in Alkmaar, the 1727 Müller in Leeuwarden, the 1643/1814 Bader/Timpe organ in Zutphen, the 1696 Schnitger organ in Noordbroek, the 1770 Hinsz organ in Midwolda, the 1756 Van Deventer organ in Nijkerk, the 1756 Müller organ in Beverwijk, the 1768 Bätz organ in Woerden and the 1726 Vater organ in the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam. He recently performed in Denmark on the Compenius and Marcusson organs in the Frederiksborg Slotskirke in Hilleröd and the Lorentz/Marcusson organ in Roskilde Cathedral. In Sweden he performed in Buxtehude's church Sancta Maria in Helsingborg and on the new (2000) North German Organ built by GoArt in the style of Schnitger in the Örgryte nya kyrka in Göteborg. He has also performed in Austria, France, Switzerland and Poland.

Cramer has performed for conventions of the American Guild of Organists and ALCM,

as well as for many AGO Chapters across the country. He has also appeared as a soloist with a number of different orchestras. Cramer performed the complete organ works of Bach during a series of eighteen concerts using a distinguished set of mechanical-action organs in the state of Indiana.

Dr. Cramer was instrumental in the installation of a new organ hall and organ built by Paul Fritts on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, which he dedicated in January of 2005 by performing a series of ten different recital programs. This organ was the focal point of an AGO National Pedagogy Conference on the subject of Buxtehude given in September 2005. In honor of the 300th anniversary of the death of Dieterich Buxtehude in 2007, Dr. Cramer presented his complete organ works in a series of nine concerts on this organ. The University of Notre Dame recently recognized Cramer with a Kaneb distinguished faculty award. He was a featured performer at the 2008 EROI Festival in Rochester, New York.

Dr. Cramer's performances are frequently heard on American Public Media's program, "Pipedreams" ([www.pipedreams.org](http://www.pipedreams.org)). He has fifteen CD recordings to his credit including releases on the Arkay, Dominant, Dulcian, Motette-Ursina, Organeum and JAV labels. He has recorded three CDs for Naxos, including a recording of works of Buxtehude on the Fritts organ at Pacific Lutheran University. JAV Recordings has recently released Cramer's premiere recording of the Notre Dame Fritts organ as well as his recording on the new Fritts organ at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio. JAV will release two more Buxtehude recordings performed on the new Taylor and Boody organ at Goshen College (Indiana) shortly.

Craig Cramer is represented by Penny Lorenz Artist Management.

# Arts Calendar

**Monday, September 26 – 7:30 p.m.**

Norman Boehm, piano  
UALR: Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Saturday, October 1 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 2 – 3:00 p.m.**

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks  
Robinson Center Music Hall  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Tuesday, October 4 – 7:00 p.m.**

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra: Chamber Music  
Clinton Presidential Center  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Saturday, October 8 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 9 – 3:00 p.m.**

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra: Pops

**Sunday, October 9 – 6:00 p.m.**

Cameron Carpenter, organ  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, October 14 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Saturday, October 15 – 10:00 a.m.**

Masterclass with composer John Steimetz  
UALR: Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Sunday, October 16 – 3:00 p.m.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
Clinton Presidential Center  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Sunday, October 16 – 3:00 p.m.**

Little Rock Wind Symphony: Warhorses for Winds  
Guest Soloist: Dr. Andy Wen, saxophone  
Music of Barber, Holst, Grainger, Grieg  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Sunday, October 16 – 3:00 p.m.**

Linda Holzer, piano  
UALR: Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Tuesday, October 18 – 7:00 p.m.**

Installation of Rev. Carey Stone, Rector  
and Rev. Dr. Joanna Seibert, Deacon  
The Right Rev. Larry Benfield presiding  
Music will include Britten's *Jubilate Deo* and  
*Song of Christ's Goodness* by Thomas Lee  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

**Saturday, October 22 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 23 – 3:00 p.m.**

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks  
Robinson Center Music Hall  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Tuesday, October 25 – 7:00 p.m.**

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra: Chamber Music  
Clinton Presidential Center  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Wednesday, November 2 – 7:00 p.m.**

All Souls' Day Concert  
Dr. John Yarrington, guest conductor  
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Sunday, November 6 – 4:00 p.m.**

*Music for the Saints*  
A Recital by Bob Bidewell  
St. Paul United Methodist Church  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Sunday, November 6 – 6:00 p.m.**

All Saints' Evensong  
Reception following in Parish Hall  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

# Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p><b>REVENUE</b></p> <p>Dues                                 \$3,449.00</p> <p>Ad Sales                             \$1,395.00</p> <p>Meals                                 \$460.00</p> <p>Carry Over (FY11)                 \$4,980.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$10,284.00</p> <p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Individuals                         \$3,515.00</p> <p>Corporate/Church                 \$1,150.00</p> <p>Endowment                         \$160.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$4,825.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p><b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                 \$15,109.00</p>	<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>Dues to National                 \$1,694.00</p> <p>Catering                             \$734.00</p> <p>Remaining Expenses                 \$ -</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,428.00</p> <p><b>ARTISTIC</b></p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing               \$333.00</p> <p>Remaining Expenses                 \$ -</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$333.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p><b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>               \$2,761.00</p> <p><b>SURPLUS</b>                             \$12,348.00</p>

## For Your Information

Virginia Strohmeier-Miles | Historian

When the 1997 Region VII AGO convention was held in Little Rock in June, David Hurd was one of the recitalists at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He composed the music for several of the hymns in the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal. (I counted 18.)

## Position Available

**Part-time Organist/Choirmaster**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Camden, Arkansas**

First Presbyterian Church of Camden, Arkansas seeks a part-time organist/choirmaster to direct our talented adult choir and play our Schantz pipe organ during worship on Sunday mornings. Currently, the choir practices on Wednesday nights. We are willing to divide this position into two parts—organist and choirmaster, if necessary. Please contact Mary Ann Martin, (870) 231-5671 or email ([garymartin73130@oeccewildblue.com](mailto:garymartin73130@oeccewildblue.com)) for more information.

## Yearbook Update

A BIG Thank You to those who responded to the emails concerning yearbook directory accuracy! The response rate was 80% which resulted in 13 corrections/additions. The yearbook has been sent to the printer and should be available at the October meeting.