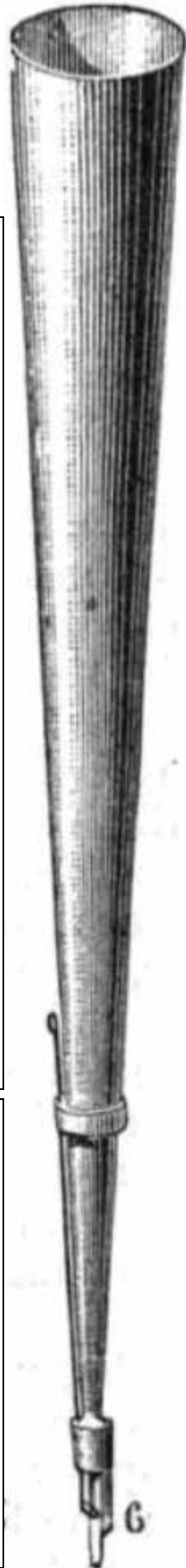




THE CLARION

November 2008

“GIVING”



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From The Dean:

November is one of the busiest times for many of us. Thanksgiving brings obligations personally, and perhaps musically. Advent music, Christmas music, concerts or lessons and carol services. Our own lives become incredibly complex during the days between the end of November and the end of December.

BUT..... we must be sure to allow ourselves time to refresh and heal. Our November program will be just the thing for us personally and professionally. Ken Cowan and his wife Lisa Shihoten, will be our featured artists this month at First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock in a duo organ and violin concert.

Mark your calendars and make a mental note for the Friday following Thanksgiving day to end the evening with inspiring music. See program details in the newsletter. I cannot say enough about the artistry of these musicians. After each one of us have all worked feverishly for the annual Thanksgiving meal and shopped for Christmas the day after, finish the week with a moment of repose bathed in glorious music.

This concert is cosponsored by the CACAGO, Nichols and Simpson Organbuilders and the Grand Masonic Lodge of Arkansas as both a concert and fundraiser for the new Pediatric Injury Prevention Program at Children’s Hospital. We teamed up with the Masonic Lodge last May for our concert by Simon Nieminski featuring music from the repertoire of the Masons. Dr. James Graham, the Grand Master of the Albert Pike Masonic Lodge joins with us in presenting these concerts to draw attention to the newly established fund. Nichols and Simpson Organbuilders is celebrating their 25th anniversary this year and also is supporting this occasion. The finale of the November concert will be a reception at the Albert Pike Lodge. Donations for Arkansas Children’s Hospital Pediatric Injury Prevention Program will be welcome.

See you all there.
Phil



Dr. James Graham:



The Grand Master of Arkansas this year, James Graham, is the Chief of Emergency Medicine at Arkansas Children’s Hospital. As such, he has seen the impact of injury and trauma on children. Arkansas has some of the highest rates of death and disability for children from injury (such as car crashes) in the United States.

The Pediatric Injury Prevention Program:

The ACH Injury Prevention Center has the potential to influence the safety of children throughout Arkansas through its multiple functions. This will include ACH’s clinical populations, the general population of children statewide, and their parents. In particular, the center will help to ensure that high risk and vulnerable populations are identified and provided with services and education as effectively and efficiently as possible, giving our children a safe future.



Friday NOVEMBER 28th, 2008

Ken Cowan organ / Lisa Shihoten violin:

In Concert Benefiting the Pediatric Injury Prevention Program of Arkansas Children's Hospital

Presented By:

The Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas Free and Accepted Masons

Dr. James Graham, Grand Master

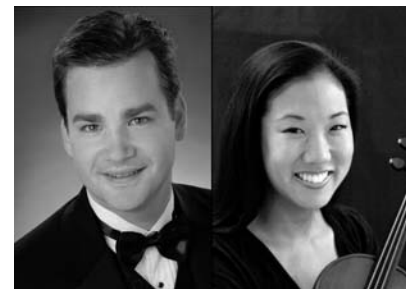
Nichols & Simpson, Inc. Organbuilders
Celebrating it's 25th anniversary

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First Presbyterian Church
8th and Scott Streets, Little Rock

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**Ken Cowan/Lisa Shihoten:
Our Artist**

A Gala Reception to follow at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple

Dinner reservations may be placed with Marian Berry via-email to dinner@cacago.org or phoned in to 501-663-1693. Marian is accepting reservations until noon of Mon, Nov. 24th. You should receive a confirmation of your reservation via email or phone. If you do not get confirmation, please call Marian to ensure your reservation has been placed. This special meeting will bring a worthy cause to light. Through this combined effort we are securing better care and injury prevention for our future generations! We look forward to seeing you there!

On the menu: A light fare for the day after Thanksgiving... Shrimp Cocktail, Soup/Salad, Fruit, Cheese, Rolls, and Dessert. Coffee, Tea, and Wine will be served.

Punchbowl: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM Concert: 8:00 PM

(A side note, if you have standing reservations it would be help to confirm you are on the list!)

Ken:

Ken Cowan is one of North America's finest concert organists. Praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike, he maintains a rigorous performing schedule which takes him to major concert venues across America, Canada and Europe.

A native of Thorold, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Cowan received the Master's degree and Artist Diploma from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, studying organ with Thomas Murray. Prior to attending Yale, he graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia where he studied with John Weaver.

Currently Mr. Cowan serves as Assistant Professor of Organ at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. Previous positions have included Associate Organist and Artist in Residence at Saint Bartholomew's Church, New York City, Assistant Organist posts at St. James Episcopal Church, the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in New York City, and Saint Clement's Church in Philadelphia. He has also been on the roster of Associate Organists for the famous Wanamaker Grand Court organ in Philadelphia.

Lisa:

Violinist Lisa Shihoten enjoys an active career as a chamber musician, recitalist, and teacher. She made her New York solo debut at Avery Fisher Hall with the Juilliard Orchestra under the direction of Kurt Masur.

She has received top prizes and awards from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, the Marcia Polayes National Competition, and the Seventeen Magazine/General Motors National Competition.

Ms. Shihoten appears frequently with the ensemble Concertante, the American Chamber Players, and with the Jupiter Symphony Chamber Players, and has performed at numerous summer festivals, including the Caramoor Music Festival, the Ravinia Festival, the Verbier Music Festival, the Aspen Music Festival, and the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival. She has also toured throughout Israel, Greece, and Turkey, and in this country regularly tours in duo recital with organist Ken Cowan. Ms. Shihoten received her Bachelor's degree from the Juilliard School, and her Master's degree from the Yale School of Music. She makes her home in Princeton, New Jersey, and teaches at the Lawrenceville School and Princeton University.

The Program:

- Chaconne, G minor for Violin & Organ**
Tommaso Antonio Vitali
(Arr. Leopold Auer)
- Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 14, Violin & Organ**
Sergei Rachmaninoff
- Pastorale, Organ Solo**
Roger-Ducasse
- Caprice for Violin and Organ**
Naji Hakim
- Mephisto Waltz No. 1 Organ Solo**
Franz Liszt (arr. K. Cowan)

-INTERMISSION-

- Caprice No. 24 for Violin Solo**
Nicolo Paganini
- Reverie, Organ Solo**
William Grant-Still
- Violin Concerto in E minor: Violin & Organ**
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

The Organ in Brief:

The Nichols & Simpson organ at First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, AR replaces an E.M. Skinner instrument that was built in the Steere factory. That instrument had been rebuilt and severely altered several times.

The new organ, built in 2004, has 47 Stops, 61 Ranks. A three manual console commands four divisions and pedal. One of the unique features of this instrument is the commanding Tuba Mirabilis voiced on 15" of wind pressure, and under double expression.



First Presbyterian Church, LR

MISCELLANEOUS PIPING

This section of the Clarion is devoted to misc information or events. If you have anything you would like posted please send to: editor@cacago.org.

MINUTES OF CACAGO MEETING, OCTOBER 24, 2008

STEVE BULLOCK, HOST

Dean Phil Bordeleau opened the meeting with a welcome to all. Two new members were introduced, Mike Metzler and Rees Roberts. Chelsea Chen and her parents, Tanya and Bob Chen, were recognized. Chelsea is our guest artist for the evening.

Ann Harris and company, chefs for the evening, were called out and thanked for the delicious Thanksgiving-style dinner. Their homemade rolls were a hit as usual. Marian and Jackson Berry were thanked for their taking of dinner reservations. Betty Anderson and the phone committee were commended for their efforts in calling for members to get their dinner reservations in.

The November program was discussed. It will be on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, at First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock with a reception to follow at the Albert Pike Masonic Temple. This will be an opportunity again to contribute to the Pediatric Injury Prevention Program at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

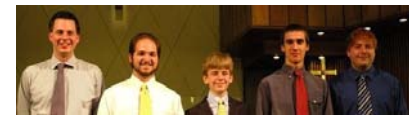
Betty Deislinger read the treasurer's report.

Various members announced programs coming up in their churches and in other venues.

We adjourned to the church to hear an organ recital played by Chelsea Chen.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Anderson, secretary CACAGO

If you would like a copy of the "Our Young and Rising Stars" program from last September, they are available for a donation of \$10 dollars to the CACAGO. For more info contact David Scribner at webmaster@cacago.org



Cathedral of St. Andrew

Monday, November 10th
7:00 p.m.

Requiem

Sunday, November, 30th
7:00 p.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Phil Bordeleau, Director
For more information call:
501-374-2794 ext 228

AGO NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGAN PEDAGOGY TO BE PRESENTED IN COOPERATION WITH YALE UNIVERSITY

Teaching Church Music in North America:
An Old Vocation in a New Millennium
March 11-14, 2009, New Haven, Conn.

NEW YORK CITY—The American Guild of Organists (AGO) and Yale University are partnering to produce the 15th AGO NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGAN PEDAGOGY, March 11-14, 2009. The conference, designed in cooperation with the AGO Committee on Continuing Professional Education, will be hosted by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, an interdisciplinary graduate center dedicated to the study and practice of sacred music, worship, and the arts. The four-day conference will be held at the Institute, in the Sterling Divinity Quadrangle, as well as other locations at Yale University and in downtown New Haven.

Demographic, cultural, and theological shifts in recent years have had a great impact on Christian worship in North America. This conference will explore these factors, and participants will discuss the many opportunities and challenges involved in the field of church music today. These proceedings will be of interest and value to church musicians and those who train them.

The keynote address will be given by Martin E. Marty. The conference will include plenary sessions led by Marva Dawn, Quentin Faulkner, Robert Rimbo, and Don Saliers; master classes on teaching by Lorraine Brugh (global music), David Heller (hymn-playing), Mark Miller (Gospel accompaniment), Thomas Murray (choral accompaniment), and Bruce Neswick and Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra (improvisation for church musicians). Church music curricula will be presented by Michael Bauer, Lorraine Brugh, Craig Cramer, Peter DuBois, and Janette Fishell. Preceding the pedagogy conference there will be a three-day symposium on preaching and music: Listening Is Performing, Performing Is Listening, March 8-10.

Complete conference information, including online registration, is available at www.agohq.org. For further information, please contact the Yale Institute of Sacred Music at 203-432-3220 or e-mail albert.agbayani@yale.edu.

If you want your special events and concerts posted in the newsletter, please send info to: editor@cacago.org ! I'm only receiving program info from a few of our members. I am not being partial to anyone!

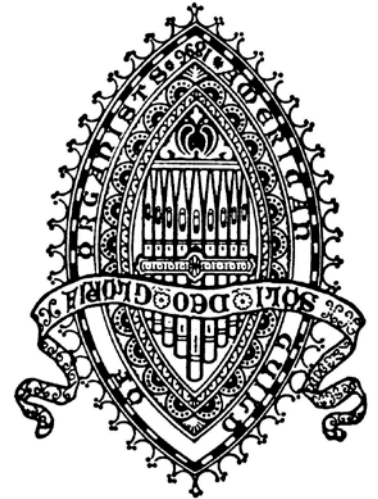
Sunday, December, 21st
6:00 p.m.
St. James Methodist Church
Carols and Candles

Robert Lindley, Director
For more information call:
501-217-6733

December 5th, 2008
The CACAGO Christmas Party
The event will be graciously hosted by: Bob Bidewell, at his home.
[22 Coronado Cir](#)
[North Little Rock, AR](#)
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm This party will be a casual cocktail/ buffet.

Reservations need to be made by
noon, Tuesday, December 2nd!
Bring your Organ/Piano music!





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THE 08 /09 SEASON

November 08

28th - Ken Cowan and Lisa Shihoten: First Presbyterian Little Rock. 6:00pm Concert 8pm

December 08

5th - Annual Christmas Party at Bob Bidewell's home in North Little Rock. 7:00pm – 9:00pm

January 09

23rd - Organ and Orchestra at Cathedral St. Andrew Little Rock
6:00pm - Concert 8pm

February 09

27th - Jeffrey Blersch playing a program of hymns and recital pieces at Grace Lutheran, Little Rock. Dinner 6:00pm - Concert 8pm

28th - Jeffery Blersch on service playing and worship at Grace Lutheran. 10:00am – Noon.

March 09

20th - Artist and Location To Be Announced

April 09

17th - first of two concerts for the 6th Annual Organ Recital series

celebrating the life of Robert Ellis

the first recital will be at First Presbyterian in Little Rock.

Nathan Laube from The Curtis Institute will be performing.

6:00pm - Concert 8pm

19th - second of two concerts for the 6th Annual Organ Recital series

celebrating the life of Robert Ellis

the second recital will feature Nathan Laube at FUMC

Arkadelphia.

Concert 4:00pm

May 09

15th - Laura Ellis at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Little Rock.

Dinner 6:00pm - Concert 8pm

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Find out more about this AGO Program



Injury Prevention Center
archildrens.org
it only takes a moment.