



Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

The
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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 friends,

First, I want to give a most sincere thank you to John Churchwell and the staff of FUMC, Little Rock for hosting our meeting in October. A big thank you, also to all who played; it's not the easiest thing in the world to play for an audience of your peers. Thank you, also, to Betty Deislinger for hosting the after-party—it was a much needed time for me (speaking only for me at this point) to relax and unwind a bit after a brutal week at the office.

While I don't think this will come as a major surprise to any of you, *Advent is almost here!* Oh my word! All Saints' Day was this past Sunday; Thanksgiving is in two weeks; and then Advent starts. As usual I seem to be behind the curve on learning the new music I had planned, and in fact on doing the

required planning for Advent and Christmas. *Argh!* Of course I'm the only church musician in CACAGO with that problem, right?

In the meantime please make plans to join us on November 16 at First Presbyterian Church for a scrumptious dinner, visiting with your fellow AGO members, and, most important, a recital by Joshua Stafford. Joshua is a young, upcoming and very talented organist who just graduated from Yale with his Masters. Joshua is presently organist/choirmaster at St. Andrews Church in Stamford, CT. His recital promises to be a real treat for all of us.

Hope to see all of you on November 16,

Betty Cohen
Dean

Congratulations!

CACAGO congratulates Steve Bullock on celebrating 25 years as Organist / Master of the Choristers at Christ Church. Although the actual anniversary was All Saints' Day, it was celebrated during the 10:30 Eucharist on Sunday, November 4th, with a standing ovation. A reception in Steve's honor followed the service.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Friday, November 16, 2012

Joshua Stafford, *organ*

Punchbowl — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner and Meeting — 6:45 P.M.

Program — 8:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church

800 Scott Street

Little Rock, Arkansas

*Following the recital, there will be
a reception at the home of Wayne Simpson*

1315 Center St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

The cost for dinner is \$10.00. For dinner reservations, contact Fred Graham via e-mail (dinner@cacago.org) or phone (501) 663-8632. Fred is accepting reservations until noon on Wednesday, November 14. Your reservation will be confirmed via phone or e-mail. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Fred to assure your reservation has been received.

Biography of Joshua Stafford

Active as an organist, pianist, conductor, and accompanist, Joshua Stafford was recently appointed to the positions of Fellow in Music at St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Washington, DC, and Associate Director of Music at St. John the Beloved Parish in McLean, VA. Joshua graduated from the Yale University School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music with a Master's Degree in Organ Performance and the Certificate in Church Music in May 2012. His principal teachers at Yale were Thomas Murray (organ) and Jeffrey Brillhart (improvisation), and he was a recipient of both a full-tuition scholarship and the Robert Baker Award, which is granted each year to the most promising incoming organ student. In 2010, he received the Bachelor of Music degree from the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he was a full-tuition scholarship student of Alan Morrison.

Joshua has performed numerous recitals across the country, including at such notable venues as Philadelphia's Kimmel Center, Princeton University Chapel, Ocean Grove Auditorium, Spivey Hall in Atlanta, and Ursinus College. A regular performer on the world's largest outdoor organ, the Massey Memorial Organ at the Chautauqua Institution, he was also an Assistant Organist at the world's largest organ, the Wanamaker Grand Court Organ in Philadelphia. Additionally, he has been a featured performer on the nationally syndicated radio show, Pipedreams, and WRTI's Wanamaker Organ

Hour. As a collaborative musician, Joshua has performed with the Curtis Symphony Orchestra, the Curtis Opera Orchestra, the Temple University Concert Choir, the Bach Collegium of Philadelphia, Conservatory Brass, the Dolce Suono Ensemble, and the Buxtehude Consort. From 2008-2010, he served as the accompanist for the Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia, performing major works of the choral repertoire. In 2009, Joshua traveled to England for an extensive tour with the choirs of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr. While there he played concerts and services in many historic venues, including Gloucester Cathedral, Lincoln Cathedral, St. Alban's Cathedral, Hereford Cathedral, Tewkesbury Abbey, the Royal Naval College Chapel in Greenwich, and St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

A native of Jamestown, NY, Joshua began piano studies at the age of six. His interest in the organ was sparked at a Pipe Organ Excursion held by the Chautauqua, NY chapter of the American Guild of Organists that he attended at the age of ten. Joshua's previous teachers include Jared Jacobsen and James Bigham. Former positions include Organist and Choirmaster at St. Andrew's Church, Stamford, Assistant Organist at St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Assistant Director of Music at the Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr, and the Organ Scholar at the historic Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge.

Program

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| Trio Sonata No. 2 in C minor, BWV 526 | Johann Sebastian Bach |
| Prelude to <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> | Engelbert Humperdinck |
| Prélude et danse fuguée | Gaston Litaize |
| <i>Intermission</i> | |
| Cortège et Litanie | Marcel Dupré |
| Adagio for Strings | Samuel Barber |
| Roulade, Op. 3, No. 9 | Seth Bingham |
| Jupiter from <i>The Planets</i> | Gustav Holst |

Arts Calendar

Wednesday, November 7 – 6:30 p.m.

Herbert Howells Requiem
Cathedral of St. Andrew
Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, November 10 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, November 11 – 3:00 p.m.

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks
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Tuesday, November 13 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Friday, November 16 – 8:00 p.m. [CACAGO]

Josh Stafford, organ
First Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sunday, November 18 – 4:00 p.m.

Bob Bidewell, organ
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Thursday, November 29 – 7:30 p.m.

Hendrix College Choir: Candlelight Carol Service
Greene Chapel, Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas

Friday, November 30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hendrix College Choir: Candlelight Carol Service
Greene Chapel, Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas

Saturday, December 1 – 7:30 p.m.

Hendrix College Choir: Candlelight Carol Service
Greene Chapel, Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas

Saturday, December 1 – 7:30 p.m.

Amahl and the Night Visitors
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sunday, December 2 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 2 – 4:00 p.m.

Hendrix College Choir: Candlelight Carol Service
Greene Chapel, Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas

Sunday, December 2 – 7:00 p.m.

Amahl and the Night Visitors
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Monday, December 3 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, December 4 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, December 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Little Rock Wind Symphony
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Thursday, December 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Music Society of Little Rock
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, December 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Arkansas Chamber Singers
Arkansas Old State House Museum
Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, December 8 – 7:30 p.m.

Arkansas Chamber Singers
Arkansas Old State House Museum
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sunday, December 9 – 3:00 p.m.

Arkansas Chamber Singers
Arkansas Old State House Museum
Little Rock, Arkansas

Thursday, December 13 – 7:30 p.m.

Hendrix College Choir: Candlelight Carol Service
Belle Meade United Methodist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Friday, December 14 – 12:00 p.m.

Advent Recital: Flute & Harp
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, December 14 – 7:30 p.m.

Hendrix College Choir: Candlelight Carol Service
Lakewood United Methodist Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Treasurer's Report

| INCOME | | EXPENSES | |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| REVENUE | | ADMINISTRATIVE | |
| Dues | \$2,958.00 | Dues to National | \$1,531.00 |
| Ad Sales | \$1,265.00 | Catering | \$1,502.51 |
| Meals | \$750.00 | Marketing/Public Relations | \$433.33 |
| Carry Over (FY12) | \$6,242.87 | Remaining Expenses | \$254.03 |
| Reception Fund | \$8.00 | | \$3,720.87 |
| | \$11,223.87 | | |
| SUPPORT | | ARTISTIC | |
| Individuals | \$2,994.00 | Artist Fees/Housing | \$0.00 |
| Corporate/Church | \$0.00 | Remaining Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Endowment | \$103.00 | Tech/Production | \$500.00 |
| | \$3,097.00 | | \$500.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$14,320.87 | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$4,220.87 |
| | | BALANCE | \$10,100.00 |

St. Paul Concert Series presents
My Favorite Things
 Bob Bidewell, organ
 Featuring music by
 Bach, Daquin, Locklair, and more

Sunday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.
 St. Paul United Methodist Church
 2223 Durwood Road, Little Rock

The program is free and open to all. Donations are accepted to help promote the concert series and support the music ministry of St. Paul United Methodist Church. For more information contact the church office at (501) 666-9429.

Hendrix College
 Conway, Arkansas

2012 Candlelight Carol Services

Greene Chapel, Hendrix College
 November 29, 30, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.
 December 2 at 4 p.m.

For reservations call (501) 450-1495 beginning on November 19.

Box Office Hours:
 November 19 and 20: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 November 26 - 30: 12 noon-2 p.m.

On tour:
Belle Meade United Methodist Church
 Nashville, Tennessee
 December 13, 7:30 p.m.

Lakewood United Methodist Church
 North Little Rock, Arkansas
 December 14, 7:30 p.m.

No reservations are required for tour performances.