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From the Dean

Greetings!

I hope everyone is doing well! Autumn has arrived in Central Arkansas in full force and I am looking forward to some cold weather. I also enjoy the yearly time change; Praise to God that it is the nicer “fall back” time change!

I want to thank Steve Bullock and Thomas Alexander for hosting CACAGO at Christ Episcopal Church on October 18; it was a wonderful evening! Dr. Janette Fishell of Indiana University played a wonderful program of familiar and some less familiar offerings. I think she used the organ very well and she was a delight to have in Little Rock. As sub-dean Thomas announced in the opening remarks before her recital, Christ Church is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Nichols & Simpson organ; there will be several recitals this upcoming year to celebrate this momentous occasion. I greatly look forward to this and hope to see many of you at Christ Church for these events.

For our November program, we are headed out of town to rural Arkansas. CACAGO as well as the Northwest Arkansas Chapter are co-sponsoring Dr. Craig Cramer in a recital at Subiaco Abbey. Dr. Cramer is the organ professor at Notre Dame University and he has come to Central Arkansas twice I believe; once

in the early 1990s to dedicate the organ at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, and again in October of 2011 at Christ Church. We are excited to welcome him to Arkansas again! I hope you will consider making the journey to Subiaco on November 16. His recital will be at 10:00 a.m., and we will host a lunch on the campus after the program. If you have not been to Subiaco Abbey before, it is most definitely worth the drive. The Abbey Church seats several hundred people, and it might possibly be the best acoustical room in the State of Arkansas. The organ is a late 1950s Wicks, and it was upgraded in the late 1990s. Subiaco is about an hour and forty-five-minute drive from downtown Little Rock. I, along with sub-dean Thomas are planning to coordinate carpools if possible so we can get as many people as possible to attend the program. I really hope that you will join us at Subiaco Abbey!

I want to thank everyone who has helped so far this year with our two wonderful programs. I hope that you have enjoyed both. I look forward to seeing everyone at the remaining programs of the year.

Cheers to you all!
Beau Baldwin

Upcoming Newsletter

The January 2020 *Clarion* will be published Monday, December 30. 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. The deadline is Friday, December 27.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Organ Concert Craig Cramer, *organist*

🕒 **Saturday, November 16, 2019** 📍 **Subiaco Abbey**
10:00 A.M. – Concert 405 N. Subiaco Ave.
12:00 P.M. – Lunch & Meeting Subiaco, Arkansas

CARPOOLING: If you are interested in carpooling with others for the trip to Subiaco Abbey, please contact Beau Baldwin, (479) 841-4466 or music@csalr.org; or Thomas Alexander, (501) 375-2342 or talexander@christchurchlr.org.

LUNCH RESERVATIONS: The cost for lunch is \$15.00. For lunch reservations, contact Robert Lindley via e-mail (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.*

**Lunch reservations are due by
noon, Wednesday, November 13!**

Upcoming CACAGO Programs

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. Craig Cramer, <i>organist</i> Subiaco Abbey 405 N. Subiaco Ave. Subiaco, Arkansas	Friday, February 7 Robert McCormick, <i>organist</i> First Presbyterian Church 800 Scott St. Little Rock, Arkansas
Friday, January 10 Richard Hixson Birthday Concert Nathan Laube, <i>organist</i> Christ Episcopal Church 509 Scott St. Little Rock, Arkansas	Thursday, April 23 David Hirst, <i>organist</i> Trinity Episcopal Cathedral 310 W. 17th St. 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 United States as well as in Canada.

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 Buxtehude's complete organ works in a series of nine concerts on this organ. During the 2011-12 season, he again performed the complete organ works of Buxtehude in a series of 6 concerts on the organ by Paul Fritts in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Columbus, Ohio. 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. He was a featured performer at the 2008 EROI Festival in Rochester, New York. Cramer has performed for conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society and ALCM, as well as for many AGO Chapters across the country. He was one of the featured organ soloists at the AGO National Convention in Boston in 2014, of which Jonathan Ambrosino wrote in *Choir and Organ Magazine*, "Craig Cramer presented a dense and fascinating contrapuntal programme (sic), concluding with Reger's Second Sonata, brilliantly and fearlessly played." He has also appeared as a soloist with a number of different orchestras.

Dr. Cramer's performances are frequently heard on American Public Media's program, *Pipedreams*. 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 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 shortly release two more Buxtehude recordings performed on the new Taylor and Boody organ at Goshen College (Indiana). The University of Notre Dame recently recognized Cramer with a Kaneb distinguished faculty award.

November Program

Craig Cramer, *organist*

Introduction, Scherzo und Fuge on B-E-A-T-E (1993)

Toni Zahnbrecher (b. 1959)

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Salutation, Petition, and Acclamation

Lynn Trapp (b. 1963)

Prelude and Fugue on "O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid"

Ethel Smith (1841-1924)

Le Mystère de Noël

Auguste Fauchard (1881-1957)

Fauré Requiem

Friday, November 15 • 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
310 W 17th St
Little Rock, AR 72206-1461

Members of the Arkansas Symphony join the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Choir in a free performance of Gabriel Fauré's famous *Requiem*, *Cantique de Jean Racine* and *Ave Verum* with the *Maria Mater Gratiae*. Contact Victoria Harden for more information, victoria@trinitylittlerock.org.

Advent Ave's

Sunday, December 8 • 5:00 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
310 W 17th St
Little Rock, AR 72206-1461

The Trinity Episcopal Choir sings Ave Maria's written from the Medieval period stretch to the most contemporary composers. This presentation will be part of a Rite III Eucharist in the Cathedral located in downtown Little Rock.

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8 • 7:30 P.M.

Cathedral of Saint Andrew
617 Louisiana St
Little Rock, AR 72201-4203

The Choir of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew will sing the annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols including works by Stanford Scriven, Herbert Howells, Paul Manz and others as well as many familiar Advent hymns. A festive reception follows the service in McDonald Hall. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Organ Available

Two-manual organ available to be donated to a worthy cause.

Contact Robert Warren, warrenrobert433@gmail.com or (501) 351-3228.



Arts Calendar

Saturday, November 9 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO: Beethoven & Blue Jeans
 Robinson Center Music Hall
 Little Rock, AR

Sunday, November 10 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO: Beethoven & Blue Jeans
 Robinson Center Music Hall
 Little Rock, AR

Tuesday, November 12 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO: Ravel & Villa-Lobos
 Clinton Presidential Center
 Little Rock, AR

Thursday, November 14 – 7:30 P.M.

LRCMS: Pacifica Quartet
 UA Little Rock: Stella Boyle Smith Auditorium
 Little Rock, AR

Saturday, November 16 – 10:00 A.M.

CACAGO: Craig Cramer, organist
 Subiaco Abbey
 Subiaco, AR

Thursday, December 5 – 7:30 P.M.

Little Rock Winds
 UA-Pulaski Tech CHARTS Theater
 North Little Rock, AR

Sunday, December 8 – 3:00 P.M.

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

Monday, December 9 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Tuesday, December 10 – 7:00 P.M.

Arkansas Chamber Singers
 Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
 Little Rock, AR

Thursday, December 12 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Friday, December 13 – 7:00 P.M.

Arkansas Chamber Singers
 Old State House
 Little Rock, AR

Saturday, December 14 – 3:00 P.M.

Arkansas Chamber Singers
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 Little Rock, AR

Treasurer's Report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
REVENUE		ADMINISTRATIVE	
Dues	\$1,245.00	Dues to National	\$80.00
Ad Sales		Catering/Reception	\$1,200.00
Meals	\$1,005.00	Marketing/Public Relations	
Carry Over (FY19)	\$3,433.43	Remaining Expenses	
Other/Mail			\$1,280.00
	<u>\$5,683.43</u>		
SUPPORT		ARTISTIC	
Individuals	\$280.00	Artist Fees/Housing	\$3,350.00
Other (ACH)		Remaining Expenses (ACH)	
Endowment		Tech/Production	
	<u>\$280.00</u>		<u>\$3,350.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,963.43	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,630.00
		BALANCE	\$1,333.43