



# Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

# The *Clarion* November 2022

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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.

## 2022-2023 Officers

Bob Bidewell, *dean*  
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Jane Gamble, *secretary*

## Executive Committee

Karen Horton (2023)  
Colin MacKnight (2024)  
John Briggs (2025)

## From the Dean

I hope this finds each of you doing well and enjoying the end of October and the beginning of November. This year has flown by. With November comes All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, Thanksgiving, Christ the King Sunday, and the end of the Liturgical Calendar—busy times ahead for church musicians! I hope your Advent, Christmas, Christmastide, and Epiphany Seasons are meaningful and wonderful. I know your musical offerings will be beautiful!

Speaking of being thankful, this past week we celebrated what I affectionately called "The Week of the Organ!" in central Arkansas. Many thanks to Colin MacKnight (Trinity Episcopal Cathedral) and Beau Baldwin (Cathedral of St. Andrew) for hosting several events. I can attest that organist David Enlow played magnificently! And if you were unable to attend the dinner meeting on Friday, you might have missed one of the best meals we've had in my 23 years as a member of this chapter! Father Shaun outdid himself. He, along with Scott Seidenschwarz, may now be known as "the official caterers of CACAGO!"

As you know, the AGO proclaimed 2021-2022 as the "Year of the Young Organist." We are thrilled to host three of our young musicians at our next program, Friday, November 11, First United Methodist Church, Little Rock. I hope you'll join us for dinner, a short meeting, and a program by Chandler Freligh, Rosemarie Ochoa, and Daniel Gauger!

It is always with sadness that we lose people dear to us. This past week we learned of the deaths of Felix Thompson and Margaret Shook who both were active in the music community. May light perpetual shine on you.

As is our usual custom, we will not have a program during the month of December. We are planning a social gathering in January to catch up and have some time to celebrate surviving the holidays. Although we affectionately call it a "12th Night Party," the event may end up being a 14th, 15th, or 20th night party! More to come.

Take care and, again, hope to see you November 11 at FUMC!

Peace,  
Bob

## Thanksgiving

*Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

We ought to make the moments notes  
Of happy, glad Thanksgiving;  
The hours and days a silent phrase  
Of music we are living.  
And so the theme should swell and grow  
As weeks and months pass o'er us,  
And rise sublime at this good time,  
A grand Thanksgiving chorus.

## Upcoming Newsletter

The January 2023 *Clarion* will be published Monday, January 2. 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](mailto:adam@cacago.org). The deadline is Friday, December 30.

# NOVEMBER MEETING

Young Artists Recital  
Rosemarie Ochoa, *organist*  
Chandler Freligh, *organist*  
Daniel Gauger, *organist*

🕒 **Friday, November 11, 2022**

6:00 P.M. – Punchbowl

6:30 P.M. – Dinner & Meeting

7:30 P.M. – Installation of Officers

📍 **First United Methodist Church**

723 Center St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

**DINNER RESERVATIONS:** The cost for dinner is \$20.00. For dinner reservations, contact Dr. Jane Gamble via e-mail ([dinner@cacago.org](mailto:dinner@cacago.org)), or voice/text (901) 827-7909, 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.*

**Dinner reservations are due by  
noon, Tuesday, November 8!**

## Upcoming CACAGO Programs

**Friday, November 11, 7:30 P.M.**

Young Artists Recital  
Rosemarie Ochoa, *organist*  
Chandler Freligh, *organist*  
Daniel Gauger, *organist*  
First United Methodist Church  
723 Center St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**January, TBA**

Twelfth Night Party  
Home of Bob Bidewell

**Friday, February 10, 7:30 P.M.**

Hymn Festival with David Cherwien  
Grace Lutheran Church  
5124 Hillcrest Ave.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Saturday, February 11, 10:00 A.M.**

Organist Workshop  
David Cherwien, *presenter*  
Grace Lutheran Church  
5124 Hillcrest Ave.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Friday, March 3, 7:30 P.M.**

Damin Spritzer, *organist*  
Pulaski Heights UMC  
4823 Woodlawn Dr.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Saturday, March 11, 10:00 A.M.**

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza  
First United Methodist Church  
1610 Prince St.  
Conway, Arkansas

**April, TBA**

The 19th Annual Concert  
Celebrating the Life of  
Robert Young Ellis

**Friday, May 5, 7:30 P.M.**

Fred Teardo, *organist*  
First Presbyterian Church  
800 Scott St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

## Young Artists



**Rosemarie Ochoa** is a native of Little Rock and began her organ studies at Hendrix College in August 2017. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Hendrix with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Spanish. Rosemarie has served as the Assistant Organist at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Little Rock since September 2021. Her organ teacher is Beau Baldwin.



**Chandler Freligh** is a young organist from Forrest City, Arkansas where he plays the organ for Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and plays at Wynne Baptist Church in the youth band on Wednesday nights. Chandler began organ lessons in June of this year after studying the piano for 11 years. Currently a senior at Wynne High School, he plans to attend Arkansas State University in Jonesboro where he will major in music education. As a member of the band at Wynne Senior High, Chandler is currently Section Leader and First Chair in the trumpet section and has served as First Tenor Section Leader in the school's choir. Chandler has also participated in the Arkansas Interfaith Conference Choir Camp. Aside from studying organ, piano, and voice, Chandler has a lifelong affinity for theatre, and has participated in numerous theatrical productions in the community. He currently studies organ with Alex Turner.



**Daniel Gauger** is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas and a graduate of Little Rock Central High School. He is currently in his senior year at the University of Oklahoma studying organ performance under the instruction of Dr. Adam Pajan and Dr. Damin Spritzer. Before attending the University of Oklahoma, Gauger was an organ student of Jim Maase (starting in 2017) and Bob Bidewell (2014). Since August of 2022, Gauger has served as Organist at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Joint Evensong with St. Luke's

Sunday, November 6 • 4:00 P.M.

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

The choirs of Trinity Cathedral and St. Luke's, North Little Rock will offer a joint evensong at Trinity Cathedral in observance of All Souls' Day. This service, consisting mostly of music, will last about 45 minutes.

Organ Concert

Weston Jennings, organist

Tuesday, November 8 • 7:00 P.M.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
4106 John F Kennedy Blvd  
North Little Rock, AR 72116-8250

Works by Bach, Elgar, Mendelssohn, Kittel, Gardonyi, Stamm, Zipoli.

Remembrance Day Requiem

Sunday, November 13 • 4:00 P.M.

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

Trinity Cathedral will commemorate service members who have died in the line of duty. The choir will sing the Duruflé *Requiem*, arguably the crowning achievement of 20th century sacred music.

Thanksgiving Eucharist

Thursday, November 24 • 10:00 A.M.

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

Trinity Cathedral will have its annual Thanksgiving Eucharist. Music to include Malcolm Boyle's *Thou O God art praised in Sion* and Maurice Greene's *Thou visitest the earth*, as well as beloved Thanksgiving hymns.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, November 27 • 4:00 P.M.

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

Trinity Cathedral will offer its annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Join us for this seasonal service of Advent readings, hymns, and choral music! A reception will follow.

Organ Dedication Concert

Ken Cowan, organist

Friday, January 27 • 7:30 P.M.

Second Presbyterian Church  
600 Pleasant Valley Dr  
Little Rock, AR 72227-2149

Organist Ken Cowan will perform the dedication concert for the new Nichols & Simpson, Inc. organ.

# Arts Calendar

**Thursday, November 3 – 7:30 P.M.**

CMSLR: Danish String Quartet  
 UA-Pulaski Tech CHARTS Theater  
 North Little Rock, AR

**Tuesday, November 8 – 7:00 P.M.**

Weston Jennings, organist  
 St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
 North Little Rock, AR

**Friday, November 11 – 7:30 P.M.**

CACAGO: Young Artists Recital  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Saturday, November 12 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Mendelssohn Violin Concerto  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, November 13 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Mendelssohn Violin Concerto  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Friday, December 2 – 7:30 P.M.**

Arkansas Choral Society: Handel's Messiah  
 Calvary Baptist Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, December 4 – 2:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
 Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Monday, December 5 – 7:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
 Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, December 8 – 7:30 P.M.**

Little Rock Winds: Holiday Cheer!  
 UA-Pulaski Tech CHARTS Theater  
 North Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, December 8 – 7:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
 Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Friday, December 9 – 7:00 P.M.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
 Old State House  
 Little Rock, AR

**Saturday, December 10 – 3:00 P.M.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
 Old State House  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, December 11 – 3:00 P.M.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
 Old State House  
 Little Rock, AR

**Friday, December 16 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO: Home for the Holidays  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Saturday, December 17 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO: Home for the Holidays  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, December 18 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO: Home for the Holidays  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Tuesday, January 17 – 7:00 P.M.**

ASO Chamber: Shostakovich, Prokofiev  
 Clinton Presidential Center  
 Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, January 19 – 7:30 P.M.**

CMSLR: Ying Quartet  
 Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
 Little Rock, AR

**Friday, January 27 – 7:30 P.M.**

Organ Dedication Concert: Ken Cowan, organist  
 Second Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Saturday, January 28 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, January 29 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO Masterworks: Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Friday, February 10 – 7:30 P.M.**

CACAGO: Hymn Festival  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 Little Rock, AR

## Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p><b>REVENUE</b></p> <p>Dues \$1,332.00</p> <p>Ad Sales</p> <p>Meals \$420.00</p> <p>Carry Over (FY20) \$3,789.82</p> <p>Other/Mail</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$5,541.82</p> <p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p>Individuals \$3,065.14</p> <p>Other (ACH)</p> <p>Endowment</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$3,065.14</p> <p><b>TOTAL INCOME</b> \$8,606.96</p>	<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>Dues to National</p> <p>Catering/Reception \$1,000.00</p> <p>Marketing/Public Relations</p> <p>Remaining Expenses \$269.05</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$1,269.05</p> <p><b>ARTISTIC</b></p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing \$4,600.00</p> <p>Remaining Expenses (ACH)</p> <p>Tech/Production</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$4,600.00</p> <p><b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> \$5,869.05</p> <p><b>BALANCE</b> \$2,737.91</p>