



Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

The
Clarion
December 2012

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 all,

Oh my! The first Sunday of Advent has come and gone, and I'm still not sure what service music I need to plan for the rest of December and most especially for Christmas Eve services! ARGH! What happened to all my good intentions to have music planned for the entire Christmas season before September??? Anyone else have this problem?

As musicians we are somewhat out-of-step with the rest of the world—we are in the midst of celebrating Advent, not Christmas; the Christmas celebration begins on Dec. 25, not on Nov. 1 (or earlier). For the next few weeks we anticipate the coming of the Christ, and focus on preparing our hearts to receive Him. Of course, this translates into an awful lot of work in other areas, too—extra choir rehearsals, extra programs both sacred and

secular, extra obligations of all types and sorts, extra shopping, extraordinary demands on time, energy, and money. Still and all, this is a beautiful season; enjoy its peace and promise.

Take some time in the next few weeks to enjoy some of the lovely Advent music programs that are offered. On a personal note, my Advent season got off to a simply beautiful start when I attended the Hendrix College Choir's Lessons and Carols service last Thursday. The combination of lovely voices, readings, candles and beautiful organ music (thank you, Ansley!) served as a calm and serene start to my Advent journey.

May each of you have a fulfilling and awe-filled Advent.

Betty Cohen

Upcoming CACAGO Programs

Friday, January 18

Richard Hixson Birthday Recital

David Briggs, *organ*

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

1000 N. Mississippi Ave.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, February 15

Bradley Hunter Welch, *organ*

Pulaski Heights UMC

4823 Woodlawn

Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, March 15

Thomas Murray, *organ*

First Presbyterian Church

Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, April 26

Tenth Annual Recital

Celebrating the Life of

Robert Young Ellis

Daryl Robinson, *organ*

Cathedral of St. Andrew

617 S. Louisiana St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, May 24

A Benefit Concert for the

Pediatric Injury Prevention Center

Arkansas Children's Hospital

Scott Dettra, *organ*

Christ Episcopal Church

509 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Arts Calendar

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

Friday, December 14 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, December 15 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 16 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 16 – 6:00 p.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols
Christ Episcopal Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Positions Available

Faith Presbyterian Church Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas

Faith Presbyterian Church of Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, is seeking an interim organist and choir director. There is a potential for the job becoming full-time. Temporary pay is set for \$75 per Sunday for each position, preferably filled by one person. We have an excellent Allen digital organ and a small but dedicated choir of 12-15. Contact Andrew Clay at (870) 670-4664 or aclayar@aol.com (Please put "Organist" in subject line.)

Trinity Presbyterian Church Little Rock, Arkansas

Trinity Presbyterian Church in west Little Rock is seeking a part time organist/choir director. Responsibilities include directing the adult choir, playing the organ and/or piano for all services (currently at 10:30a.m. on Sundays) and coordinating musical activity at the church. Position available December 31, 2012. Interested persons should send a resume with references to the attention of Julie Peak at office@trinitypreslr.com or 4501 Rahling Road, Little Rock, AR 72223-4624.

Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p>REVENUE</p> <p>Dues \$2,958.00</p> <p>Ad Sales \$1,265.00</p> <p>Meals \$1,160.00</p> <p>Carry Over (FY12) \$6,242.87</p> <p>Reception Fund \$8.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$11,633.87</p> <p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Individuals \$3,216.00</p> <p>Corporate/Church \$0.00</p> <p>Endowment \$0.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$3,216.00</p> <p>TOTAL INCOME \$14,849.87</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>Dues to National \$1,531.00</p> <p>Catering \$2,186.88</p> <p>Marketing/Public Relations \$433.33</p> <p>Remaining Expenses \$254.03</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$4,405.24</p> <p>ARTISTIC</p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing \$2,053.80</p> <p>Remaining Expenses \$0.00</p> <p>Tech/Production \$500.00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,553.80</p> <p>TOTAL EXPENSES \$6,959.04</p> <p>BALANCE \$7,890.83</p>

St. Paul Concert Series presents

An Advent Recital

Music for Flute and Harp

Susan Antonetti, *flute*

Alisa Coffey, *harp*

Featuring *Greensleeves* by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Friday, December 14, 12:00 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

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.