# PIPELINES

#### NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

## FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Friends,



A couple of years ago, I put myself through a thought exercise. I sat down with a blank piece of paper in front of me, and I wrote down the top ten living musicians that I respected the most. If you know me, you know that the list was a broad one, and it included both people that I knew personally and people who I didn't. For example, my first organ teacher, John Neely, was listed right next to Bruce Springsteen. It included pianists, conductors, and composers. It was an eclectic and varied list. I then went through the names and looked for a common link between them, the hope being that I would find something that I wanted to cultivate in myself as I continued my career. There was one

common link, and it jumped out at me immediately: they all exhibited a drive to get better at what they did as they got older. None of them rested on their laurels. They all have continued to work, hone their skills, and become better artists even though they were already successful.

I couldn't help but think of this exercise while listening to Wilma speak to Colleen at our last meeting. I was struck that not only are we blessed by her wisdom and teaching, but we are also blessed by her example. I hope that you plan on joining us on March 8 at St. George's for her 90th birthday concert. Also, Colleen's interview with Wilma will be distributed as a podcast by Nashville Public Radio before the concert. When that is available, we will make sure to let you know and give you instructions on how to access it. Again, thank you to them both for a wonderful January program.

Don't forget to join us on February 11 for the Blair Children's Chorus at the Upper Room Chapel. The Upper Room Christian Art Museum will be open for us to view as well. The museum contains a permanent collection of Christian art that reflects diverse cultures and a rich history of interdenominational ministry. Mary Biddlecombe, the conductor of the Blair Children's Chorus, will use part of her program to give a brief clinic on rehearsal techniques. If children's choirs are a part of your church's ministry, this is an opportunity learn from a nationally renowned conductor. We hope to see you all there for this wonderful program.

Until then stay warm. I hope your new year is off to a great start.

Matt Phelps, Dean

FEBRUARY MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 - 7:30 PM
BLAIR CHILDREN'S CHORUS ~ MARY LACASSE-BIDDLECOMB, CONDUCTOR

The Upper Room · 1908 Grand Avenue · Nashville, TN 37212

Dinner and meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner reservations, **due by February 6**, can be made online at <a href="https://www.nashvilleago.org">www.nashvilleago.org</a> (click on "Dinner Reservations") or by contacting Linda Winters at (615) 456-2065 or AGOdinner@gmail.com. Cost of Dinner: \$18.

#### A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

We've gotten off to an unusually poor start this year in payment for dinner reservations. Please remember that all reservations must be paid for even when you are unable to attend due to a last-minute change in plans. Please be sure to take care of any invoice that you may have received for your dinner reservation. Checks may be mailed to 9914 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Lebanon, TN 37090. If you believe that an error has made or have any question, please be sure to give me a call at (615) 453-8988 or send me an email (fpc.organ@gmail.com). Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Gary Scott Treasurer



#### MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Dakota Hill**, who has been nominated for a position on the national council of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. The organization exists "to assist worship leaders in creating meaningful worship experiences that bring people into deeper relationships with God and each other."

#### CLASSIFIEDS

### Montreat House Available for Worship & Music 1

Redwing Cottage is open the nights of June 15–21 for the first week of the 2019 Montreat Worship & Music Conference. The upper level has two bedrooms (one full, two twins), living room/dining room, kitchen, and full bath (tub/shower). The lower level has two bedrooms (one queen, two twins), living room/dining room/kitchen, and full bath (shower). The laundry room is shared by all. Easy downhill walk to the lake and surrounding buildings. \$700 for the week plus \$75 cleaning fee. Claim Redwing for your family, or invite friends/colleagues to share the space with you. Contact Bekah Caruso at <a href="mailto:bcaruso@bellsouth.net">bcaruso@bellsouth.net</a>.

#### **JOB OPENINGS**

First United Methodist Church, McMinnville, has an opening for an organist for one Sunday service (10:30 a.m.) and Wednesday night rehearsal each week, as well as any special services during the church year. Salary is negotiable. Contact Donna Campbell, director of music, at (931) 808-8415 or senior pastor Tommy Vann at (931) 473-4419 (church) or (931) 626-9388 (cell).



# ARTS CALENDAR

## February 2019

2/3/2019, 4:00 p.m. Let's Sing the Old Hymns Matt Phelps, Organist Grace Lutheran Church 2041 Madison Street, Clarksville

2/10/2019, 4:30 p.m.
Organ Concert
Nicholas Bergin, Organist,
First Presbyterian Church, Nashville
Choral Evensong, 5:00 p.m.
St. George's Choir and Senior Choristers
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
Nara Lee, Organ Scholar
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

2/19/2019, 8:00 p.m.
Old and New
Organ Concert
Woosug Kang, Organist
Rebekah Alexander, Soprano
Turner Hall, Blair School of Music
2400 Blakemore Avenue, Nashville

2/20/2019, 9:15 p.m. Compline St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville



## **March 2019**

3/3/2019, 4:00 p.m.
20th Annual Cathedral Chorister
Festival Evensong
Young Choristers from around the Southeast
Nicholas White, Director of Chapel Music
and Organist
St. Paul's School, Concord, MA
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville

3/4/2019, 7:00 p.m.
Vienna Boys Choir Concert
Tickets: click here
or www.eventbrite.com (search Vienna Boys Choir)
Brentwood United Methodist Church
309 Franklin Pike, Brentwood

3/8/2019, 7:00 p.m.
Wilma Jensen's 90th Birthday Celebration
Wilma Jensen and Friends
St. George's Choir
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Guest Musicians: Rebecca Price, Christie John Bye,
Glenn Miller, Janette Fishell, and James Mellichamp
Stephen Seifert and Connie Ellisor's Dulcimer
Concerto, *Blackberry Winter*St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

3/10/2019, 3:30 p.m.
Lenten Solemn Choral Evensong
Cathedral Choir
Michael Velting, Canon for Music
Joseph O'Berry, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster
Preceded by an Organ Concert by Gregg Bunn
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville

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3/10/2019, 4:30 p.m.
Lenten Choral Concert
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Pärt's *Beatitudes* and Faure's *Requiem*Matthew Phelps, Conductor
Andrew Risinger, Organist
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

3/10/2019, 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong
St. George's Choristers and Lay Clerks
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
Nara Lee, Organ Scholar
Sewanee, The University of the South
735 University Avenue, Sewanee

3/15/2019, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Organ Repertoire Session (non-hymn tune) Darryl Miller, Presenter First Presbyterian Church 801 South High Street Columbia, TN

3/20/2019, 9:15 p.m. Compline St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

3/24/2019, 3:00 p.m. Young Musicians' Corner with the Blair School of Music St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

3/24/2019, 4:00 p.m. Organ Concert Vincent Dubois, Organiste Titulaire, Notre-Dame de Paris Sponsored by Gene Russell Christ Church Cathedral 900 Broadway, Nashville 3/29/2019, 4:00–10:00 p.m.
13th Annual BACHanalia
Marathon Concert of J.S. Bach's Works,
Performed by Some of Nashville's
Most Accomplished Musicians
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville

3/31/2019, 4:00 p.m. Nashville Symphony and the FPC Sanctuary Choir Raphael Bundage, Director First Presbyterian Church 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

3/31/2019, 4:00 p.m.
Stainer's *The Crucifixion*Choir and Orchestra
Rocky Craft. Conductor
Grace Lutheran Church
2041 Madison Street, Clarksville

