

PIPELINES

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

MARCH 2019



Dear Friends,

It's odd to study with someone younger than you. I've had many organ teachers, but my last organ teacher was younger than me. It never bothered me though. Because that teacher was Michael Unger, and Michael is brilliant.

A graduate of Eastman, Michael's list of awards dwarfs most. He received his doctorate and Performer's Certificate at Eastman along with the Jerald C. Graue Musicology Fellowship. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario with the Gold Medal prize, which they give to the most outstanding performer of the year. He is most known for his prizes on the international competition circuit: first prize at the Musashino-Tokyo competition, second prize and audience prize at the International Schnitger Organ Competition, and his most well-known award, first prize and audience prize at NYACOP in 2008. They say winning a competition has more to do with luck than skill, but when you've won three like Michael, it's fair to say there's more than luck involved.

Michael is younger than me by a month, but when it comes to musical wisdom, he is older than me by light years. And I'm proud to say that he is one of my best friends now and not just a former teacher. His talent is only outmatched by his graciousness and humanity. I am so excited that he gets to share both of those things with us in a couple of weeks.

We have an exciting month upcoming. Wilma's recital on March 8 at St. George's is a once-in-a lifetime event. Michael's recital at Covenant Presbyterian on March 11 is a must-see. Make sure you join us for dinner before the recital so you can take part in our election of officers. Friends, don't take for granted how alive the organ is in Nashville. These next couple of weeks are a great reminder of how blessed we are to have a vibrant chapter with wonderful performers and artists who share their gifts with us. Don't miss out!

Matt Phelps
Dean

MARCH PROGRAM - MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 - 7:30 PM

MICHAEL UNGER, ORGANIST

Covenant Presbyterian Church · 33 Burton Hills Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37215

Dinner and meeting, including election of officers, will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations, **due by March 5**, can be made online at www.nashvilleago.org (click on "Dinner Reservations") or by contacting Linda Winters at (615) 456-2065 or AGOdinner@gmail.com.
Cost of Dinner: \$18.



MICHAEL UNGER

Canadian-born organist and harpsichordist Michael Unger is assistant professor of organ and harpsichord at the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati. A multiple award-winning performer, he appears as a soloist and chamber musician in North America, Europe, and Japan. He is a First Prize winner of the International Organ Competition Musashino-Tokyo, a First Prize and Audience Prize winner of the National Young Artists' Competition of the American Guild of Organists (NYACOP), and a Second Prize and Audience Award winner of the International Schnitger Organ Competition on the historic organs of Alkmaar, the Netherlands. Featured solo recitals include performances for the national convention of the American Guild of Organists, Boulder Bach Festival, Internationale Orgelwoche Nürnberg – Musica Sacra, and numerous international and regional recital series. Recent harpsichord performances include the Skaneateles Chamber Music Festival, appearances with Publick Musick and New York State Baroque, and collaborations as part of conventions for the International Viola Society and International Society of Bassists. He received favorable international reviews for his debut solo recordings under the Naxos and Pro Organo labels: *Michael Unger: Organ Recital* (recorded in Japan) and *Universe of Poetry* (recorded in Rochester, New York). His performances have been broadcast on North American and European radio, in addition to syndicated programs *Pipedreams* and *With Heart and Voice*.

Unger holds a doctorate of musical arts from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied under David Higgs and William Porter, and was a recipient of Eastman's Performer's Certificate and the Jerald C. Graue Musicology Fellowship. He is a Gold Medal graduate of the University of Western Ontario, and his former teachers include Ethel Briggs, Sandra Mangsen, Joel Speersta, and the late Larry Cortner. He is formerly the director of music at Rochester's Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, and is a published composer of choral music.

FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Nashville AGO program committee (Hildegard Cox, Robert Klingbeil, Andrew Risinger, Dawn Seidenschwarz, and Rev. Jared Wilson) began working on the 2019–20 program year in August of 2018. They have an exciting lineup of recitals and programs planned! You will hear about each of the programs during dinner at our next meeting, on March 11 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Each committee member will take one minute to announce details of the program month he or she planned. The “and also with you . . .” programs were specifically planned to include something for everyone—performance, education, inspiration, and fellowship.

Marsha Scheusner
Program Chair



The Grand Strand Chapter of the American Guild of Organists cordially invites you and your family to the 2019 Regional Convention in iconic Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Enjoy the area's finest organs, the Southeast's most exciting artists, informative workshops, and luxurious accommodations in one of the nation's top destinations. Easy accessibility by air or interstate will make your trip a delight. Enjoy the music, learn from your colleagues, and make it a vacation experience you'll remember for a lifetime. We

can't wait to welcome you and to make your 2019 AGO SE experience the best possible. Thank you for choosing AGO SE 2019 Myrtle Beach today!

Billy Fallaw and Brian Monroe
Co-chairs

MEMBER NEWS

Donald Cornelius was involved in an auto accident on February 14. Phone calls and visits would be welcomed. He is at Woodcrest at Blakeford, room 127. His room telephone number is (615) 829-7509. The address is 11 Burton Hills Blvd., Nashville, TN 37215.

Mark your calendars for **Wilma Jensen's** 90th Birthday Celebration at St. George's, Friday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Please email member news and the names of prospective members to me.

Janet Schmidt
Nashville AGO Membership Chair
janetrtschmidt@gmail.com

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, is searching for a director of music who will be responsible for the church's music ministry, which includes organ, adult choir, bell choir, youth choir(s), leading the senior youth choir, and perhaps re-establishing the chime choir. This full-time position is at a high Lutheran liturgical church that has two services each Sunday and a Thursday morning service. Instruments include a 60-rank Schantz/Casavant pipe organ and a grand piano in the sanctuary, as well as a 9-rank Moller and a grand piano in the chapel, which serves as choir rehearsal room. For more information, contact Pastor Peters at srpastor@glctn.org.

Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, is seeking an organist for 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday worship services. In addition, the organist is asked to attend choir practices on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. Knowledge of handbells, children's music, and choral accompaniment and directing are a plus. The position is part-time, and the salary is \$9,240 per year. Call the church at (615) 824-3990 or (615) 478-6958 for more information.

ARTS CALENDAR

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](#)
Brentwood United Methodist Church
309 Franklin Pike, Brentwood

3/7/2019, 12:00 p.m.
Lenten Noon Series
Andrew Risinger, organ
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Ave, Nashville
Following the concert, lunch is available at 12:30
p.m. in McWhirter Hall for \$10. Reservations
required. Register online at [westendumc.org/
lentenconcerts](http://westendumc.org/lentenconcerts), or call the church at (615) 321-
8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to
each concert.

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

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

3/14/2019, 12:00 p.m.
Lenten Noon Series
Elliston Trio
Erin Hall, violin; Keith Nicholas, cello;
Matt Phelps, piano
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Ave, Nashville
For lunch information, see 3/7

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

ARTS CALENDAR

3/17/2019, 4:00 p.m.

Organ Concert

J.D. Plant

First Presbyterian Church

304 W. Main Street, Lebanon

3/20/2019, 9:15 p.m.

Compline

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

3/21/2019, 12:00 p.m.

Lenten Noon Series

Joseph O'Berry, organ

West End United Methodist Church

2200 West End Ave, Nashville

For lunch information, see 3/7

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

3/28/2019, 12:00 p.m.

Lenten Noon Series

Nara Lee, organ

West End United Methodist Church

2200 West End Ave, Nashville

For lunch information, see 3/7

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

April 2019

4/4/2019, 12:00 p.m.

Lenten Noon Series

Sara Cote, viola, and Douglas Murray, organ

West End United Methodist Church

2200 West End Ave, Nashville

For lunch information, see 3/7

4/4/2019, 7:00 p.m.

Coble Memorial Dedicatory Organ Concert

Andrew Risinger, Organ

Memorial Hall, Baird Chapel

Cumberland University

1 Cumberland Square, Lebanon

4/4/2019, 7:00 p.m.

Choral Concert

Choir of New College Oxford

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

4/7/2019, 4:00 p.m.

Be Still and Know: A Concert of Contemporary

Choral Music

Vocal Arts Nashville and Montgomery Bell Academy

Headmaster Singers

Matthew Phelps and Matt Smyth, Conductors

First Presbyterian Church

4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

ARTS CALENDAR

4/7/2019, 4:30 p.m.

John Rutter's *Requiem*
Belmont UMC Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra
Gayle Sullivan, Director
Robbie Jones, Organist
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

4/11/2019, 12:00 p.m.

Lenten Noon Series
Gayle Sullivan, organ
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Ave, Nashville
For lunch information, see 3/7

4/14/2019, 3:00 p.m.

J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion*
St. Andrew Adult and Youth Choirs
Brian Russell, Director of Music
Darryl Miller, Organist
Drake Dantzler, Evangelist
John Kramar, Jesus
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
908 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin

4/14/2019, 3:00 p.m.

Mozart's *Requiem*
Vanderbilt Chorale and Oratorio Orchestra
Tucker Biddlecombe, Director
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

4/14/2019, 4:30 p.m.

Organ Concert
Zachery Zwahlen, Sewanee,
The University of the South
Choral Evensong, 5:00 p.m.
St. George's Choristers and Lay Clerks
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
Nara Lee, Organ Scholar
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

4/28/2019, 3:00 p.m.

Spring Concert
Nashville Chamber Singers
Angela Tipps, Conductor
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

4/30/2019, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Concert
Nashville Chamber Singers
Angela Tipps, Conductor
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
315 East Main Street, Murfreesboro



Blair Children's Chorus at February Meeting