DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

It was a joy to see so many of you at Covenant Presbyterian on March 7. Thanks very much to David German and Elizabeth Smith for all of their help with that program, and thanks to Covenant for hosting and co-sponsoring. Also, congratulations to our newly-elected officers: Elizabeth Smith, Dean-Elect; Dawn Seidenschwarz, Secretary; Gary Scott, Treasurer; and Allison Boccia Williams, Dakota Hill, and Eric Wyse, Executive Committee, 2018-2019. In addition to this important bit of chapter business, we were privileged to hear a really top-notch organ recital from Chelsea Chen. What a gift it is to be able to welcome such outstanding organists to Nashville!

Speaking of outstanding organists, we will soon be honoring our own **Wilma Jensen** as she performs a recital at 7 PM on Friday, April 8, at West End United Methodist Church. As most of you know, this recital is part of an evening whose purpose is to raise money

for the American Guild of Organists' National Endowment Fund. The deadline for purchasing gala tickets has passed; however, there is some relevant information I'd like to share.

National has encouraged attendees to reserve recital tickets online using this form: https://www.agohq.org/2016-gala-free-recital-tickets/. The purpose is to get a sense of how many people will be present. The concert itself is free, and those who have not reserved tickets will not be turned away. Also, though it will be necessary to claim gala tickets at will call, those who are only attending the recital may simply enter the church and find a seat. Finally, please do make plans to come to the concert, and invite your family and friends. Let's do all we can to support Wilma!

Best wishes to all of you this spring,

Nick Bergin Dean

APRIL PROGRAM — FRIDAY, APRIL 8 — 7:00 PM WILMA JENSEN IN CONCERT (sponsored by National AGO)

West End United Methodist Church • 2200 West End Avenue • Nashville, Tennessee 37203

There is no Dinner preceding this concert.

MAY PROGRAM — MONDAY, MAY 9 — 7:30 PM

TOM TRENNEY, ORGAN IMPROVISATIONS

WITHIN A CONCERT BY VOX GRATA

MEMBER NEWS

Anthony Williams played a recital on February 28th at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, Colorado.

We express our condolences to **John Todd** on the loss of his father, to **Caitlin Dowling** on the loss of her grandmother, and to **Kevin Carson** on the loss of his sister.

ALLEN ORGAN FOR SALE

The Allen organ model is AP-7 manufactured on 1/28/95. It has been installed at Congregation Micah since 1996 and has only been played a couple of days every year. It's in excellent condition. It has amps in the console and two ancillary speakers. Price: \$2500 with speakers, \$1500 without. If interested, please contact Todd Evans: tevans@congregationmicah.org, 615-377-9799.

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS

POE Atlanta

Sunday July 24 – Friday July 29, 2016 Agnes Scott College Atlanta, GA

http://www.agoatlanta.org/html/POE.htm

POE Advanced (POEA)

Cincinnati Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced will take place July 10-15, 2016 at the University of Cincinnati. Check out this educational and enjoyable week for advanced high school organists at www.cincinnatiago.org/poea16.

To play only what is written is the domain of science. To realize what is not written is the domain of art.

Jean Langlais

2016 AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 19-23, 2016 Houston, Texas agohouston2016.com

JOB OPENINGS

First United Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN has an immediate opening for an Organist for one Sunday service (10:30 AM) and Wednesday night rehearsal each week, as well as any special services during the church year. Pianists are welcome to apply on a temporary basis. Salary is negotiable. Contact Donna Campbell, Director of Music, at 931-808-8415 or Senior Pastor, James Johnson at 931-473-4419.

St. James the Less' Episcopal Church in Madison, TN is seeking an organist/choir director for one Sunday morning service and one rehearsal on Wednesday nights each week, as well as any special services during the church year. (There are no Wednesday evening rehearsals in the summer months.) Candidate will also assist the church in the procurement of a new pipe or electronic organ to be placed within the next 12-18 months. Salary is negotiable. Contact the Reverend Robin Courtney, Parish Priest, at 615-708-7337 or FatherCourtney@aol.com.

Position available at **Woodmont Christian Church** for a pianist. Primary duties would be to provide music at the 9:30 AM service, with occasional vocal or choir accompanying at the 11:00 AM service. Improvisational skills, classical repertoire, and tasteful hymn arrangements would be appreciated. Contact Michael Graham, Director of Music k12tn@comcast.net if interested.

Prepared by Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair

AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTES

A current list of available substitutes can be found at our Chapter Website, www.nashvilleago.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Dean-Elect: Elizabeth Smith
Secretary: Dawn Seidenschwarz
Treasurer: Gary Scott
Executive Committee:
Allison Boccia Williams
Dakota Hill
Eric Wyse

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ARTS CALENDAR — APRIL, MAY, JUNE

APRIL, 2016

4/4 — 7:00 PM

Justin Bowen

Senior Piano Recital

Ward Hall, Lipscomb University

One University Park Drive, Nashville

4/10 — 12:20 PM

"Old American Songs" - Aaron Copland

Derek Meler, Tenor; Nicholas Bergin, Piano

First Presbyterian Church

4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

4/10 — 4:00 PM

Organ Concert

Jonathan Rudy (2014 AGO National Competition Winner)

along with his wife Katie.

Grace Lutheran Chuch

2041 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN 37043

4/15 — 5:00-11:00 PM

10th Annual BACHANALIA

Come celebrate J.S. Bach with some of the city's finest

musicians

Michael Velting, Canon for Music

Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Christ Church Cathedral

900 Broadway, Nashville

4/17 — 3:00 PM

Music City Baroque with St. George's Choir

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Road, Nashville

4/17 — 3:00 PM

Nashville Chamber Singers

20th Anniversary Spring Concert

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

116 North Academy Street, Murfreesboro

4/17 — 5:00 PM

Sanctuary Choir Concert featuring Sunrise Mass by

Ola Gjeilo, and various anthems by contemporary

composers.

Gayle Sullivan, Director/Robbie Jones, organist

Belmont United Methodist Church

2007 Acklen Ave., Nashville

4/22 — 7:00 PM

The St. Thomas Fifth Avenue Choir of Men and Boys

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Road, Nashville

4/24 - 3:30 PM

Michael Messina, Pre-Evensong concert

(Trinity Episcopal, Indianapolis)

Solemn Choral Evensong followed by Benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament

The Cathedral Choir

Michael Velting, Canon for Music

Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Christ Church Cathedral

900 Broadway, Nashville

4/24 — 4:00 PM

The Gough Duo (organ and violin)

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Road, Nashville

MAY, 2016

5/1 — 3:00 PM

Nashville Chamber Singers; Angela Tipps, Director

20th Anniversary Spring Concert

First Presbyterian Church

4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

5/15 - 4:00 PM

CATHEDRA

Michael McCarthy, Music Director

Professional Chamber Choir from

Washington National Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral

900 Broadway, Nashville

JUNE, 2016

June 27 — 7:30 PM

"Bach for Everyone" concert

(part of Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

conference)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

908 Murfreesboro Road

Franklin, TN

June 28 — 7:30 PM

Bach Vespers with Cantata

Rick Erickson, Conductor, with strings

(part of Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

conference)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

908 Murfreesboro Road

Franklin, TN

Prepared by Gayle Sullivan, Arts Calendar Chair

