



THE NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

# PIPELINES

DECEMBER 2009



## *A DIY Holiday Event*

**OTTERBEIN COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT** — Westminster Presbyterian Church; 11/30 • 7 PM

**HOLIDAY CONCERT** — Nashville Chamber Singers, Angela Tipps, Director; Christ the King Catholic Church; 12/5 • 7 PM, and at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Murfreesboro; 12/8 • 7:30 PM

**ORGAN REDEDICATION RECITAL** — Dr. Ann Labounsky, Organist; Downtown Presbyterian Church; 12/6 • 2 PM

**ADVENT CHORAL SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER** — West End Chancel Choir; Don Marler, Director; Andrew Risinger, Organist; West End United Methodist Church; 12/6 • 4 PM

**SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME BY MICHAEL BURKHARDT** — Choirs of First Christian Church and St. Thomas More Catholic Church, with brass and handbells; Jim Hess, Conductor; Jim Patton, Organist, Paducah, Kentucky; 12/6 • 4 PM

**"MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS"** — Jason Coleman, Pianist; Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville; 12/6 • 4 PM

**MESSIAH SING-A-LONG** — David Keith, conductor; Brentwood United Methodist Church; 12/6 • 4 PM

**ADVENT VESPERS WITH LESSONS AND CAROLS** — The Cathedral Choir; Jackson Schoos, Director; Cathedral of the Incarnation; 12/6 • 7:30 PM

**LESSONS AND CAROLS** — Schola Pacis with guest organist, Hildegard Cox; Benton Chapel, Vanderbilt University; 12/13 • 3 PM

**THE CHAPTER MUST POSTPONE THE HOLIDAY GATHERING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 7,** due to variance and construction delays. We look forward to a festive gathering at the home of Cal Turner at another time. In the meantime, the Board encourages members to create a do-it-yourself (DIY) holiday event by inviting other chapter members and/or friends to one of the many seasonal programs presented by members of our chapter. Attend a concert, a service, or both; add a meal, or simply dessert and coffee; add your own seasonal cheer, and have a DIY Holiday Event. Listed below are the services, concerts, and programs that have been submitted to *Pipelines*.

**ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** — Christ Church Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers; Michael Velting, Organist and Choirmaster; Jon Johnson, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster; Christ Church Cathedral; 12/13 • 4 PM

**ANNUAL MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST** — Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble and Handbells of Hillsboro Presbyterian Church; Sherry Hill Kelly, Director; Tim Gmeiner, Organist; 12/13 • 4 PM

**A CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** — The Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, Organ and Strings; The Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green; 12/13 • 4:30 PM

**FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS** — Calvary United Methodist Church; 12/13 • 4:45 PM

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** — All choirs of West End United Methodist Church; Don Marler, conducting; West End United Methodist Church; 12/13 • 5:10 PM

**"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"** (music of Handel, Holst, and Vaughan Williams) — First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra; First Presbyterian Church; 12/13 • 7 PM

**TUBA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** — First United Methodist Church, Pulaski; 12/14 • 7 PM; and at First Baptist Church, Nashville; 12/15 • 11 AM and 12:30 PM

**THE WOMEN'S VOICES OF CENTRE COLLEGE HOLIDAY CONCERT** — Westminster Presbyterian Church; 12/15 • 7 PM

**ADVENT CHORAL SERVICE** — Westminster Presbyterian Choir; John Semingson, Director; Polly Brecht, Organist; Carol McClure, Harpist; Westminster Presbyterian Church; 12/20 • 8:30 AM and 11 AM

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS** — Music Ministers of St. Matthew Church; Joel Bolen, Music Director; St. Matthew Catholic Church, Franklin; 12/20 • 4 PM

**MAGNIFICAT BY JOHN RUTTER** — Chancel Choir with chamber ensemble and organ; First Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro; 12/20 • 6 PM

**57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FEAST OF LIGHTS AND CAROL SERVICE** — All choirs of Belmont United Methodist Church; Gayle Sullivan, director; Belmont United Methodist Church; 12/20 • 7 PM

**CHRISTMAS ORATORIO BY CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS** — The Choir of Grace Lutheran Church; Rocky Craft, Director; Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville; 1/10 • 4 PM

## DEAN'S COLUMN

Thanksgiving is here, and I want to use the Dean's column this month to gratefully acknowledge those "saints" in our AGO chapter who inspire, support, and encourage us all to be the best music ministers we can be. The recent recital and workshop on the Fisk organ at Covenant Presbyterian Church was a tribute to the years of vision and planning by committees, organ builders and organists, acousticians, contractors, electricians, and numerous other hands. A work of art rarely happens "by committee." However, in this case, all these forces came together to produce a magnificent instrument that will serve the Nashville community, and beyond, for generations to come.

**VALERIE RAINS** and **PAUL MAGYAR**, thank you for your tireless and persistent energy in organizing the dedication recital, reception, and hospitality. Janette Fishell is a treasure beyond compare. She brings research and human experience to a personal level in her performing and teaching — a rare quality.

We are entering one of the busiest seasons of the church year. In the midst of all the rehearsing, planning, and last minute details of worship, I tend to forget that what I do brings unity, healing, and strength to those who participate in song. May you all find joy in the daily labors of your work.

Hymnwriter Mary Nelson Keithahn has penned this reminder to us:

*Sing praise for the music that's chosen with care  
that we may express our deep feelings in prayer,  
for psalms, hymns, and anthems that help us move on  
from tears of lament to a joyful new song.*

*Sing praise for musicians who walk at our side,  
our friends and companions, who ever provide  
new reasons to sing and to offer our praise,  
and lead us in serving God, now and always.*

*Sing praise now for music that gives us a voice  
to tell of God's goodness, give thanks, and rejoice!*

(from "God Calls Us to Worship," text by Mary Nelson Keithahn  
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In grateful rejoicing for you all,

*Marsha*

## LABOUNSKY PRESENTS BENEFIT RECITAL

Renowned Langlais expert, Ann Labounsky, will play a recital at **2 p.m. on December 6**, to benefit the Downtown Presbyterian Church organ fund. There is no admission charge, but (generous!) donations will be gratefully received to underwrite the restoration expense of the 1913 Austin organ.

The Opus 443 was rebuilt in 1972 by Milnar Organ Company, and a new Great Division was added, as well as several new ranks. This past summer, Milnar again did a major re-build.

In addition to her international recital schedule, Labounsky is Chair of Organ and Sacred Music at Duquesne University. She is perhaps best known for her recording of the complete works of Jean Langlais, and for the biography: *Jean Langlais: the Man and His Music*. Labounsky's program includes music by Mendelssohn, Bates, Langlais, Bach, Barber, and Franck. The recital concludes with an improvisation on submitted themes.

A special "pre-recital" event will happen in conjunction with DPC's **84th Annual Waffle Shoppe on Thursday, December 3, at 11 a.m.** Dennis Milnar will lead an organ crawl through the Austin organ's universal wind chest — one in which visitors can *stand inside* the organ chest!



## SURVEY FROM LRP TASK FORCE

On November 19, the Task Force on Long-Range Planning distributed a survey by email to all members of the American Guild of Organists. All members of the AGO with e-mail addresses on file at National Headquarters have received an invitation to complete the online survey. Within 24 hours of its release, more than 1,500 members had completed that form.

The Task Force has worked for many months to develop and refine this survey. Results from this survey will be used to create plans for the important work of the AGO in the second decade of the 21st century. To optimize the value of this process, it is vitally important that all AGO members complete and submit this survey in a timely manner.

The Task Force hopes every member, every chapter, and every region of the AGO to will be fully represented in this process. The deadline for all submissions is December 31. The survey is available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ZZNu9JDbpveQB8rzz1CenQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ZZNu9JDbpveQB8rzz1CenQ_3d_3d).

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## POSITION AVAILABLE

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH at Fairfield Glade in Crossville has an opening for a choir director. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings; choir sings at the 10 AM service on Sunday, with a warm up rehearsal at 9:15 AM. Contact: Frank Radwick at 931-484-3628 or 931-456-2931.

## *Does God Sing?*

Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn and went out after the Passover meal. But this singing does not answer the whole question. I never thought about this until one Sunday at church while singing the last stanza of the hymn, "Praise the Lord, the King of Glory." And there it was: "God himself is singing o'er us." That phrase sent me to the Bible where Zephaniah speaks of God singing: "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival" (Zephaniah 3:17-18, NRSV). This singing is no lullaby. The Hebrew word implies a loud sound, as in cause to rejoice, to cry out, or to sing triumphantly.

All who worship through music reflect the joy that God celebrates with people redeemed by God's love. The organist in particular, whether through service music or through accompanying congregational singing, complements God's rejoicing. God is seeking to restore us in love, and is singing over us with joy and gladness. As part of your ministry through music, are you not being the voice of God — playing and singing with love and joy over God's people? The idea of God's presence and singing is inspiring and comforting. Might such understanding give more meaning, joy, fulfillment, and commitment to using your musical talent?

*Mighty is the King of Glory,  
Gracious Son of God is He;  
Full of majesty, and holy,  
Lord of Sabaoth His name.  
Countless tongues in joyful chorus  
Sing His praise with sweetest chords;  
God Himself is singing o'er us,  
King of kings, and Lord of lords!*

(from "Praise the Lord, the King of Glory"  
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— Felix Montgomery, Chaplain

## MEMBER NEWS

### *Welcome New Member...*

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### *Yearbook update...*

**MARY PHILLIPS**

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### *From the Membership Chair...*

We welcome another new member since November *Pipelines*. We have added 17 new members with a total membership of 224 this season. Hooray for the Nashville AGO.

Between now and our next meeting in January, many of you will play countless notes and conduct choirs with beautiful music of this Holy Season. Your music will bless your congregations and audiences in untold ways. Be ever mindful of the One we worship and adore, "Christ the Lord".

— *Sharron Lyon*



New members: Pattie Cossentino (l) and Filippa Duke (r)

## THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO YOUR NASHVILLE CHAPTER

- To make a dinner reservation for the monthly meeting, contact Linda Winters: DinnerAGO@bellsouth.net, or call 615-264-3430
- If your address, phone number, job, or address changes, email Sharron Lyon: sharronlyon@comcast.net
- If you want your name added to or removed from the substitute list, email Charlotte Hughes: chughes@pesenergize.com
- If you need a substitute, check our Web site: [www.nashvilleago.org](http://www.nashvilleago.org)
- If you would like more information about a chapter program, email Marsha Scheusner: [scheusner@bellsouth.net](mailto:scheusner@bellsouth.net)
- If you would like an event or other information included in the newsletter, email Steve Clark: [NashAGOPipelines@bellsouth.net](mailto:NashAGOPipelines@bellsouth.net) (*Deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.*)
- If you would like to list an event in the AGO Arts Calendar, email Sue MacAfee: [stwiety@gmail.com](mailto:stwiety@gmail.com)
- If you have a question about the Web site, email Webmaster Pat Parris at [peparris@parrisgraphics.com](mailto:peparris@parrisgraphics.com)
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- If your church would like to post a job opportunity, email Charlotte Hughes: [chughes@pesenergize.com](mailto:chughes@pesenergize.com)
- If you are a substitute looking for more opportunities to play, attend as many meetings and meet as many people as possible.

Nashville Chapter Web site: [www.nashvilleago.org](http://www.nashvilleago.org)

National Headquarters Web site: [www.agoHQ.org](http://www.agoHQ.org)

### THE CARLENE NEIHART INTERNATIONAL PIPE ORGAN COMPETITION

will be held on April 10, 2010, in Kansas City, Missouri, at the Second Presbyterian Church. The 1949 Moller pipe organ has been rebuilt and restored in 2009, and includes a new movable console. Contestants from various places in the United States and from other countries are expected to enter the competition.

Quimby Pipe Organs, Inc., will underwrite the 1st place award (\$2,500), and the second place award (\$1,500) is

sponsored by Casavant Freres and Caroll Hanson. The third place award is \$1,000.

The Carlene Neihart Organ Competition Foundation, with a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, was formed to organize, present the competition, and fund the prize money to help sustain the future of the pipe organ.

The web site — [www.organcompetitions.com](http://www.organcompetitions.com) — has more information about the competition.

# NASHVILLE AGO ARTS CALENDAR • 2009 – 2010

Unless noted otherwise, all venues are in Nashville. To submit an event, contact: Sue MacAfee <stwiety@gmail.com>

December events are listed  
on the front cover.

**JON JOHNSON, ORGANIST** — Christ Church Cathedral; 1/17 • 4 PM

**THE CREATION BY FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN** — First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir and Nashville Symphony Orchestra; First Presbyterian Church; 1/31 • 4 PM

**11TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CHORISTER FESTIVAL EVENSONG** — Dale Adelman, Guest Director; Christ Church Cathedral; 1/31 • 4 PM

**MONTEVERDI GLORIA, POULENC ORGAN CONCERTO, POULENC GLORIA** — St. George's Choir and Orchestra; St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville; 2/7 • 3 PM

**BROADWAY DINNER SHOW** — First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir; First Presbyterian Church; 2/19 • 6:15 PM; Ticketed event

**MUSIC CITY BAROQUE** — Karen Clarke, solo violinist; Covenant Presbyterian Church; 2/21 • 4 PM

**ORGAN CONCERT AND CHORAL EVENSONG ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** — Daniel Stipe, Organist; Christ Church Cathedral Choir; Michael Velting,

Organist and Choirmaster; Jon Johnson, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster; Christ Church Cathedral; 2/21 • 3:30 PM

**MUSIC AND SKITS: SWEET ADELINES** — Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville; 2/21 • 4 PM

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE CHOIR** — First Presbyterian Church; 2/28 • 4 PM

**ALL BACH CONCERT** — Chancel Choir and orchestra; Don Marler, conducting; West End United Methodist Church; 2/28; 7 PM

**LENTEN CHORAL MEDITATIONS** — The Cathedral Choir, Jackson Schoos, Director; Cathedral of the Incarnation; 3/14 • 3:30 PM

**REQUIEM BY GABRIEL FAURÉ** — Choir of Grace Lutheran Church and Orchestra; Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville; 3/21 • 4 PM

**FOURTH ANNUAL BACHANALIA: A Celebration Of The Music of J. S. Bach** — Christ Church Cathedral; 3/26 • 5–11 PM

**TENEBRAE SERVICE** — First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir; First Presbyterian Church; 4/2 • 7 PM

**SPRING CONCERT** — Nashville Chamber Singers, Angela Tipps, Director; Christ the King Catholic Church; 4/11 • 3 PM and at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Murfreesboro, 4/18 • 3 PM

**SHIRLEY O'CONNOR, PIANIST** (75th Anniversary of Her First Piano Recital) — Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville; 4/18 • 4 PM; (Shirley is the mother of Sue MacAfee)

**DAVID HIGGS, ORGANIST** — Laura Turner Concert Hall, Schermerhorn Symphony Center; 4/25 • 3 PM

**JEAN-BAPTISTE ROBIN, ORGANIST** (Cathedral of St. Peter, Poitiers, France) — Christ Church Cathedral; 4/30 • 7:30 PM; sponsored by Peter and Lois Fyfe

**ORGAN CONCERT AND CHORAL EVENSONG IN EASTERTIDE** — Emily Butcher, Organist; Christ Church Cathedral Choir; Michael Velting, Organist and Choirmaster; Jon Johnson, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster; Christ Church Cathedral; 5/2 • 3:30 PM

**SOLEMN VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI** (sung in English) — The Cathedral Choir, Jackson Schoos, Director; Cathedral of the Incarnation; 6/6 • 4:30 PM

## 40th Anniversary Concert Series Celebrating First Baptist's Schantz Organ

Sundays at 3 p.m.

**January 17**  
Dr. Joyce Jones

**April 18 (7 p.m.)**  
Hymn Festival  
led by Dr. Albert L. Travis

**September 12**  
Dr. J. Scott Bennett

**November 14**  
Dr. Craig Phillips



Thursday Business Lunch  
Organ Recitals at 12:15 p.m.

**February 4**  
Stephen Aber

**April 1**  
Kenneth B. Brewer

**May 6**  
Dr. Wilma Jensen

**October 7**  
Dr. J. Gregg Bunn

**December 2**  
Elizabeth Smith

## 2009-10 PROGRAM CALENDAR

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7:30 PM**

*Clergy-Musician Dinner and Festival Worship*  
 Vanderbilt Divinity School Benton Chapel  
 Don Saliers, worship leader

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7:30 PM**

*Music for the Church Year*  
 First Presbyterian Church, Franklin

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 3:00 PM**

*Organ Dedication Recital — Janette Fishell, organist*  
 Covenant Presbyterian Church

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:30 PM**

*The Five Ages of Sebastian: Bach's Music*  
*"As You Like It" with Janette Fishell*  
 Covenant Presbyterian Church

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 7:30 PM**

*Organ Recital — Michael Unger, organist*  
 St. George's Episcopal Church

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 10 AM**

*Organ Masterclass with Olivier Latty*  
 St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Franklin

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 4:30 PM**

*Inaugural Organ Concert — Olivier Latty, organist*  
 St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Franklin

**MONDAY, MARCH 1, 7:30 PM**

*Evening Prayer and 2012 AGO Convention Meeting*  
 First Lutheran Church

**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 7:30 PM**

*Hymn Festival — Robert Hobby, organist/director*  
 Brentwood United Methodist Church

**MONDAY, MAY 3, 7:30 PM**

*Evensong and Installation of Officers*  
 West End United Methodist Church

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