

# PIPELINES

Nashville Chapter ▽ American Guild of Organists ▽ February, 2009



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## FROM THE DEAN

Dear Members,

Breathing to inhale and exhale ...

The first lesson for singers centers on breathing. As choral directors, we sometimes forget this as we rush to prepare for the next service. As the years pass by, we seem to have less time to consider (and remember!) the impact, and how to assist our singers.

The February program refreshes our memories on proper breathing techniques. **Shirlee Emmons**, our clinician, will lead us through the process and approach she has uncovered through her extensive study and experience. She will provide insight into the anatomy of breath support, which takes some 36 muscles to accomplish. One of the side benefits of proper breathing management results in the elimination of vocal production issues.

Coupled with these insights, Ms. Emmons will lead into corporate singing, including vowel modification and diction management. The knowledge we will gain from our renowned guest allows us to take our choral ensembles to the next level. And just think how this might impact our conducting gestures!

The program promises to give us a fresh view of this critical component of singing. Please invite your choral conducting colleagues and singers to be your guest at our February meeting.

Happy New Year,

Dr. William R. Taylor, Dean

## FEBRUARY MEETING

### "Prescriptions for Choral Excellence"

**Shirlee Emmons, Clinician**

(see page 5 for program description)

**Monday February 9, 2009**

Belmont United Methodist Church 2007 Acklen Avenue, South Nashville

**6:00—Pre-Dinner Concert by Patrick Jennings**

**6:30—Dinner 7:30 PM—Program**

Dinner reservations are required — Phone 615-264-3430  
or e-mail <dinnerago@bellsouth.net>

## LENTEN NOONTIME RECITALS First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

Wednesday, February 25, 12:15 PM  
Marsha Scheusner, organ

Wednesday, March 4, 12:15 PM  
TBA

Wednesday, March 11, 12:15 PM  
Keith Moore, baritone

Wednesday, March 18, 12:15 PM  
Darryl Miller, organ  
David Mansouri, violin

Wednesday, March 25, 12:15 PM  
Julia McGirt, organ

Wednesday, April 1, 12:15 PM  
Jean Marie Hull, flute  
Bill Hull, trumpet  
Beth Patton, soprano

First Presbyterian Church  
801 S High Street • Columbia, TN  
(931) 388-1985

## LENTEN NOON SERIES West End United Methodist Church, Nashville

Thursday, February 26  
Andrew Risinger, organ

Thursday, March 5  
Jonathan Carle, baritone

Thursday, March 12  
Roger Wiesmeyer, oboe

Thursday, March 19  
Gregg Bunn, organ

Thursday, March 26  
Daniel Stipe, organ

Thursday, April 2  
Gayle Sullivan, organ

Each half-hour concert begins promptly at noon. Admission to all concerts is free. Lunch is offered in Reed Hall at 12:30 for \$8. Childcare is also available. Both lunch and childcare require reservations; call our receptionist (615.321.8500) by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.

West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Avenue • Nashville, TN 37203  
615.321.8500

## KUDOS TO THE JANUARY TEAM

We were treated to a wonderful pre-dinner concert played Dr. Gregg Bunn. The seminar trio was outstanding. Everyone left with great tips and wonderful ideas. Our thanks to **Herman DePriest, Douglas Murray, and Vicki Wright** for presenting the seminars, and to Marjorie Proctor, Dawn Seidenschwarz and Valerie Rains for assisting Doug. Douglas will continue his improvisational classes, and for those interested, please contact him at <murrayd@mail.belmont.edu>.





## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Christ Lutheran Church**, 299 Haywood Lane, Nashville 37211, seeks a Music Director, whose responsibilities will include accompanying services and directing a choir. CLC enjoys a variety of musical styles and genres; proficiency in piano is required to make effective use of the capabilities of a Yamaha Clavinova. We use Lutheran liturgical worship settings; our Director is expected to know, or learn, and appreciate the liturgy. Christ Lutheran provides generous compensation with paid time off and a generous budget for substitute musicians. Please send resumes or inquiries to: Diana Blair Revell, Chair, Search Committee, <dbrevell@comcast.net>, or fax 615.333.7065.

**First Presbyterian Church**, Nashville, seeks a part-time Coordinator of Children's choirs. The 10-month, 20-hour-per-week position is responsible for the leadership and administration of the five graded children's choirs, Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, involving over 100 children. This congregation of 4000 active members, with an average Sunday attendance of 1200, has a reputation for its excellent music ministry. Job requirements include knowledge of vocal techniques and ability to model and demonstrate for children's voices, familiarity with sacred traditional choral music, organizational skills, ability to effectively guide and nurture children, and ability to supervise and support staff and volunteers. Also, the church prefers someone with 3-5 years experience in directing a graded children's choir program, a degree in music or related field, and advanced keyboard proficiency. Please send credentials and letter of inquiry to Susan Kirby, Music Administrator, First Presbyterian Church, 4815 Franklin Rd, Nashville, TN 37220. More information at 615-298-9540 or skirby@fpcnashville.org.

Positions still available:

**Christ Episcopal Church**, Bowling Green, KY

**First Presbyterian Church**, Gallatin

**Donelson Presbyterian Church**, Nashville

Refer to the January Pipelines for a complete description and contact information <nashvilleago.org>.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Our executive committee met just before our January 12, 2009, program and the following action items were taken.

1. Dawn Seidenschwarz was approved as the chair of the nominating committee.
- 2) The Executive Committee voted for our chapter to host the 2009 AGO/QUIMBY Regional Competition for Young Organists (RCYO). Janet Schmidt has agreed to be the coordinator, and the competition is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2009, to be held at Belmont UMC.
- 3) Elizabeth Smith, Placement Chair, recommended the following amendment to the Operating Procedures, which was approved by the Executive Committee, effective July 1, 2009:

**#22 Placement Chair: The Placement Chair shall be responsible for maintaining a current listing of positions available for church musicians in Pipelines. Additionally, the chair should keep a current list of substitutes, in Pipelines and on the website, who are full or student members of the Nashville Chapter of the AGO. Non-members may not be listed as substitutes.**

Lisa Barry, Secretary

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS, ETC.

Please contact Sharron Lyon (373-9820) <sharronlyon@comcast.net> when your mailing address, e-mail, or telephone number changes.



**Stephen Aber**  
(New Member)

## FEBRUARY MEETING Prescriptions for Choral Excellence

Invite your singers and choral director colleagues for a session on vocal and choral technique! In cooperation with Belmont University, our February 9 meeting at Belmont United Methodist Church will be led by world renowned vocalist, author, and choral expert, Shirlee Emmons <<http://www.shirlee-emmons.com/>>.

Shirlee Emmons currently maintains a private studio in New York after teaching for 35 years on the faculties of Columbia University/Barnard College, Princeton University, Boston University, and Rutgers University. She is the author of five books: *The Art of the Song Recital*; *Tristanissimo: the Authorized Biography of Heroic Tenor Lauritz Melchior*; *Power Performance for Singers*; *Researching the Song*; and *Prescriptions for Choral Excellence*. Her workshops and master classes have been presented in thirty-four states of the USA, in Korea, and Canada. Emmons' singing career commenced with winning the Marian Anderson Award, followed by a lengthy national tour with Lauritz Melchior, US and Canadian concerts and opera appearances, regular engagements with the major New York City choral organizations, and the award of an Off-Broadway Oscar, the "Obie," for the leading role in Virgil Thomson's *The Mother of Us All*. She is a past chair of the prestigious American Academy of Teachers of Singing. Her students include Hei-Kyung Hong and Harolyn Blackwell.

Particular areas of her expertise that are most helpful to organists, and other musicians with voice as a secondary instrument are: vowel modification, breathing and diction management. All of these subjects will be addressed in her session with us on February 9.

Inviting guests allows the AGO to extend music education opportunities to our community. This is certainly a program that you and your guests will not want to miss!

### Additional Opportunity

Bringing Shirlee Emmons to Nashville is a joint effort between our chapter and Belmont University. Shirlee Emmons will be leading a workshop at Belmont University, February 8-9, and AGO members are invited to participate. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, contact Gayle Sullivan <[sullivan@belmontumc.org](mailto:sullivan@belmontumc.org)>.

## MEMBER NEWS

**Dr. Gregg Bunn** will lead a Hymn Festival for the Macon AGO Chapter on February 1 at Mulberry UMC.

**Dr. Wilma Jensen** will be a faculty member for the Thirteenth Annual East Carolina University Religious Arts Festival, January 29- 31, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, North Carolina. She will present a workshop on recently published service music, present a recital on the C.B. Fisk, Opus 126 organ, and play the concluding service, which includes the accompaniment of the choir in the John Rutter REQUIEM.

We extend our deepest sympathy to friends and family of **George Q. Milwee, Jr.**

## YEARBOOK UPDATE

Yearbook update:

**Robert Brown**

Email: <[325binkleydr@comcast.net](mailto:325binkleydr@comcast.net)>

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

From February 1 – March 31, reduced dues are available for NEW MEMBERS ONLY. Now is a great time to invite a new person in our area, or someone who has been thinking about joining our chapter. Send me contact info, and I will send them the reduced rate form. Let's add some new members and continue to break our own records. Thanks—you're the greatest. Sharron Lyon

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## NASHVILLE AREA ARTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8, 4:00 PM  
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
Diocesan Chorister Festival Evensong —  
Diocesan Chorister Festival Choir  
Jeffrey Smith, Guest Conductor  
Michael Velting, Organist and Choirmaster  
Jon Johnson, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Sunday, February 8, 4:00 PM  
Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, TN  
Nashville Children's Choir

Sunday, February 15, 8:00 PM  
Ingram Hall, Blair School of Music  
Durufle *Requiem* performed by the Blair choirs

Sunday, February 22, 4:00 PM  
Special Combined Concert  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
The First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir  
and The St. George's Episcopal Church Choir  
Raphael Bundage conductor,  
Music for double choirs, brass and organ

Wednesday, February 25, 12:15 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia  
Lenten Noontime Recital  
Marsha Scheusner, organ

Thursday, February 26, 12:00 Noon  
West End United Methodist Church, Nashville  
Lenten Noon Concert followed by Lunch  
Andrew Risinger, organ

Sunday, March 1, 3:30 PM  
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
John Lucianno Organ Concert followed by  
Lenten Choral Evensong  
Christ Church Cathedral Choir  
Michael Velting, Organist and Choirmaster  
Jon Johnson, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Sunday, March 1, 4:00 PM  
Lenten Choir Concert  
*The Crucifixion*, by Stainer  
The Choir of Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville,  
With orchestra

Sunday, March 1, 7:00 PM  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville  
Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent  
Zelenka's *Miserere in C*  
Westminster Choir with orchestra

Wednesday, March 4, 12:15 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia  
Lenten Noontime Recital

Thursday, March 5, 12:00 Noon  
West End United Methodist Church, Nashville  
Lenten Noon Concert followed by Lunch  
Jonathan Carle, baritone

Friday, March 6, 12:00 Noon  
Schermerhorn Symphony Center  
Noontime Concert  
Andrew Risinger, Organ

Sunday, March 8, 3:00 PM  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
80th Birthday Concert  
Wilma Jensen, Organist  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WILMA!

Sunday, March 8, 3:00 PM  
Brentwood United Methodist Church,  
Brentwood, TN  
Dallas Baptist University Chorale  
Dr. Stephen Holcomb, conductor

Sunday, March 8, 4:00 PM  
Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church  
Two-piano concert presented by  
Will Berger and June Warren

Sunday, March 8, 7:00 PM  
West End United Methodist Church, Nashville  
Music for Two Organs and Choir  
Vierne — Widor — Dupré  
Chancel Choir

Wednesday, March 11, 12:15 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia  
Lenten Noontime Recital  
Keith Moore, baritone

Thursday, March 12, 12:00 Noon  
West End United Methodist Church, Nashville  
Lenten Noon Concert followed by Lunch  
Roger Wiesmeyer, oboe

Wednesday, March 18, 12:15 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia  
Lenten Noontime Recital  
Darryl Miller, organ  
David Mansouri, violin

Thursday, March 19, 12:00 Noon  
West End United Methodist Church, Nashville  
Lenten Noon Concert followed by Lunch  
Gregg Bunn, organ

Sunday, March 22, 4:00 PM  
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
Daniel Roth Organ Concert  
Sponsored by Lois and Peter Fyfe

Sunday, March 22, 7:00 PM  
Brentwood United Methodist Church,  
Brentwood, TN  
Luther College Symphony Orchestra  
Daniel Baldwin, conductor

Wednesday, March 25, 12:15 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia  
Lenten Noontime Recital  
Julia McGirt, organ

Wednesday, April 1, 12:15 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia  
Lenten Noontime Recital  
Jean Marie Hull, flute  
Bill Hull, trumpet  
Beth Patton, soprano

Thursday, March 26, 12:00 Noon  
West End United Methodist Church, Nashville  
Lenten Noon Concert followed by Lunch  
Daniel Stipe, organ

Friday, March 27, 5:00 PM  
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville.  
BACHanalia — Celebrating J.S. Bach's birthday  
with guest artists from the community.  
Michael Velting, Organist and Choirmaster  
Jon Johnson, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Friday, March 27, 6:15 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, Nashville  
Broadway Dinner Show  
FPC Sanctuary Choir, Tickets \$30.00

Sunday, March 29, 4:00 PM  
Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville  
40th anniversary of the Immanuel sanctuary  
and Möller organ.  
Gregg Bunn, Organist in recital

Sunday, March 29, 8:00 PM  
Ingram Hall, Blair School of Music  
Blair Chamber Choir, Vanderbilt Symphonic Choir  
Accompanied and a cappella music of all periods

Thursday, April 2, 12:00 Noon  
West End United Methodist Church, Nashville  
Lenten Noon Concert followed by Lunch  
Gayle Sullivan, organ

Sunday, April 5, 10:45 AM  
Madison Street United Methodist Church,  
Clarksville  
"Requiem" by Bradley Ellingboe  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
Rev. Jared Wilson, Director

Monday, April 6, 12:00 PM  
Brentwood United Methodist Church (Chapel)  
"Sacred Story: Sacred Song"  
Inspiration on the Passion of Christ  
through Pipe Organ and Preacher  
Wilma Jensen, organ  
Bishop Joe Pennel, homilist

Tuesday, April 7, 12:00 PM  
Brentwood United Methodist Church (Chapel)  
"Sacred Story: Sacred Song"  
Inspiration on the Passion of Christ  
through Pipe Organ and Preacher  
Jon Johnson, organ  
Bishop Joe Pennel, homilist

Wednesday, April 8, 12:00 PM  
Brentwood United Methodist Church (Chapel)  
"Sacred Story: Sacred Song"  
Inspiration on the Passion of Christ  
through Pipe Organ and Preacher  
Gregg Bunn, organ  
Bishop Joe Pennel, homilist

Good Friday, April 10, 7:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, Nashville  
Tenebrae Service — A Service of Darkness  
The FPC Sanctuary Choir/Conductor, Dr. Raphael  
Bundage/Narrator Bob Loflin/Epiphany Dancers

Good Friday, April 10, 7:00 PM  
Madison Street United Methodist Church,  
Clarksville, TN  
"Passion Music — Four Motets by Daniel Pinkham  
Rev. Jared Wilson, Director

Friday, April 10, 7:00 PM  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville  
Choral Service of Darkness for Good Friday  
*The Reproaches* by John Sanders

Sunday, April 12, 7:30 AM  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville  
Festival Worship  
Laudate Youth Choir, Brass and Timpani

Sunday, April 12, 9:15 and 11:00 AM  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville  
Festival Worship  
Westminster Choir, Brass and Timpani

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 AM  
and Sunday, April 19, 4:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church, Nashville  
The Nashville Flute Choir presents  
"Peter and the Wolf"  
Bob Loflin, Narrator

Sunday, April 19, 3:00 PM  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Murfreesboro  
2009 Spring Concert  
Nashville Chamber Singers  
Angela Tipps, Director

Sunday, April 19, 4:00 PM  
West End United Methodist Church,  
Nashville  
Evensong with the Sanctuary Choir  
Robert S. Brewer, guest conductor  
Andrew Risinger, organist

Sunday, April 26, 3:00 PM  
Christ the King Catholic Church, Nashville  
2009 Spring Concert  
Nashville Chamber Singers  
Angela Tipps, Director

Sunday, April 26, 4:00 PM  
Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, TN  
Bell and Chime Concert with  
The Children's Choirs  
The Bell, Chime and Children's Choirs  
of Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 26, 7:00 PM  
Schmerhorn Symphony Center  
Church Music Gala  
Dr. David Keith, conductor

Sunday, May 3, 2:00 PM  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
Monica Huggett, guest concertmaster  
Belle Meade Baroque,  
Murray Somerville, Artistic Director

Sunday, May 3, 4:00 PM  
Collegium Vocale  
Christ the King Church  
3001 Belmont Boulevard  
Music by Arvo Pärt, John Tavener, Tallis, and  
Nashville composers

Friday, May 8, 12:00 Noon  
Schmerhorn Symphony Center  
Noontime Concert  
Andrew Risinger, Organ

Sunday, May 17, 3:30 PM  
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
Gregg Bunn Organ Concert followed by  
Eastertide Choral Evensong  
Christ Church Cathedral Choir  
Michael Velting, Organist and Choirmaster  
Jon Johnson, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Additions to the Arts Calendar should be  
submitted in the format above  
and sent to **Sue MacAfee**,  
<stwiety@gmail.com>.



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# 2008–2009

## Nashville AGO Programs

*All dinners are at 6:30 PM at the program location, unless otherwise noted.*

### **Prescriptions for Choral Excellence — Shirlee Emmons, Clinician**

Monday, February 9 7:30 PM  
Belmont United Methodist Church

### **An Evening of Workshops (see page 3 of this issue for specific classes offered)**

Monday, March 2 7:30 PM  
Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville

### **2012 National Convention Update**

Monday, March 30 7:30 PM  
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

### **Evensong and Installation of Nashville AGO Officers**

Monday, May 4 7:30 PM  
Westminster Presbyterian Church / Dr. John Semingson, Director of Music Ministries

### **Past Programs This Season**

#### **Ahreum Han, Organ Concert**

Sunday, September 14 4:00 PM [Chapter dinner following the recital]  
First Presbyterian Church, Nashville [Co-sponsor]

#### **Vincent Dubois, Organ Concert / Celebrating National AGO Organ Spectacular**

Sunday, October 19 3:00 PM [No chapter dinner]  
Schermerhorn Symphony Center  
[Members must purchase tickets from Schermerhorn Symphony Center Box Office for this event.]

#### **Dr. Michael Messina and Dr. John Cummins, Duo Organ Concert**

Sunday, November 9 4:00 PM [No chapter dinner]  
West End United Methodist Church [Co-sponsor]

#### **Organ Music of Calvin Hampton, Dr. Michael Messina, lecturer and performer, and Dr. John Cummins, performer**

Monday, November 10 7:30 PM  
West End United Methodist Church

#### **Holiday Concert with the Belmont Chamber Singers, Dr. Deen Entsminger, Director**

Monday, December 1 7:30 PM  
Cathedral of the Incarnation (Roman Catholic)

#### **An Evening of Workshops**

Monday, January 12 7:30 PM  
First Baptist Church, Nashville

*Interest from the Nashville AGO endowment account is used, in part, to help support these programs.*

# Nashville Chapter February Meeting

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