



PIPELINES

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Nashville Colleagues,

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve this year as Chapter Dean, and I thank you again for the opportunity! The lasting impression I take from this experience is the incredible level of dedication and commitment so many of you have to the Guild and the countless ways you unselfishly serve to help meet our Chapter's needs and fulfill its purposes. The job of leadership is made much easier, and in many ways, so much more fulfilling because of this, and I am grateful.

I do want to name in particular the leadership of our Chapter and say a special word of thanks for their support and many hours of work on behalf of our membership. To my fellow officers, Chaplain Felix Montgomery and Executive Committee members: thank you for your leadership, enthusiasm, and guidance. To the 2014–2015 Program Committee members: thank you for your creativity, energy, and commitment to first class programming. It was an exciting and memorable program year! To all our Committee Chairs, *Pipelines*, Yearbook, and website staffs: many, many thanks for your contributions, seen

and unseen, which help keep our Chapter vibrant, successful, and in touch with all our membership.

Finally, these particular words of thanks: Janet Schmidt, thank you for your commitment to and enthusiasm for the membership of our Chapter. Linda Winters, thank you for getting us all fed in such an organized way! Joyce Byrd and Gary Scott, you are both golden treasures (no pun intended), and I can't thank you enough for your guidance and support. Darryl Miller, thank you for making everything we do look so good on paper. Nick Bergin, thank you for ALWAYS being available and saying yes! The Chapter is in good hands with you. Sharron Lyon, thank you for prodding, proofing, supporting, encouraging, and insisting we all be the best we can be. And thanks again, ALL OF YOU, friends and colleagues, for your membership, participation, and support of our Chapter. You are the best!

See you in September!

Jonathan Setzer
Dean



NASHVILLE CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to John and **Abigail Haake** on the birth of their second son, Thomas Edwards, on May 11.

We bid a fond farewell to former Dean, **Jon Johnson**, as he leaves us to become the Organist and Choirmaster at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington, Kentucky. All good wishes.

Parker Ramsay delivered his first conference paper recently at the Smithsonian Symposium for Historical Performance in Higher Education on the harp and the Jewish community in sixteenth century Mantua.

Congratulations to **Christine Whelchel**, who has met the requirements and received the AGO Service Playing Certificate. Many thanks to **Dawn Seidenschwarz**, who served as Proctor, and **Thomas Russell**, who served as host and coordinator at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Jared Wilson spoke recently at Yale University on Arts Education within Communities of Faith, specifically The Madison Street Music & Arts Academy in Clarksville.



Organist in Training: Noah Iverson receives his first organ lesson from his grandfather, **Darryl Miller**.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

It has been a very good year for Nashville AGO, and I'm looking forward to growth in 2015-16, especially growth in the under 30 crowd...students and young professionals. Recently many of you have sent contact information for prospective new members. Please talk with those with whom you associate about the benefits of AGO membership and then send me their contact information so that I may follow up. Have a wonderful summer. Hope to see you in Charlotte July 1-4.

Janet Schmidt, Membership
<janetschmidt@gmail.com>

WANTED: CHAPTER HISTORIAN

After 15 years of dedicated service, Melvin Potts, a.k.a. "Mr. Nashville AGO," is retiring as our Chapter Historian. Many thanks to Melvin, who has been the tireless collector, publication keeper, and champion of our Chapter. His are giant OrganMaster shoes to fill, but fill we must!

Our Chapter Operating Procedures states that the Historian "shall keep a copy of each recital program, any article appearing in newspapers or magazines concerning the Chapter, and a copy of all Chapter publications. The Historian shall keep the history of the Guild in such a place so that it shall be accessible to all members."

We are fortunate that West End United Methodist Church has provided space for us to keep all the Chapter's historical records and publications. If you are interested in becoming the Chapter Historian, or have any questions, please contact our new Dean, Nick Bergin, at 281-467-1245, or <nicholasbergin@ymail.com>.

Save the Date!

From Anthony Thurman, National AGO headquarters

**AGO Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist Award
Recital and Gala Benefit Reception Honoring Wilma Jensen
Friday, April 8, 2016**

MEMBERSHIP 2015-2016

ONCARD is available now for current members to renew their membership and for new members to join. For existing members dues are being collected for the fiscal year, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The membership year for new members will begin in the month in which dues are first paid and become due again the following year in the same month. To date we have 89 renewals including five new members.

Here is a link to login to ONCARD:
< <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/> >

Membership Fees:

Regular Voting Member: **\$100**

Special Voting Member : **\$75**

(over 65, under 21, or disabled)

Student Voting Member: **\$40**

(full-time, with valid school ID)

Partner Voting Member: **\$75**

only one TAO per household

Dual Voting Member: **\$39**

You will need to list your primary chapter

Student Dual Member: **\$13**

Chapter Friend: **\$45**

(non-voting, no TAO)

If you experience any difficulty logging in to ONCARD, please contact Gary Scott, our chapter's ONCARD Liaison at <fpc.organ@gmail.com> or 615-453-8988.

JOB OPENINGS

Aldersgate United Methodist, East Nashville is seeking a part-time pianist for a 9:30 AM traditional (UMC hymnal) Sunday service and a Wednesday night rehearsal. For further information, please contact Pastor Matt Baldwin <padrematt@comcast.net> or the church at 615-226-2781.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Nashville seeks a part-time pianist/choir director for two services weekly, including a Wednesday evening choir rehearsal (choir meets September through May). Weddings and funerals provide opportunities for additional income. Salary commensurate with AGO guidelines. For additional information, contact Emelyne Bingham, Chair, at (615) 414-5135 or <dirigentbna@gmail.com>.

Glen Leven Presbyterian Church, Nashville is searching for a part-time organist/pianist for one Sunday 11:00 AM service and a Thursday choir rehearsal at 7:00 PM each week, as well as special services, weddings and funerals. For further information, please contact Dr. Mark S. Bryan at 615-298-5549 or cjastrow@glenleven.org.

First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, TN is seeking an organist for one Sunday morning service and Wednesday night rehearsal each week. Bachelor's degree in music is preferred but not required. Specifications for the historic Kilgen 2/11 (1900) organ can be seen at <www.nashvilleago.org/AreaOrgans/Specs/FPCLewisburg/htm>. Please contact Edwina Thomas at (931) 359-3818 or by email at edwinahoofbeat@gmail.com for further information.

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. Salary is negotiable. Contact Donna Campbell, Director of Music, at (931) 808-8415 or Senior Pastor, James Johnson at (931) 473-4419.

Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair

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2015-2016 NASHVILLE AGO PROGRAMS

Unless noted, programs begin with dinner at 6:30 PM; the program follows at 7:30 PM.

September 14
(Second Monday)

William Porter, Organist
dinner details TBD
Turner Hall, Blair School of Music
2400 Blakemore Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212

October 12
(Second Monday)

Nashville AGO Members' Pops Concert
Immanuel Baptist Church
222 Belle Meade Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37205

November 9
(Second Monday)

Alcee Chriss, Organist
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205

December

No Meeting

January 4

Organ Works of Johannes Brahms: A Presentation by Barbara Owen
venue TBD

February 1

Hymn-Playing Masterclass
featuring Stuart Forster
author of *Hymn Playing: A Modern Colloquium*
venue TBD

March 7

Chelsea Chen, Organist
Covenant Presbyterian Church
33 Burton Hills Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37215

April 8
(Friday)

Gala in Honor of Wilma Jensen
sponsored by AGO National
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37203

May 9
(Second Monday)

Tom Trenney, Organist
featuring Vox Grata, Jeanette MacCallum, Conductor
Installation of Officers
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
908 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN 37064

Interest from the Nashville AGO Endowment Fund is used, in part to help support these programs.