

# PIPELINES

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

MARCH 2018

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I send you greetings at another important season in our liturgical calendar. Lent is traditionally a time of reflection and preparation before the celebration of Easter.

I've thought a lot recently about the seasons of our lives, as I've had the opportunity to get to know the stories of our older members who were honored at our February meeting. We are so fortunate to have mentors in our midst who have worked so hard to establish and grow our chapter. We have musicians who have striven to offer the very best choral and organ music available. I hope we all reflect a bit this season on the teachers and mentors who have influenced us on our musical journey—and then give thanks for our goodly heritage!

For those of us who are currently serving a church or working as a musician elsewhere, I send you grace and strength and health during this busy season. And I will try to remember the words of wisdom Sharron Lyon shared with us about our long hours of practice and our many services played: “Expect some holy moments and enjoy them all.”

Elizabeth Smith  
Dean



**MARCH PROGRAM — MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018 — 7:30 PM**

## **SEWANEE CHOIR IN CONCERT**

Belle Meade United Methodist Church • 121 Davidson Road • Nashville, Tennessee 37205

DINNER — 6:30 PM — Dinner reservations, *due by February 28*,  
can be made online @ [www.nashvilleago.org](http://www.nashvilleago.org) (scroll down, then click on  
“Dinner Reservations”) or @ [AGOdinner@gmail.com](mailto:AGOdinner@gmail.com).

**Cost of dinner: \$18**



Bill Gable, Sharron Lyon, Marie Wiggins, Doug Murray  
Ralph Erickson, Bill Gray

### THANK YOU!

Here are a few words of thanks from honorees and other members who attended February's program.

"Where on earth do I start? Many thanks for last night's event. The dinner was outstanding, and it was very generous of the chapter to pay for my meal. I appreciate the flower arrangement. We have it in our den, where we will enjoy it for many days to come. Thanks again for your excellent hospitality."

"Thanks to all of you for your part in last night's event. It was one of those warm, fuzzy times. It's so heartwarming to watch our members in their affection for each other."

"Thanks to Darryl and Susie for the idea and to Darryl for the lovely programs."

"Thanks for all you did to make last night so special. I'm grateful for the honor."

"It was an awesome AGO event! We often have wonderful programs with equally inspiring music. But our dinner and musical tributes were additionally pastoral last evening. How many other AGO chapters can attest to the genuine care and inclusive nature among their members? That's what makes our chapter unique. I felt that the recognition of our distinguished honorees, their past leadership and commitment, and support of our chapter members clearly was the foundation upon which we have built."

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2018-2019

### Dean-Elect Candidates

Dawn Seidenschwarz  
Marsha Scheusner

### Secretary

Melissa Emerson

### Treasurer

Gary Scott

### Executive Committee Candidates

Carl Berg  
Julia Callaway  
Hildegard Cox  
Jeff Light  
Todd Milnar

More information about each candidate, the official ballot, and absentee voting instructions will be published in the April issue of *Pipelines*. Voting will be held at the April dinner.

Jonathan Setzer

Nominating Committee Chair

## HYMNS FOR ORGAN

Dear Friends,

I recently finished creating a new website where I offer, for free, many of the hymn introductions and reharmonizations that I have written over the years: [www.hymnsfororgan.org](http://www.hymnsfororgan.org). Please go take a look and see if you can find anything there that you might use. I welcome your feedback.

Bill McNair

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Organists is to foster a thriving  
community of musicians who share their  
knowledge and inspire passion  
for the organ.*

## MEMBER NEWS

The MTSU Women's Chorale, conducted by Nashville AGO member **Angela Tipps**, was invited to sing for the Southern Division conference of the American Choral Directors Association. Over 80 choirs auditioned, and 18 were selected. The performance is in the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville, Kentucky, on Saturday, February 24, at 9:00 a.m. (EST). They will be followed by the University of Georgia, where former Nashville AGO member Justin Bowen is getting his master's degree in choral conducting.

Angela said: "Our performance at last April's AGO meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church was crucial in our getting to this conference. That concert was the pinnacle of our work last spring, and it was after that meeting that Wilma Jensen suggested sending in audition materials for ACDA. I am grateful to Nashville AGO for the invitations you have afforded my choirs through the years."

**Marshall Eugene Foster** died on February 9, 2018. An accomplished organist in his younger years, Marshall was a longtime AGO member and attended numerous conventions of the Organ Historical Society. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24.

### FROM JANET SCHMIDT, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Musicians leading worship throughout Middle Tennessee would benefit greatly from our excellent programs. Please send me contact information for prospective new members.

To join Nashville AGO, renew your membership, or update your information for our online Chapter Directory: [www.agohq.org/oncard](http://www.agohq.org/oncard)

The AGO's Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues (ONCARD) is the source for the information listed in our online Chapter Directory. Please contact me with any questions.

Janet Schmidt  
Nashville AGO Membership Chair  
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## JOB OPENINGS

**First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, TN**, is searching for an organist with demonstrated proficiency in organ and/or piano, a dedication to Jesus Christ and the ministry of the church, and a warm and caring personality. Duties include playing for adult and children's choir rehearsals and the morning worship service each Sunday, as well as any special services. Interested applicants should email [first.pres.church600@gmail.com](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com), with the words "Music Position" in the subject line.

**First United Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN**, has an 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 Tommy Vann at (931) 473-4419 (church) or (931) 626-9388 (cell).

**Rivermont Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Chattanooga, TN**, is accepting applications/resumes for the part-time position of organist—responsibilities include playing organ, accompanying the choir, and accompanying occasional soloists for the 11:00 AM Sunday service and Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. Special services will also be included. Send resumes and inquiries to [rpcorganist@gmail.com](mailto:rpcorganist@gmail.com) or mail to the church C/O Charlotte Sargent. Mailing address is 3319 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, TN 37415.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN**, is seeking a full-time Director of Music who will be responsible for the entire music program of the church, seeing that it is of the highest quality. Duties will include directing choirs, playing the organ for most services, and overseeing assisting staff positions. The church is seeking an exceptional musician to build an outstanding music program, using music as an instrument to increase membership and enrich the spiritual journey of parishioners. To apply, please forward a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to the Rector, the Rev. Brad Whitaker, at [whitaker@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:whitaker@stpaulschatt.org).

Charlotte Hughes  
Placement Chair

## SUBSTITUTES

An updated substitute list is available on the chapter website: [www.nashvilleago.org](http://www.nashvilleago.org)

# ARTS CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL

## FEBRUARY 2018

2/25/2018, 3:00 PM  
Young Musicians' Corner  
Students of Blair School of Music  
Vanderbilt University  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville  
Free-will offering

2/25/2018, 4:00 PM  
19th Annual Cathedral Chorister Festival Evensong  
Michael Kleinschmidt, Guest Director  
Canon Musician, St. Mark's Cathedral  
Seattle, Washington  
Festival Choristers from the Southeast  
Michael Velting, Canon for Music  
Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and  
Choirmaster, Organist  
Christ Church Cathedral  
900 Broadway, Nashville

## MARCH 2018

3/1/2018, 12:00 PM  
Lenten Noon Series  
Laura Webb, Soprano  
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.

3/4/2018, 4:30 PM  
Organ Concert by Richard Gray  
Organ Scholar, St. George's Episcopal Church  
Choral Evensong, 5:00 PM  
Senechal's Evening Canticles and Britten's  
"A Hymn of St. Columba"  
St. George's Choir and Senior Choristers  
Woosug Kang, Conductor  
Gerry Senechal, Organist  
Richard Gray, Organ Scholar  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

3/4/2018, 4:30 PM  
Vocal Arts Nashville  
The Complete Bach Motets, Volume 2  
Motets 1, 2, and 4, and Brahms's *Liebeslieder* Waltzes  
Matthew Phelps, Conductor

Marilyn Shields-Wiltsie, Pianist  
4th Story Theater  
West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

3/8/2018, 12:00 PM  
Lenten Noon Series  
Douglas Murray, Organ  
West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Ave, Nashville  
For lunch information, see 3/1

3/15/2018, 12:00 PM  
Lenten Noon Series  
Woosug Kang, Organ  
West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Ave, Nashville  
For lunch information, see 3/1

3/15/2018, 6:00 PM  
The Dorothy Shaw Bell Choir  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

3/16/2018, 4:00-10:00 PM  
12th Annual Bachanalia  
Christ Church Cathedral  
900 Broadway, Nashville

3/18/2018, 12:20 PM  
Nate Strasser, Jazz Pianist  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

3/18/2018, 4:00 PM  
Schubert and Friends  
Lenten Choir and Orchestra  
Rocky Craft, Conductor  
Grace Lutheran Church  
2041 Madison Street, Clarksville

3/22/2018, 12:00 PM  
Lenten Noon Series  
Joshua Coble, Organ  
West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Ave, Nashville  
For lunch information, see 3/1

3/23/2018, 7:00 PM  
Beethoven: The Complete Sonatas: Early Period Sonatas  
Over 20 pianists will perform all 32 piano sonatas by  
Beethoven  
Performers include Matthew Phelps, Andrew Risinger,  
Marilyn Shields-Wiltsie, Steve Hyman, and Colleen Phelps  
Lipscomb University  
One University Park Drive, Nashville

3/24/2018, 10:00 AM  
Beethoven: The Complete Sonatas: Middle Period Sonatas  
Steinway Gallery  
4285 Sidco Drive, Nashville

3/24/2018, 7:00 PM  
Beethoven: The Complete Sonatas: Late Period Sonatas  
Lipscomb University  
One University Park Drive, Nashville

3/25/2018, 4:30 PM  
Beethoven's *Mass in C*  
Chancel Choir, Lipscomb University Choirs, and Orchestra  
Earl Rivers, Guest Conductor  
West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

3/25/2018, 5:00 PM  
Choral Evensong  
Jared Wilson, Organ, and Gateway Chamber Choir  
Madison Street United Methodist Church  
319 Madison Street, Clarksville

3/30/2018, 7:00 PM  
Tenebrae: a Service of Darkness  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

## APRIL 2018

4/15/2018, 12:20 PM  
American Folk Hymns: Spirituals,  
Southern Gospel, and More  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

4/15/2018, 3:00 PM  
Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*  
Vanderbilt Symphonic Choir, Chorale, and Orchestra  
Tucker Biddlecombe, Conductor  
Tyler Nelson, The Evangelist  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

4/22/2018, 4:00 PM  
Raúl Prieto Ramírez, Organist  
Sponsored by Al Finegan  
Christ Church Cathedral  
900 Broadway, Nashville

4/22/2018, 4:00 PM  
Spring Concert  
Nashville Chamber Singers  
Angela Tipps, Conductor  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
315 East Main Street, Murfreesboro

4/29/2018, 10:30 AM  
Chapel Choir presentation  
*Pote's Oh, Jonah*  
Gayle Sullivan, Conductor  
Belmont United Methodist Church  
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

4/29/2018, 4:00 PM *cancelled*  
Sanctuary Choir Spring Concert  
Gayle Sullivan, Conductor  
Belmont United Methodist Church  
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

4/29/2018, 4:00 PM  
Spring Concert  
Nashville Chamber Singers  
Angela Tipps, Conductor  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

Sharron Lyon  
Arts Calendar Chair



This famous organ, home to John Obetz's weekly radio broadcasts, will be featured at the Kansas City Convention:

Community of Christ Auditorium  
Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co., Opus 1309, 1959  
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