



PIPELINES

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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DEAN'S LETTER

Summer is fast becoming a memory. Many of our members have attended conferences, traveled to vacation spots, or just lounged around with family and friends. Like most of you, I spent time vacationing with family. And although I enjoy being with them, I am sooooo glad to be home in my own bed and now looking forward to seeing my AGO cohorts!

Our 2013-2014 year will kick off on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9** with a clergy/musician dinner at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville. Clergy are always welcome at our chapter events but especially at this particular meeting. I encourage each of you to invite your clergy person to attend dinner and the program following as guests of our chapter. Yes, I did say as our chapter's guests. Dinner for clergy will be covered by our chapter, and we are setting a goal of at least 20 clergy. If you've not already reserved a date with your priest or pastor, do so now. Fostering a collegial relationship with pastoral leadership is one of the most important aspects of a successful music ministry.

Dr. Mary Louise Bringle, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Brevard College, has crafted an inspiring service following our September dinner featuring the WPC Choir, directed by John Semingson and accompanied by Polly Brecht. Dr. Bringle is familiar to many of us as the chair of the hymnal committee of the soon-to-be published, "Glory to God." She is also a hymn writer and former President of the Hymn Society in the US and Canada. The liturgy, reflections, and music of the service will stimulate, energize, and inspire both clergy and musician as we begin our year together.

Also mark your calendars now for the September 30 (our October meeting) hymn festival with John Walker at Downtown Presbyterian Church. The hymn festival is part of a weekend of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of the organ at DPC. Dr. Walker will also present organ recitals on Friday, September 27 and Sunday, September 29. Our chapter will co-sponsor the hymn festival on Monday, September 30 as the final event of the celebration.

At our recent executive board meeting we noted that due to our sizeable membership, we don't know many of our own members. We are a friendly chapter, but sometimes we can't always place a name with a face. So our hospitality chair, Rocky Craft, has suggested some steps we might all observe:

- 1) name tags which include the church and town where members are employed, which should help us with opening a conversation.
- 2) wearing name tags through the end of the program. This will help visitors attending only the program know who we are and also give more visibility to our chapter.
- 3) table hosts to introduce everyone to each other.

These are all great suggestions requiring the aid of volunteers as hosts and name tag collectors. Please respond with a "YES, I WILL HELP" when called upon.

Another item the board discussed in relation to our large geographical area, was reaching out to organists in communities outside of the Nashville metro area. We talked about sponsoring satellite organ workshops (SOW) in outlying areas that AGO members could organize involving non-members-- the goal being to give more visibility to the work of the AGO and also share organ topics in a smaller
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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

Clergy/Musician Dinner and Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church • 3900 West End Avenue • Nashville, 37205

DINNER, 6:30 PM — Reservations, due by September 4, can be made online @ <www.nashvilleago.org>, click on Dinner Reservations, or contact Linda Winters @ <agodinner@gmail.com> or @ 615-456-2065.

PROGRAM, 7:30 PM — Worship with Mary Louise Bringle, guest homilist, and Westminster Church Choir, John Semingson, Director, Polly Brecht, Organist

SATELLITE ORGAN WORKSHOP (S.O.W.)

First United Methodist Church, Columbia, Tenn.
Saturday, August 24 • 10:00 AM

This is the first of what Dean Marsha Scheusner hopes will grow into several such workshops throughout the area from which our Nashville chapter is comprised. This repertoire workshop is open to organists in the Columbia, Spring Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Arrington, and Pulaski areas. Church organists, who are members of AGO as well as non-members, are invited. This workshop is being hosted by the two organists at FUMC, Shannon Arnett and David McClain. Participants are asked to share (play) one or two favorite pieces they might use in the upcoming fall season and Advent/Christmas season. It is the hope that each participant will leave with new ideas for service music, and perhaps a desire to join our AGO chapter.

Shannon Arnett

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Henry Fusner and Peter Fyfe, who celebrated their 90th birthdays this summer.

We express our sympathy to:

Bill Gray in the loss of his cousin

Carol McClure and **Parker Ramsay** in the loss of her father and his grandfather, respectively, and to **Wes Ramsay** in the loss of his father-in-law

Steve McMillen in the loss of his mother

Derek Milnar in the loss of his wife

Dawn Seidenschwarz in the loss of her father-in-law

Membership update

We welcome eight new members to our chapter:

Justin Bowen	Deanie Moore
Jerry Hall	Keith Robellard
George Lee	Patrick Ryan
Tom Metcalfe	Dan Warmbrod

Add 185 renewing members for a total of 193 members for the beginning of our 2013–2014 season. If you know someone new to our area, send me their information. Let's continue to be diligent about inviting prospects to our meetings and concerts. Thanks, as always, for your good help.

Yearbook update

Our new yearbooks are being printed this week and will be mailed before our September 9th meeting. Thanks to Darryl Miller—typesetter, Sharron Lyon—editor, Ken Stein—photos, and William Taylor—ads.

Sharron Lyon
Membership Chair

(Dean's Letter)

informal setting. These events would not replace our regular monthly meetings but be in addition to them.

See Shannon Arnett's separate article on the first one to be held in Columbia August 24th. SOW is intentional because planting little "seeds" will help us grow as musicians and in membership. See what you can do to be a SOWer in your community.

I'm looking forward to hearing about what you've been up to this summer.

ASK YOUR CLERGY TO DINNER!!

Marsha Scheusner, Dean

SUBSTITUTE LIST

Summer and holiday vacations are times when churches are seeking organ substitutes. We are fortunate to have an excellent Placement Chair, Charlotte Hughes, who keeps an updated list of available organ substitutes. The list is available on our chapter website and is updated throughout the year. The organists on the list have submitted their names so that churches and church musicians can contact them directly. All of this is free of charge as a service to our members. Neither our chapter nor any member receives a "contracting fee" for utilizing the list. The organists on the substitute list have not given their permission for their services to be negotiated by a contracting service or individual for monetary gain. Our AGO Code of Ethics stipulates that we will conduct our "professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity." Let us hold ourselves accountable to this high standard. Dean Marsha Scheusner

An updated Substitute list may be found on our chapter website <www.nashvilleago.org>

JOB OPENINGS

First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN, is looking for a Director of Music/Organist. This is a full-time position and includes an Adult Choir, Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and Handbells. Requirements: bachelor's degree and 5-7 years of experience. For further information, contact Martha Johnson at (615) 400-6276 or <martha.johnson07@comcast.net>. Detailed position listing is on national AGO web site: <www.ago.org>.

St. John's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Nashville, is seeking a part-time organist/choir director. Minimum requirements: keyboard, voice, and conducting experience in a church setting. Bachelor's degree in music preferred, but not required. For further information, contact Keith Heim at <joyful100noise@gmail.com>. Cover letter and resumé may be emailed to the same address or sent via mail to: St. John's Lutheran Church, c/o Keith Heim, 3259 McGavock Pike, Nashville TN 37214.

Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair

ARTS CALENDAR 2013-2014

SEPTEMBER

9/1 — 5:00 PM

Choral Evensong
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

9/15-9/18

"An Organ at the Crossroads"
Organ Conference and
Inaugural Festivities for C. B. Fisk, op. 91
Jacobs School Music, Indiana University
Bloomington, IN
for more information, go to <livepage.apple.com>

9/18 — 9:15 PM

Compline
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

9/29 — 12:20 PM

Concert
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
Featuring the Youth Instrumentalists of FPC

OCTOBER

10/3 — 6:00 PM

Choral Evensong
25th Annual Conference of the Vergers' Guild
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

10/4 — 10:30 AM and 8:00 PM

Nathan Laube with the Nashville Symphony
"Grand Concerto" by Stephen Paulus
Schermerhorn Symphony Center

10/5 — 8:00 PM

Nathan Laube with the Nashville Symphony
"Grand Concerto" by Stephen Paulus
Schermerhorn Symphony Center

10/6 — 5:00 PM

Choral Evensong
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

10/13 — 4:00 PM

Spanish Organist Paul Ramirez in Concert
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville 37203

10/16 — 9:15 PM

Compline
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

10/20 — 12:20 PM

Concert
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
Featuring Sarah Wolford, soprano & Cody Muller, bass

10/25 — 8:00 PM

10th Anniversary Celebration of the Lively-Fulcher organ
Concert and Reception
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
900 Broadway, Nashville 37203
Ahreum Han, Organ

10/29 — 7:30 PM

McAfee Organ Recital
Jack Mitchener, Organist
Union University
1050 Union University Drive
Jackson, TN 38305

NOVEMBER

11/2 — 5:00 PM

Hereford Cathedral Choir
Choral Evensong and Sacred Concert
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

11/3 — 12:20 PM

Vanderbilt Concert Choir
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
David Binns Williams, Conductor

11/3 — 3:30 PM

Solemn Choral Evensong and Benediction preceded by an
Organ Concert
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
900 Broadway, Nashville 37203
Nick Bergin, guest organist
Christ Church Cathedral Choir, Michael Velting, Canon for
Music,
Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster

11/3 — 4:00 PM

All Saints' Service
Featuring "Eternal Light: A Requiem" by Howard Goodall
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville 37203
Chancel Choir with Orchestra

11/3 — 5:00 PM

Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise"
Immanuel Baptist Church
222 Belle Meade Blvd
Nashville, TN 37215
Choir with Orchestra

11/3 — 7:00 PM

All Saints' Evensong
 "For Us the Living: A Requiem" by Alfred Fedak
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 3900 West End Ave, Nashville, 37205
 Westminster Presbyterian Church Choir & Orchestra

11/10 — 12:20 PM

Concert
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 Featuring a presentation of "Abraham and Isaac" by Benjamin Britten, Greg Thomas, tenor and Alex Vorhaus, treble

11/20 — 9:15 PM

Compline
 St. George's Episcopal Church
 4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

DECEMBER**12/1 — 3:00 PM**

"Bring a Torch" Organ Concert
 Gerry Senechal, Organ
 St. George's Episcopal Church
 4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

12/7 — 7:00 PM

Holiday Concert
 Nashville Chamber Singers
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

12/8 — 4:00 PM

Music for the Season
 Featuring "Canite Tuba" by Donald McCullough
 additional music by Bass, Cherwien, Nestor, & Wilberg
 West End United Methodist Church
 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville 37203
 Chancel Choir and Brass

12/8 — 6:00 PM

Lessons and Carols
 St. George's Episcopal Church
 4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

12/10 — 7:30 PM

Holiday Concert
 Nashville Chamber Singers
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 116 N Academy St., Murfreesboro

12/15 — 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Advent Choral Service
 Cantata 140: "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" by J. S. Bach
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 3900 West End Ave, Nashville, 37205
 Westminster Presbyterian Church Choir & Orchestra

12/15 — 4:00 PM

Christmas Concert
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 FPC Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choirs and Orchestra
 Featuring Britten's "Ceremony of Carols"

12/15 — 4:00 PM

Festival of Lessons and Carols sung by the Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers
 Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
 900 Broadway, Nashville 37203
 Michael Velting, Canon for Music,
 Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster

12/15 — 5:30 PM

Candlelight Service
 West End United Methodist Church
 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville 37203
 Featuring all the singing and handbell choirs of West End United Methodist Church

12/22 — 4:00 PM

Lessons and Carols
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 116 N Academy St., Murfreesboro

JANUARY**1/6 — 7:30 PM**

AGO Organ Concert
 Wyatt Smith, Organ
 St. George's Episcopal Church
 4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

1/15 — 9:15 PM

Compline
 St. George's Episcopal Church
 4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

1/19 - 4:00 PM

Music for Trumpets and Organ
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 Adam Hayes and Joel Treybig, Trumpets;
 Andrew Risinger, Organ

FEBRUARY**2/3 — 7:30 PM**

Organ Concert
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 Jointly sponsored by FPC and AGO Nashville Chapter

2/7 — 6:15 PM

Broadway Dinner Show
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 Featuring FPC Sanctuary Choir and Sam Levine Trio
 (Ticketed Event)

2/9 — 5:00 PM

Choral Evensong
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

2/16 — 12:20 PM

Concert Featuring Irish Love Songs
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

2/16 — 3:00 PM

Choir and Orchestra Concert
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215
St. George's Choir and Orchestra

2/19 — 9:15 PM

Compline
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

2/28 — 7:30 PM

Organ Concert sponsored by Gene Russell
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
900 Broadway, Nashville 37203
Christopher Houlihan, Organ

MARCH

3/2 — 4:00 PM

Wilma Jensen and Friends
85th Birthday Concert
Wilma Jensen, Organ and Piano
with various vocalists and instrumentalists
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

3/9 — 5:00 PM

Choral Evensong
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

3/14 — 5-11 PM

8th Annual Bachanalia
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
900 Broadway, Nashville 37203
Michael Velting, Canon for Music,
Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster, with
Nashville community guest musicians

APRIL

4/6 — 4:00 PM

Christ Church Cathedral Chorister Festival Evensong
Christ Church Cathedral Senior Choristers
and Regional Guests
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
900 Broadway, Nashville 37203

Ben Hutto, Guest Director,
Michael Velting, Canon for Music,
Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster

4/6 — 4:00 PM

"Requiem" by Maurice Durufle and "I Was Glad" by
C. H. H. Parry
Final from "Symphonie No.1" for Organ & Orchestra
by Alexandre Guilmant
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville 37203
Chancel Choir and Orchestra,
Don Marler, Conductor
Andrew Risinger, Organ

4/13 — 4:00 PM

J. S. Bach "Passion According to St. John"
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
FPC Sanctuary Choir & Nashville Symphony Orchestra

4/27 — 3:00 PM

Spring Concert
Nashville Chamber Singers
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
116 N Academy St., Murfreesboro

MAY

5/4 — 3:00 PM

Spring Concert
Nashville Chamber Singers
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

5/4 — 5:00 PM

Choral Evensong
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

5/18 — 3:30 PM

Festal Choral Evensong and Organ Concert
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
900 Broadway, Nashville 37203
Crista Miller, Guest Organist,
Christ Church Cathedral Choir,
Michael Velting, Canon for Music,
Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster

5/21 — 9:15 PM

Compline
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

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