



PIPELINES

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JANUARY, 2015

DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Nashville Colleagues,

Seasons greetings! I hope this finds your Advent and coming Christmas celebration filled with joyful noise. In the midst of the hurriedness, I wish for each of you a little silence and a lot of calm, and a holy season touched with wonder and filled with love.

We begin our 2015 programming Monday, January 5, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, with a Liturgical Mystery Theater. Presented by musician, composer, publisher, and author Mark Schweizer, this comic church musical mystery is sure to shake the January chill and send the post-holiday blues a-scrampering! Mark is best known for his fine church music publishing through St. James Music Press, and his books, the award-winning Liturgical Mysteries Series (think *The Alto Wore Tweed*, *The Diva Wore Diamonds*, *The Organist Wore Pumps*, etc.). Come kick-off the new year with our dinner/meeting at 6:30 PM, followed by the program (also in the Fellowship Hall) at 7:30 PM.

In this season of giving, I invite you to consider opportunities to support our Nashville Chapter and the National AGO. Contributions to the Annual Fund of the National AGO help make possible programs and resources which are beneficial to all the AGO: certification programs, catalogues of educational materials, support of Pipe Organ Encounters and January

Jubilees, to name a few. Contributions directly to our Nashville Chapter allow us to raise the level of our monthly programming and help fund and support the work of the Guild through scholarships, lectures, and recitals. Consider giving today and help sponsor one of our spring programs: Organist Lynne Davis (February, Christ Church Cathedral), Concordia College Concert Choir (March, First Presbyterian, Nashville), Organist Alan Morrison (April, West End UMC), or our closing worship/concert with the local choral ensemble Portara (May, Second Presbyterian, Nashville). Tax-deductible contributions can be made through our website, www.nashvilleago.org [DONATE], or directly to our Treasurer, Joyce Byrd.

Finally, as we "give welcome to the Glad New Year," I charge you with the words of the 17th century Slovakian hymn (tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda):

*Greet now the swiftly changing year
With joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

Peace, and I look forward to seeing you all January 5, 2015!

Jonathan Setzer
Dean

JANUARY PROGRAM – MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

Liturgical Mystery Theater presented by Mark Schweizer

Dinner at 6:30 PM / Program at 7:30 PM

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

DINNER, 6:30 PM — Reservations, due by December 30, can be made online @ www.nashvilleago.org, click on Dinner Reservations, or contact Linda Winters @ lwinters357@gmail.com or @ 615-456-2065.

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Kevin Bailey**, who retired recently after 44 years as Director and Organist in Bowling Green area churches.

Congratulations to **Genevieve Lish**, who has retired from St. James the Less Episcopal Church, Madison, TN, after 24 years as their Organist/Director.

We express our condolences to **Abigail Haake** in the loss of her grandmother and to **Steve Hyman** in the loss of his brother.

Welcome New Member:

Dr. Matthew Phelps, AAGO
8207 Sawyer Brown Road, Apt. 6
Nashville, TN 37221
513-295-1156
mphelps@westendumc.org
Matt is Minister of Music at West End UMC.

PIPEDREAMS RECORDED AT AGO 2012 IN NASHVILLE

The majority of the music on this edition of *Pipedreams* was recorded at our National Convention 2012 in Nashville. <http://pipedreams.publicradio.org/listings/2014/1447/>



Daryl Robinson performed at Belmont's McAfee Concert Hall for our October meeting.

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JOB OPENINGS

Criewood United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN is seeking an organist for the traditional Sunday morning service (10:45 AM) and weekly Wednesday night rehearsals (7:00 PM), as well as any special services during the church year. Experience and willingness to lead a Pre-school children's choir would be helpful. Salary is negotiable. Please send resume to Judy Simpson at <jkcats7@bellsouth.net> or fax to CUMC SPRC Search Committee at 615-832-3825.

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 Bill Lawrie at <blawrie12@att.net> or 931-637-1750 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.

Grace Episcopal Church, Hopkinsville KY is looking for an organist/choirmaster beginning in June 2015. Please contact The Rev. Alice Nichols (Rector) at <alicensichols@gmail.com>, The Rev. Benjamin Hart (Assistant Rector) at <Benjamin.hart120@gmail.com> for further information, or check the church's website at <<http://gracehopkinsville.org/music.html>>.

St. James the Less' Episcopal Church, Madison, Tennessee is seeking an organist/choir director for one Sunday morning service and one rehearsal on Wednesday night each week, as well as any special services during the church year. Salary is negotiable. Contact the Reverend Robin Courtney, Parish Priest, at 615-708-7337 or <FatherCourtney@aol.com>.

Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair

Confirmation of Online Dinner Reservations

If you make your dinner reservation online, you will receive a confirmation email whether or not you are paying in advance. Formerly, only those who were paying in advance with a credit card received confirmation emails. Now everyone should receive one. If you do not receive your confirmation please be sure to let us know (call Linda Winters or send an email to <nashvilleago@gmail.com>).

ARTS CALENDAR JANUARY-FEBRUARY

JANUARY

1/11 — 4:00 PM

Brass Quintet and Organ Concert
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205
Featuring Todd Wilson, organist and Jeff Bailey, trumpeter

1/21 (Wednesday) — 9:15 PM

Compline
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205

FEBRUARY

2/1 — 4:00 PM

Organ Concert cosponsored by Christ Church Cathedral
and the Nashville Chapter AGO
Lynne Davis, organist
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
900 Broadway, Nashville 37203

2/6 (Friday) — 6:15 PM

Broadway Dinner Show and Silent Auction
"I Hear America Singing"
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220
FPC Sanctuary Choir and Friends

2/8 — 5:00 PM

Choral Evensong
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205

2/15 — 12:20 PM

Vanderbilt Concert Choir, David Binn Williams, director
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220

2/22 — 3:00 PM

St. George's Choir and Orchestra Concert
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205

2/22 - 3:30 PM

Lententide Solemn Choral Evensong and Organ Concert
Elizabeth Smith, guest organist
Christ Church Cathedral Choir, Michael Velting, Canon for
Music, Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
900 Broadway, Nashville 37203



New Dobson Organ at Blair

The Blair School of Music is pleased to announce that its new organ, Dobson's Opus 92, is now finished. We have only recently begun using it and are looking forward to introducing it soon to the Nashville community with a pair of identical events on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday afternoon February 8 at 4:00 p.m. (Turner Recital Hall is not our largest hall, and seating is limited.) The Saturday evening event will be by invitation only and will not be publicly announced. All Guild members will receive an RSVP invitation to it in early January; this announcement is to alert you that it will be coming and urge you to mark your calendar if you think you might be interested in attending. (Guild members will also be welcome at the Sunday public event, but seating at it cannot be guaranteed.) There will be introductory remarks by Blair's Dean Mark Wait, a 35-minute introduction to and demonstration of the organ, a brief intermission, and then a 45-minute formal recital. This will be followed by a champagne reception for all present hosted by the Dean. I will be presenting these recitals, focusing on literature especially appropriate to this slightly unusual instrument. We are making plans for guest recitals next fall and are hoping to start a series of monthly Sunday afternoon recitals during the musically lean summer months.

Watch for your invitation in January; we'll hope to see you at one of the events the first weekend in February.

Carl Smith