



PIPELINES

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

MARCH, 2015

DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Nashville Colleagues,

For me, our March program will be one of the highlights of our 2014–2015 Program Year. With co-sponsor First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, we present the Concordia College Choir in concert, Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. Michael Smith, guest conductor during René Clausen's creative leave, will direct the 75-voice choir from Moorhead, Minnesota, who are considered one of America's finest a cappella choirs. Admission is free and open to the public, and I encourage you to invite your family and friends. We will meet at First Presbyterian, 4815 Franklin Pike, for our regular 6:30 p.m. dinner and Chapter meeting. Our thanks to Nick Bergin, Rhonda Swanson, and First Presbyterian for their partnership in this event.

I want to share with you several very important items of Chapter business. First, our Nominating Committee has announced the slate of candidates for Chapter officers and candidates to serve as members at large on the Executive Committee. That list, included in this edition of PIPELINES, will be announced to the membership at our March 6 meeting, and voted on when we gather April 13 at West End UMC. Many thanks to Jon Johnson (chair) and committee members Gayle Sullivan and Rhonda Swanson for their diligent and exhaustive work in securing the commitment of these members for election consideration. The Guild is only as strong and vital as its members who are willing to

serve in positions of leadership and support. This slate is a shining example of our Chapter's strength, and we thank each member on it!

Second, our 2015–2016 Program Committee will soon announce what promises to be an exciting season of concerts and workshops. Many hours of planning and lots of email and phone calls go into planning program year events, and we thank Nick Bergin (chair) and committee members Keith Cole, Darryl Miller, Doug Murray, John Semingson, Elizabeth Smith, Rhonda Swanson, and Anthony Williams for their hard work, and we look forward to the coming details.

Finally, our Finance Committee gathers in the coming days to prepare the budget for our 2015–2016 program year, which will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval at their March 6 meeting. Our thanks to James Jordan (chair) and committee members Joyce Byrd, Hank Woerner, and Gary Scott for their knowledgeable and conscientious work on this essential business of our Chapter.

As we approach the penitential season of Lent, I hope you will find time for rest, reflection, and the discipline of spiritual fasting as we prepare for the promise of renewal at Easter. Looking forward to seeing you Friday, March 6, 6:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church.

Jonathan Setzer, Dean

MARCH PROGRAM – FRIDAY, MARCH 6 – 7:30 PM

CONCORDIA CHOIR IN CONCERT

First Presbyterian Church • 4815 Franklin Pike • Nashville, Tennessee 37220

DINNER, 6:30 PM — Reservations, *due by March 1*, can be made online @ <www.nashvilleago.org>, click on Dinner Reservations, or contact Linda Winters @ <lwinters357@gmail.com> or @ 615-456-2065.

MEMBER NEWS

Condolences to friends and family of long-time member, **Dr. Henry Fusner** (1923-2015), who died on February 1. A visitation will occur at the Cheek House at First Presbyterian Church Nashville on February 22, 2015 at 1:00 PM, with a Memorial service to follow at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary.

<<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tennessean/obituary.aspx?n=henry-s-fusner&pid=174120975&#sthash.KCFL-GUrD.dpuf>>

On Sunday, February 22, 11:00 AM service, The Presbyterian Church, 1003 State Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky, and reception following, the church will honor **Tom Moody** for his 50th year of service as organist. All are invited to attend. Congratulations, Tom.

Yearbook update:

Dr. Anthony Williams
128 Blue Ridge Trace
Hendersonville, TN 37075
615-757-3480

Dr. Michael Williams
kyrios071941@att.net

Welcome New Member:

Dr. Kimberly K. Estep
615-663-0023
1440 Beaconcrest Circle
Murfreesboro, TN 37128
kimberly.estep@me.com

JOB OPENINGS

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.
Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2015

Nominating Committee: Jon Johnson (chair), Gayle Sullivan and Rhonda Swanson

Our work began in mid-November 2014, and we were finally able to complete our work recently. We especially exhausted several choices for Dean-Elect, but most of those members were curious and asked questions about the position. They said that they would be happy to serve in that office in the future if they were asked. Other than that, most members were very cooperative and acquiesced when they were contacted to run for an office or the executive committee. The committee worked diligently to select a well-rounded and diverse group of nominees to represent the Nashville Chapter AGO for the upcoming 2015-2016 season. On behalf of the nominating committee, I am pleased to recommend the following slate of nominees for the executive committee's approval. The Nashville Chapter AGO will vote for one person per office, and select three for the executive committee.

Dean-Elect

Keith Cole and Rhonda Swanson

Secretary

Hildegard Cox and Janet Schmidt

Treasurer

Gary Scott and Hank Woerner

Executive Committee

Melissa Emerson, Douglas Jennings, Matthew Phelps, Michael Snoddy and Angela Tipps

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Johnson, chair

UPDATED SUB LIST ON WEBSITE

An Organist Sub List Task Force, headed by Janet Schmidt, has been established to help make our Nashville Chapter Substitute List more accessible, informative, and user-friendly to those seeking our services. The most frequent comment we hear is that users don't know whom to call when they see the Sub List. Please take a look at the Sub List at <nashvilleago.org> and then email <janetrschmidt@gmail.com> with any ideas you have for improving the function of our Sub List.

www.nashvilleago.org

2015 Lenten Noon Concerts

During this season of contemplation and renewal,
join us for a time of music and reflection at the middle of the day.

February 19 ♦ Nick Bergin, organ

February 26 ♦ Wilma Jensen, organ

March 5 ♦ Matt Phelps, organ

March 12 ♦ Andrew Risinger, organ

March 19 ♦ David Harrison, organ

March 26 ♦ Bobby Stubbs, organ

Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon, and admission to all concerts is free.
Following the concert, lunch catered by Martha Stamps is available in Reed Hall at 12:30 p.m. for \$10.
Lunch requires reservations. Register online at westendume.org/lentenconcerts
or call Kirk Clark at 615.321.8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.

“Appropriate and Effective Use of Instrumental Music in Christian Worship”

Sunday, March 22nd, 6:00 PM
McAfee Concert Hall
Belmont University

Church musicians may find they do not know how to evaluate textless instrumental music on the same level as they do choral pieces or other music with a text. Yet, for the responsible church musician, the decision to incorporate instrumental music in worship should move beyond a superficial determination about the music’s stylistic appropriateness into a discussion of how the music contributes meaningfully to worship.

In this lecture recital, through the study and performance of five pieces for organ that are appropriate for Christian worship, I will examine the process for determining the appropriateness of instrumental music in worship, and develop some practical recommendations for church musicians. This will inform a discussion of how church musicians can incorporate instrumental music more appropriately, effectively, and meaningfully within modern-day worship.

Lecture and Recital presented by **Kristen Schussler**, in partial fulfillment of the Master’s of Music degree in Church Music from Belmont University.

ARTS CALENDAR – FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL

FEBRUARY

2/15 — 12:20 PM

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

2/15 — 3:00 PM

Nashville Children’s Choir
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville 37212

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

MARCH

3/1 — 3:00 PM

Reginald Smith, Jr. and Deron Johnson in Concert
“Hymns, Sprituals and Gospels”
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville 372212

3/1 — 4:00 PM

Choral Evensong
All Saints’ Chapel, 735 University Ave., Sewanee 37383
St. George’s Choir with the Choir of the University of the South

3/6 (Friday) — 7:30 PM

Concordia College Choir, Michael Smith, guest director
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220

3/8 — 4:00 PM

Christ Church Cathedral Chorister Festival Evensong
 Christ Church Senior Choristers and Regional Guests
 Michael Kleinschmidt, Guest Director
 Michael Velting, Canon for Music
 Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
 Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
 900 Broadway, Nashville 37203

3/15 – 7:00 PM

Vienna Boys Choir
 Schermerhorn Symphony Center
 One Symphony Place, Nashville 37201

3/18 (Wednesday) — 9:15 PM

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

3/22 — 6:00 PM

Appropriate and Effective Use of Instrumental Music in Christian Worship: Lecture/Recital by Kristin Schussler
 given in partial fulfillment of the Master's of Music degree
 in Church Music from Belmont University
 McAfee Concert Hall, Belmont University
 2100 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, 37212

3/27 (Friday) — 5:00–11:00 PM

9th Annual BACHANALIA
 Michael Velting, Canon for Music,
 Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
 Nashville Community Guest Musicians
 Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
 900 Broadway, Nashville 37203

3/29 — 4:00 PM

The Crucifixion by John Stainer
 Combined Choirs of First Presbyterian Church and
 Historic Presbyterian Church
 William Berger and Michael Snoddy, conductors
 Steven Fiske, tenor; Benjamin Kahan, baritone;
 Jonathan Setzer, organ
 Historic Presbyterian Church
 435 Main Street, Franklin, TN 37064

APRIL**4/3 (Friday) — 4:00 PM**

The Crucifixion by John Stainer
 Combined Choirs of First Presbyterian Church and
 Historic Presbyterian Church
 First Presbyterian Church
 101 Legends Club Lane, Franklin, TN 37069

4/3 (Friday) — 7:00 PM

Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220
 Featuring FPC Sanctuary Choir

4/13 (Monday) — 7:30 PM

Lipscomb University Choirs and Orchestra
Hymn of Praise by Felix Mendelssohn
 Belmont United Methodist Church
 2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville 372212

4/15 (Wednesday) — 9:15 PM

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

4/19 — 3:00 PM

Nashville Chamber Singers
 MTSU Wright Music Building
 1439 Faulkinberry Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130

4/19— 3:00 PM

Music City Baroque with St. George's Choir
 St. George's Episcopal Church
 4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205

4/19 — 4:30 PM

Brahms *A German Requiem*
 Chancel Choir and Orchestra
 Matthew Phelps, director
 Pre-Concert talk at 3:30 by Tucker Biddlecombe
 West End United Methodist Church
 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville 37203

4/19 — 5:00 PM

Mendelssohn *Elijah* presented as a dramatic work with
 orchestra and Sanctuary Choirs of
 First Baptist Church, Nashville, and
 First Baptist Church, Huntsville
 First Baptist Church, 108 7th Ave., S., Nashville, TN 37203

4/26 — 3:00 PM

Belmont United Methodist Sanctuary Choir
 and full orchestra
Gloria, by Karl Jenkins
 Belmont United Methodist Church
 2007 Acklen Ave., Nashville 37212

4/26 — 3:00 PM

Spring Concert
 Nashville Chamber Singers, Angela Tipps, director
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220

The complete arts calendar is available
 at our chapter website, <Nashvilleago.org>