

PIPELINES

Nashville Chapter ▽ American Guild of Organists ▽ May, 2006



FROM THE DEAN

*H*appy Easter! I hope everyone's Lent, Holy Week and Easter celebrations were good and by now you've had some time to rest, recover, and reflect! This issue of Pipelines contains a great deal of important information regarding both the close of this season and very exciting plans for next season. I urge you to take the time to read all of it.

A great new class of officers was elected at our April meeting (see page 2). I want to thank Elizabeth Smith, Chair of Nominations, her committee members—Andrew Risinger and Gayle Sullivan, and all of our members who agreed to run for election and serve. It was an impressive roster of people who are all highly gifted, capable individuals. The only bad thing about the election is that only half of the candidates could be elected. All of you are valued and important members of our guild. THANK YOU! The new officers will be installed on May 1 at a Festival Choral Evensong at St. George's Episcopal Church in Nashville. The St. George's Choir will sing (Murray Somerville, director, and Gerry Senechal, accompanist) and Rev. Mary June Nestler will deliver the homily. The Very Reverend Canon Nestler is Dean of the Episcopal Theological School in Claremont, California, and a marvelous preacher! Many of us still remember her outstanding homily at the 2004 AGO National Convention in Los Angeles. This will be a superb Evening Prayer and installation of our new leadership. Please be there to commit your support for both them and our chapter. Don't forget that reservations for dinner are required and must be submitted to Linda Winters no later than Thursday morning, April 27.

Wilma Jensen (Dean-Elect) and the Program Committee have planned an incredible season of programs for 2006-07 (see page 9). Thank you to all who have already made contributions beyond dues toward program expenses for next year (the average cost for a 2006-2007 program is \$1,700). Exciting programming is the key to our continued growth and success, and it is these extra gifts that make it possible. We are still in need of additional funding for next year's programming, and we hope all members will consider giving a gift, if you have not already done so. No gift is too small or large! Please also consider asking others in your communities and churches that might be willing to support our mission with a tax-deductible contribution. There is a place on the membership renewal form to list extra contributions for programming, or you can contact Richard Shadinger (Finance Chair) or me directly. We need your help!

Speaking of membership forms, it is time to renew your membership, and I encourage you to not wait till the end of summer to do it. Sharron Lyon has helped us grow our chapter to include 201 members this year. We want to maintain this record-level of members and more. Please send in your form and dues as soon as possible. It is a great help for Sharron, Darryl, Ralph, and Ken to begin preparing the new yearbook/directory over the summer. Melvin Potts has been taking pictures of our new members as they join, but if you are a member whose picture still does not appear in the yearbook, Ken Stein will be present to "shoot" you prior to dinner on May 1, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The National AGO Convention will be held in Chicago this July 2-6. I, and many of our members, will be there to represent the Nashville Chapter. Thank you for the privilege of serving as Dean this year and for the palpable support I have experienced from so many of you. The only thing I could promise as Dean is that I would work hard and make mistakes! However, with the tireless support from all our Officers and Executive Committee, it has been a good year. For me, it has been a rewarding year, and I hope that each of you has been renewed by the programs, fellowship, and camaraderie of our chapter. Thank you, again, and see you on May 1 at St. George's.

Sincerely,

John

Dr. John Semingson, Dean

Nashville Chapter **Chapter Officers for 2006-2007**

Dean-Elect

Andrew J. Peters

Secretary

Dawn Seidenschwarz

Treasurer

Jonathan Setzer

Executive Board

Doug Murray

Marjorie Proctor

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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

MEMBER PHOTOS



Keith Cole



Toni Foglesong



Joey Greer



Peggy Pellet

AN ACOUSTICAL PSALM 137

By the carpets of beige orlon, there we sat down and wept when we remembered live acoustics. In the pews there we closed our books, for there our acoustical “experts” condemned us to silence, and our tormentors said, “Just try to sing the songs of Zion!”

How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a dead room?

If I forget your songs, O Jerusalem, the organist’s right hand will wither. My tongue shall cleave to the roof of my mouth if I prefer not reverberation as my chief joy.

Remember, O Lord, against the carpet makers who said, “Deaden it, deaden it in every corner.” O makers of beige orlon, you life-acoustic devastators; happy shall they be who repay you with what you have done to us. Happy shall they be who take up the plush carpets and dash them into the dumpsters.

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(Written in 1990 at the National Convocation of the Hymn Society in Charleston, S.C.)
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2012 AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

Beginning July 1 through July 6, 2012, our Nashville Chapter will host the AGO National Convention. What an honor and a privilege it is to be chosen for this awesome task! Work began last fall when the Executive Convention Steering Committee was approved by the Executive Board of the Nashville Chapter and the AGO National Council at their fall meeting. The first item of business was intense with the Downtown Hotels and the Nashville Convention Center. These terms are negotiated locally but contracts are signed by James Thomashower, Executive Director of the AGO in our New York Office. The Renaissance Hotel has been selected as the Headquarters Hotel. However, they do not have enough rooms to accommodate the entire convention, so we also have contracts with the Hilton Hotel, immediately across the street from the Convention Center, and the Sheraton Hotel, located two blocks away. The Renaissance Hotel connects to the Nashville Convention Center, and we have the entire facility contracted for our exhibit space, registration, banquet, and numerous breakout rooms for workshops and small business meetings.

The Convention Executive Steering Committee has also been hard at work on securing Chair Persons for the Working Committees. This list was submitted to the Nashville Executive Board for approval at the April 17 meeting. The list was then sent to Karen Rich, National Councillor for Conventions and Competitions, for her to submit to the National Council for final approval at their April 23rd meeting in New York City. The Work Committee Chairs, along with the National Representatives and the Nashville Convention Executive Steering Committee, will form the larger Convention Steering Committee.

The Full **2012 AGO National Convention Steering Committee** has been submitted as follows:

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

National Executive Director	James Thomashower
National Councillor of Conventions & Competitions	Karen Rich
Committee on National Conventions Director	Dennis Elwell

LOCAL EXECUTIVE CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE .

Convention Coordinator	William E. Gray, Jr.
Executive Coordinator Assistant	Rhonda Swanson
Secretary	Andrew Peters
Treasurer	Joyce M. Byrd
Registrar	James Jordan

TOWN HALL MEETING

The October 2nd Chapter Meeting of the Nashville AGO will be a very special event. This is a **TOWN HALL MEETING** regarding the **2012 AGO National Convention**. We have a goal of a minimum of 100 Chapter Members to attend this most important meeting. The dinner will be at the elegant **Centennial Club in Green Hills**. It is a beautiful setting and this club is known for its fabulous cuisine. We will have people visiting with us from the National AGO Convention Committee and other AGO National Dignitaries to talk with the chapter about the Convention and the exciting work that we have in store during the next six years. You will be given a chance to make any suggestions for the Steering Committee to consider in the planning of the convention. At the end of this meeting, you will be asked to list five areas in your order of preference where you are willing to volunteer. Although Working Committee Chair Persons have been chosen, the actual Committees will not be selected until after this meeting. Soon after, the chair person of each committee will decide how many people are needed on their committee and will work with the list of names compiled from the interest cards gathered at the Town Hall Meeting and with the Convention Coordinator to select members to serve on his/her committee.

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CHAIRPERSONS OF CONVENTION WORKING COMMITTEES

Finance Committee	Joyce Byrd, Convention Treasurer
Gifts and Grants	Wes Ramsay
New Music	Murray Somerville
New Music—Local Musicians	Vicki Wright
Performance	Michael Velting
Workshops	John Semingson
Worship	Don Marler
Facilities (Churches)	Hildegard Cox
Housing	
Hotels and Convention Center	Tim Strobl
Student Housing	Lisa Barry
Transportation	Rocky Craft
Exhibits	David Lyle
Hospitality	Janet Schmidt
Program Book	Darryl Miller
Promotion / Publicity	Douglas Murray
Daily Paper	Steve McMillen
Web Information	Sharron Lyon
Volunteers	Pat Mulloy Berthelot
Chapter Liaison	Ken Stein
Competitions	
Rising Stars Liaison	Andrew Risinger
NYACOP Liaison	Donald Cornelius
NCOI Liaison	Gayle Sullivan

(Town Hall Meeting continued from page 4)

Please make a note in your calendar for **Monday, October 2, 2006, at 6:30 P.M. to attend this most important TOWN HALL MEETING at the Centennial Club.** We hope every member will want to be there and take an active part in this important meeting! Remember, this convention does not belong to any one person or any one group of people. Hosting this Convention is a Chapter Event, and we are depending on each member of our chapter to see that it is a total success. We will need everyone working together in order to fulfill the confidence that the National AGO has shown in our outstanding chapter. We thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in hosting the 2012 AGO National Convention.

William E. (Bill) Gray
2012 AGO National Convention Coordinator

NEW MEMBER

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Dawn Seidenschwarz
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Dr. Harold Smith
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Brentwood, TN 37027

YEARBOOK PHOTO SESSION—MAY 1

Yearbook photographer, Ken Stein, will be available at 6:00 p.m. at our May 1st meeting at St. George's to make additional photos for the 2006-07 yearbook. Several of you have been contacted concerning a yearbook photo; this is in addition to snapshots made by Melvin Potts during the year for Pipelines. If you cannot attend the May 1st meeting, Ken will contact you during the summer for a photo session. Thanks for your cooperation.

ANDREW PETERS TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION

Our own Andy Peters is one of seven organists in the Semi-Final Competition of NYACOP, sponsored by the Central Iowa Chapter of the AGO, to be held May 20 at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Des Moines. The NYACOP Final Round will take place at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Chicago on Sunday, July 2, as part of the 2006 AGO National Convention. A Winner's Recital will be presented to the convention on July 5, 2006.

Congratulations, Andy, and good luck.

MEMBER NEWS

- ♦ Be sure and see the photo and article about our own student member, **Parker Ramsay**, on page 72 of the April issue of *The American Organist*. Also included in the photo and article are our two members, **Dr. Wilma Jensen** and **Dr. Michael Velting**.
- ♦ On the same page of TAO is a photo and article about **Dr. Murray Somerville** and Belle Meade Baroque. Their next performance is on May 7th at St. George's.
- ♦ We express our deepest sympathy to **Dr. Richard Shadinger** in the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Webb, in early April.
- ♦ We express our deepest sympathy to **Dr. Harold Smith** in the death of his mother, Mrs. Shirley Miriam Smith, in mid-April.
- ♦ Please remember our student member, **Amanda Nored**, who suffered a broken wrist in early April as she was preparing for her senior recital and other accompanying responsibilities at MTSU. Her plans for next fall's studies are uncertain at this time.
- ♦ Also remember **Bob Brown**, who suffered a light stroke recently and had carotid artery surgery.
- ♦ Three of our members from one family, **Bob**, **Cynthia**, and son **John Luciano**, remain in difficult circumstances as they deal with Bob's ALS illness. If you wish to send them a card or help with expenses, their address is:
7307 McCormick Drive
Fairview, TN 37062

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Thanks to many of you who have already renewed your membership for next year. The renewal form is included in this issue of Pipelines. Why not take care of your dues now? This will greatly assist our treasurer and yearbook staff. And don't forget to add something extra for our chapter's programs for next year.

As you hear of new musicians in our area or if you know of someone who would be interested in joining our chapter, please send me their contact information.

Thanks to ALL of you for your help during this season as we reached our goal of 200 members.

Sharron Lyon
Membership Chair

CALENDAR OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE MUSIC EVENTS

(Compiled from Nashville AGO members; see <www.nashvilleago.org> for updates)

- April 23, 4:00 PM
Piano Concert
Nielson & Young, duo-pianists
Christ Church Cathedral—Nashville
- April 23, 4:30 PM
Carillon Ringers Concert
Belmont United Methodist Church—
Nashville
- April 25, 7:30 PM
American Boychoir with the Nashville
Boychoir at Blair — \$10 Donation
St. George's Episcopal Church—Nashville

- April 30, 4:00 PM
Berlioz Te Deum
West End United Methodist Church
(rescheduled from April 2)

- April 30, 4:00 PM
Organ Dedication and Concert featuring
Geoffrey Shoffstall, Lisa Barry, and Waldemar
Wensell
Church of the Advent—Nashville

- April 30, 4:30 PM
Belmont Chorale Spring Concert
Wightman Chapel at Scarritt-Bennett
Center—Nashville

- May 7, 2:00 PM
Belle Meade Baroque Concert: "Concertos
Italian and otherwise" — \$5 Donation
St. George's Episcopal Church—Nashville

- May 7, 3:30 PM
Organ Concert and Choral Evensong
Michael Messina, Organ
Cathedral Choir, Michael Velting, Director
Marjorie Proctor, Organ
Christ Church Cathedral—Nashville

- May 7, 4:00 PM
Bells and Chimes of Grace
Grace Lutheran Church—Clarksville

- May 7, 4:30 PM
Belmont UMC Sanctuary Choir will present a
concert of various repertoire included on the
choir's CD due to release in late May.
Belmont United Methodist Church—
Nashville

- May 21, 4:30 PM
Patti and Greg Thomas, Soprano and Tenor
Duo
Wightman Chapel at Scarritt-Bennett
Center—Nashville

- June 4, 6:00 PM
Chamber Concert and Choral Evensong for
Pentecost
All Saints' Choir, Lisa Barry, Organist and
Choirmaster
All Saints' Parish—Smyrna

- June 11, 5:00 PM
Laudate Youth Choir Pacific Northwest Tour
Homecoming Concert
Westminster Presbyterian Church—Nashville

SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

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Sandra Keene 826-8974
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500-0790 (cell)
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Barbara Michanowicz 889-2165
Melvin Potts 370-7000 x 2739 or 831-9941
Janet Schmidt 771-0263
Jonathan Setzer 353-0104 or 415-1735

POSITION OPEN

Hillcrest United Methodist Church — Choir
Director, part-time. The church already has an
organist, but keyboard skills are considered a
plus. Contact Pat Everett at 615-832-0157.

JUNE PIPELINES DEADLINE

May 15 is the deadline for the June *Pipelines*.
E-mail your articles to Dr. William Taylor at
<wrtaylori@comcast.net>.



Happy Faces
from our
April Meeting
at
Westminster



FINAL NASHVILLE CHAPTER AGO PROGRAM FOR 2005-2006

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

May 1

Festival Choral Evensong with the St.
George's Choir and Installation of Officers
Homilist: Very Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler
Dean, Episcopal Theological School,
Claremont, CA

St. George's Episcopal Church

NASHVILLE AGO PROGRAMS — 2006-2007
(All programs are on Monday unless specified otherwise)

September 11, 2006 — Service of Remembrance and Hope

No dinner, Program 7:30, Reception following
9/11 Memorial/Celebration with Multiple Choirs directed by Sir David Willcocks
First Baptist Church, 108 7th Avenue South, Nashville

October 2, 2006 — Town Hall Meeting and Information Session with National AGO Officers

Dinner and Program 6:30 PM
Kick-off meeting for 2012 National Convention
Location: Centennial Club, 2805 Abbott Martin Road, Nashville (Green Hills)

November 6, 2006 — Choral Rehearsal with Jack Burnham

Dinner 6:30 PM, Rehearsal 7:30 PM
Mr. Burnham is a former AAM president and well-known conductor with both volunteers and professionals
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3900 West End Avenue, Nashville

December 4 2006 — Christmas Program

Dinner 6:30 PM, Concert 7:30 PM
Christmas Program with Blair Choirs under the direction of Hazel Somerville
Christ the King Catholic Church, 3001 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville

January 8, 2007 — An Evening of Workshops

Dinner 6:30 PM, Workshops 7:30 PM
Workshops — Choose 2 out of 3
 Organ Repertoire — Jonathan Setzer and Wilma Jensen (easy repertoire)
 Choral Repertoire (for smaller churches and choirs) — Angela Tipps
 Vocal Health — Vanderbilt Voice Clinic
Brentwood United Methodist Church, 309 Franklin Road, Brentwood

February 5, 2007 — “Bach played the violin too!”

Dinner 6:30 PM, Program 7:30 PM
Lecture/Demonstration: Baroque performance practices
Dr. Robert Mealy, Baroque Violinist, Dr. Murray Forbes Somerville, Harpsichord
Belle Meade United Methodist Church, 101 Davidson Road, Nashville

March 5, 2007 — Organ Concert by Malcolm Matthews

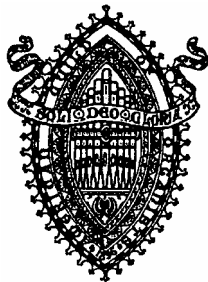
Dinner 6:30, Program 7:30 PM
Organ Recital by Malcolm Matthews, winner of Region IV Quimby Competition and performer at the ChicAGO Convention as a “Rising Star”
Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

April 20, 2007 – Organ Concert by John Scott

Friday — Dinner 6:30 PM, Concert — **8:00 PM**
Co-sponsored by Christ Cathedral and Nashville AGO
Organ Recital by John Scott, Choirmaster/ Organist at St. Thomas, New York City
Former Choirmaster/ Organist at St. Paul’s, London
Christ Church Cathedral, 900 Broadway, Nashville

May 7, 2007— Evensong and Installation of Officers

Dinner 6:30 PM, Service 7:30 PM,
Homily by The Reverend Carol Tate
West End United Methodist Church, 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville



American Guild of Organists

Nashville Chapter

Membership Form 2006-07

It is time to renew your membership for the 2006-07 year. Your dues include a one-year's subscription to *The American Organist* magazine (TAO) and support for the programs offered by the national organization and by our local chapter. To continue receiving the benefits of membership and your TAO subscription, please mail your dues payment now. **Contributions beyond dues are encouraged and tax-deductible.**

Make your check payable to
Nashville Chapter AGO
And mail with this completed form to:

Jonathan Setzer
744 Newberry Rd.
Nashville, TN 37205

Membership Category (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular voting member | \$84 | \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special voting member
(over 65, under 21, or disabled) | \$60 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student voting member
(full-time, with valid school ID) | \$32 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner voting member
(only one TAO per household) | \$60 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual voting member
(Primary chapter _____) | \$33 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student dual member | \$12 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter friend (non-voting)
(includes Pipelines but no TAO) | \$25 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution for chapter programs | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Endowment Fund | | _____ |

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

**READ
THIS**

You must complete **ALL** information below, **EVEN IF THERE IS NO CHANGE** from previous years. **ONLY** this information will be included in the 2006-07 Chapter Year Book. Thank you!

ABOUT YOU (PLEASE PRINT)

Name _____
 AGO Certificates _____
 Mailing Address _____

 City/State/Zip _____
 Phones:
 Home Phone _____
 Work Phone _____
 Church Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____
 Fax _____
 E-Mail _____

ABOUT YOUR MUSICAL WORK

Position 1
 Org/Church _____
 Title _____
 Organ Make _____
 No. of Manuals/Ranks _____
 Year _____ Builder _____

Position 2
 Org/Church _____
 Title _____
 Organ Make _____
 No. of Manuals/Ranks _____
 Year _____ Builder _____

Nashville Chapter May Meeting

FESTIVAL EVENSONG

AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Very Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler, Guest Preacher
Dean of the Episcopal Theological School
Claremont, California

Monday May 1 7:30 PM

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

6:30 PM — Dinner 7:30 PM — Concert

Dinner reservations required — Phone 615-264-3430

This service open to the community without admission charge.

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