



# PIPELINES

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

**MARCH, 2014**

## FROM THE DEAN

“Oh, the weather outside has been frightful;  
But AGO music and friends have been delightful!”

If you weren't at the February meeting and recital, you missed a delicious meal and enjoyable concert from Magdeburg, Germany organist, Barry Jordan. The good news is, you still have three AGO programs this spring to attend. On Monday, March 3, you will get to hear one of the “Rising Stars,” Wyatt Smith, perform at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. The dinner will be at 6:30 followed by Wyatt's recital at 7:30. We were fortunate that Wyatt was available to reschedule his snowed out January recital to March for us. (Note the time change in the previously announced dinner and program times.) Our dinner will feature a fun Mardi Gras menu since Ash Wednesday will be two days later.

We also will introduce our 2014-2015 chapter officer nominees at the March meeting. (See list of candidates in this newsletter.) In accordance with our bylaws, we will vote for new officers at our April meeting, with officer installation held at our final May meeting. National AGO President, Eileen Guenther, will be present to help install our chapter officers in May. Our thanks go to Jon Johnson and his nominating committee for their diligence in seeking out capable leadership for our chapter.

Leadership is key to a successful chapter. I want to personally thank the members of the Executive, Finance (Gary Scott, chair) and Endowment (Hank Woerner, chair) Committees for their deliberations, suggestions, and ideas regarding the future of our chapter. They have brought endless commitment and creativity to ensure a high standard of quality programs and events.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in March!

Marsha Scheusner, Dean

## **MARCH PROGRAM – MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014**

### **ORGAN CONCERT BY WYATT SMITH**

**DINNER — 6:30 PM    CONCERT — 7:30 PM**

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church    908 Murfreesboro Road    Franklin, Tennessee 37064**

***Dinner Reservations, due by February 26.***

You can make and pay your reservation online at <[www.nashvilleago.org](http://www.nashvilleago.org)>, click on Dinner Reservations, or contact Linda Winters at <[agodinner@gmail.com](mailto:agodinner@gmail.com)> or phone Linda at 615-456-2065.

## MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Douglas Murray**, recently named as finalist for the NCOI competition at the Boston 2014 National Convention.

### Welcome New Members:

#### Don Fisher

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#### Michael Snoddy

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Michael is Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

## ARTS CALENDAR

### 2/28 — 7:30 PM

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

### 3/2 — 4:00 PM

Wilma Jensen and Friends  
85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert  
Wilma Jensen, Organ and Piano  
with guest vocalists and instrumentalists  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37205

### 3/9 — 3:00 PM

Senior Organ Recital  
Dakota Hill, Organ  
First Presbyterian Church  
801 S. High Street, Columbia, TN 38401

### 3/9 — 3:30 PM

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

### 3/9 — 5:00 PM

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

### 3/14 — 5:00-11:00 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

## JOB OPENINGS

**First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, TN** is seeking an organist for one Sunday morning service and Wednesday night rehearsal each week, beginning April 27, 2014. Bachelor's degree in music is preferred but not required. Specifications for the Kilgen 2/11 (1900) organ can be seen at <[www.nashvilleago.org/AreaOrgans/Specs/FPCLewisburg/htm](http://www.nashvilleago.org/AreaOrgans/Specs/FPCLewisburg/htm)>. Please contact Bill Lawrie at <[blawrie12@att.net](mailto:blawrie12@att.net)> for further information.

**First United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, TN** is seeking an organist/pianist for one Sunday morning service and Wednesday night rehearsal each week, plus special seasonal services, beginning July 1, 2014 or earlier. Organ was manufactured by A.B. Felgemaker and has nine ranks of pipes and a 32-level combination action. Full job description available upon request. Please contact Wayne Damron at <[wdamron@fpunet.com](mailto:wdamron@fpunet.com)> for further information.

**Trinity United Methodist Church, Franklin, TN** is seeking an accompanist for one Sunday morning worship service and Wednesday night rehearsal, plus special services, beginning March 16, 2014. Applicants must be accomplished on piano/keyboard and in sight-reading (organ skills desired, but not required). Please submit resumé, with references, to Lynn McGill, Director of Music at <[Lynn.McGill@comcast.net](mailto:Lynn.McGill@comcast.net)> (Phone 615-804-1878) or Rev. Dennis Meaker at <[djmeaker@gmail.com](mailto:djmeaker@gmail.com)>.

Charlotte Hughes,  
Placement Chair

## AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTES

An updated Substitute list may be found on our chapter website <[www.nashvilleago.org](http://www.nashvilleago.org)>

## SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP

From Laura Ellis, our Regional Councillor:  
Inspiring Worship: the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sacred Music Workshop will be held on the University of Florida campus on May 4-6, 2014. The guest clinician will be Lau (<<http://robertlaucomposer.com>>). Complete details may be found at this website:  
<<http://www.arts.ufl.edu/organ/SMW.shtml>>.



**Boston: June 23-27, 2014**

<http://www.agoboston2014.org/>

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2014-2015

### Dean-Elect candidates:



**Nicholas Bergin** is the Organist at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville. He graduated in May of 2012 with a Master's degree in organ performance from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where he studied with Janette Fishell and was awarded the prestigious Barbara and David Jacobs Fellowship. Nick is a graduate of Baltimore's Peabody Conservatory, where he studied organ with Donald Sutherland and piano with Seth Knopp. He is a past Dean of the Bloomington, IN chapter of the AGO, and he currently serves on the Executive Board and the Program Committee of the Nashville chapter.



**Keith Cole** is the Southeastern U.S. Group Tour Account Executive with Witte Travel & Tours as well as a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and director of Tintinnabulation, the Westminster youth handbell choir. Before beginning work with Witte Travel & Tours in 2003, he was in full time music ministry in churches throughout GA, IL, and NC. Keith holds a BA in Music and Theatre from Baldwin-Wallace College, a Master of Church Music from Scarritt Graduate School and the Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. While not an organist himself, Keith appreciates the instrument and holds in awe all who have the coordination and knowledge to make this instrument sing.

### Secretary candidates:



**Gary Scott** is Organist at First Presbyterian Church, Lebanon. He retired from the State of Tennessee in 2012 after working 26 years in Information Systems. He served as Secretary of the 2012 Convention Steering Committee, and was chair of the Nashville Chapter Finance Committee from 2007 to 2012. Gary holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in organ from Louisiana State University where he studied with Richard Heschke.



**Rhonda Swanson** holds a Master's degree in Organ and Church Music from the Indiana University School of Music, where she was a student of Oswald Ragatz. She also holds a BA in Music from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota. She received an American-Scandinavian Foundation grant for postgraduate study in Copenhagen, Denmark, studying with Grethe Krogh and service as organist-choir director at the American Church of Copenhagen. She joined the Music Department staff of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville in 1996, where she continues as Assistant Organist. She was a member of the AGO 2012 executive steering committee.

### Treasurer candidates:



**Joyce M. Byrd** serves on contract with Belmont University to provide professional training in leadership skills through conferences, print curriculum, and CD interactive programs to bi-vocational pastors and pastors of small membership churches. Joyce recently retired after 40 years as organist of Crieve-wood Baptist Church, Nashville and is now a Chorister at First Baptist, Nashville. She is a graduate of Murray State University, Murray, KY, with a B.M.E. degree in piano and a teaching minor in English and studied organ at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. Joyce is currently Treasurer of the National Bi-vocational and Small Church Leadership Network, Inc. and was Treasurer of the AGO 2012 Convention.



**James Jordan** is Manager—Corporate Credit at LifeWay Christian Resources. He has served as Organist and Choir Director in several churches in the Lebanon, TN area. As Registrar for the 2012 National AGO Convention, he was also a member of the Executive Committee.

## Executive Committee candidates:



**Justin Bowen** is a sophomore at Lipscomb University where he is majoring in Piano Performance and minoring in German. He began studying organ three years ago with Angela Tipps. Since then he has become a frequent substitute at churches in Middle Tennessee as well as playing for other choral concerts and performances. Justin is a member of the Nashville Chamber Singers and is also the bass section leader at West End United Methodist Church. He currently is looking to pursue collaborative piano in graduate school.



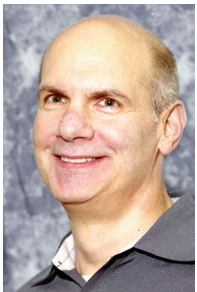
**Marjorie Proctor** holds a Bachelor's degree in Organ Performance from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX and a Master's Degree in Church Music from Scarritt Graduate School, Nashville. She has served Presbyterian and Episcopal churches in the Nashville area and continues to substitute as organist and choir director. She has earned a Choir Master and Service Playing Certifications from the American Guild of Organists and is past dean of the Nashville Chapter.



**Elizabeth Smith** is co-owner of Lois Fyfe Music, a store specializing in choral and organ sheet music. She has been the chorus accompanist for the Nashville Symphony since 2009, and has filled in at many local churches as substitute or interim organist after leaving as organist at St. George's Church, Nashville. She is a frequent clinician at many organ and choral reading sessions and can be found with the Lois Fyfe exhibit at many national and regional conventions.



**Sandy Tipping** graduated from Berklee College of Music in Boston (B.Mus) and has spent the last 14 years in the professional music industry in Nashville. He is the music director for the General Jackson Showboat and also works as a record producer, touring/session keyboard player, recording engineer, and freelance arranger/orchestrator. Sandy is the organist at Tulip Street United Methodist Church, playing the oldest pipe organ in Nashville.



**Hank Woerner** is a graduate of the University of Richmond and attended his first AGO convention in San Francisco in 1984. He's been a member of AGO ever since in Topeka, KS, Omaha, NE, Dallas, TX, Washington, DC, Lancaster, PA (his hometown) and here in Nashville. His career was in shopping center management, most recently as the General Manager at The Mall at Green Hills. His degree in Economics and Mathematics has brought a business/financial analyst skill set to our chapter, where he serves as 2014-2015 Program Committee member and the chair of the Endowment Fund. For the 2012 National Convention, he was a member of the Performance Committee and was the Chair of Gifts and Grants Committee. He sings in John Semingson's choir at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee:

Jon Johnson, Chair  
Tom Moody  
Jennie Smith  
Debra Tyree

Thanks to Ken Stein for providing the photos of the candidates.