



PIPELINES

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DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that all of you have had a restful and restorative summer and that you're excited for the change of pace that fall is sure to bring! I am certainly excited to be serving the Nashville AGO as Dean this year, and I'm very much looking forward to our own upcoming season. Before discussing this, however, I'd like to thank a number of people to whom our chapter and I are greatly indebted.

First, I cannot thank Jonathan Setzer enough, not only for his excellent work as Dean this past year (and what a terrific year it was!) but also for his unwavering support of me in my capacity as Chair of the Program Committee and now as Dean. Thank you, Jonathan, for your patience, creativity, and diligence!

Second, I'd like to thank every member of this year's Program Committee: Keith Cole, Darryl Miller, Doug Murray, John Semingson, Elizabeth Smith, Rhonda Swanson, and Tony Williams. I feel so privileged to collaborate with such hard-working and thoughtful colleagues! As someone still relatively new to this chapter, I found their knowledge and experience very helpful; moreover, they're quite a fun group of people, and they had some terrific ideas, many of which are part of this year's lineup of programs. Thanks to all of you for your support!

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who serves the Nashville chapter in any capacity, be it chairing or

serving on a committee, working in communications, hosting programs, or any other work that supports the AGO's mission of enriching lives through organ and choral music. Again, though I'm relatively new to this place, I've been excited to be involved with our chapter from the outset because it is such a vibrant and friendly organization. Thanks for everything each of you does to make this so!

We have much to look forward to in the coming year – presentations, workshops, great choral music, and quite a number of distinguished organists. The first of these programs will take place on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 PM, when we'll welcome organist Bill Porter, perhaps the foremost American practitioner of improvisation and a truly engaging performer. Dr. Porter will perform on the new Dobson organ in Turner Hall at the Blair School of Music. Free parking for this event is located in the West Garage, directly across the street from Blair at 2500 Children's Way. Please note as well that there will be no dinner before this event; rather, we'll gather after the 7:30 program for a free reception.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as Dean of this wonderful chapter. I wish you all the very best in the coming year!

Nicholas Bergin
Dean



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — 7:30 PM

WILLIAM PORTER IN CONCERT

Turner Hall at Blair School of Music • 2400 Blakemore Avenue • Nashville

No Dinner, A Free Reception Follows the Concert

Free Parking is available in the West Garage, directly across the street from Blair, at 2500 Children's Way.

MEMBER NEWS

New member **Kimberly Estep** received her Service Playing certificate this past spring. She is a student of **Gerry Senechal**, and **Nancy Reiser** was her proctor.

Michael Gebhart, new Assistant Organist/Choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral, begins his duties on September 8.

On September 17-18, **Wilma Jensen** will lead workshops for the Organ Department at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Janet Schmidt is interim organist/director at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

Sympathy to:

Abigail Haake on the loss of her mother-in-law.

Luwin Morgan Lewis on the loss of her mother.

Linda Shipley on the loss of her mother.

Dwayne Short on the loss of his mother.

I'm very happy to report that we have 189 members as we begin our 2015-16 AGO year. Thanks to Gary Scott for helping many of you with their renewal questions. Our second year of online renewals was easier. Thanks to all of you who renewed early and made my job easier. Please send your referrals for prospective new members to me, as well as any other member news and announcements.

Janet Schmidt
Nashville AGO Membership Chair
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YEARBOOK UPDATE

The 2015-2016 yearbook is in process, and plans include mailing them to members in September. Thanks for your help in providing corrections and additions to your information. Thanks to our yearbook staff, Darryl Miller—typesetter, Jonathan Setzer and Elizabeth Smith—co-editors, Dawn Seindenschwarz—yearbook ads, and Ken Stein—photos.

AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTES

A current list of available substitutes can be found at our Chapter Website, <www.nashvilleago.org>.

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JOB OPENINGS

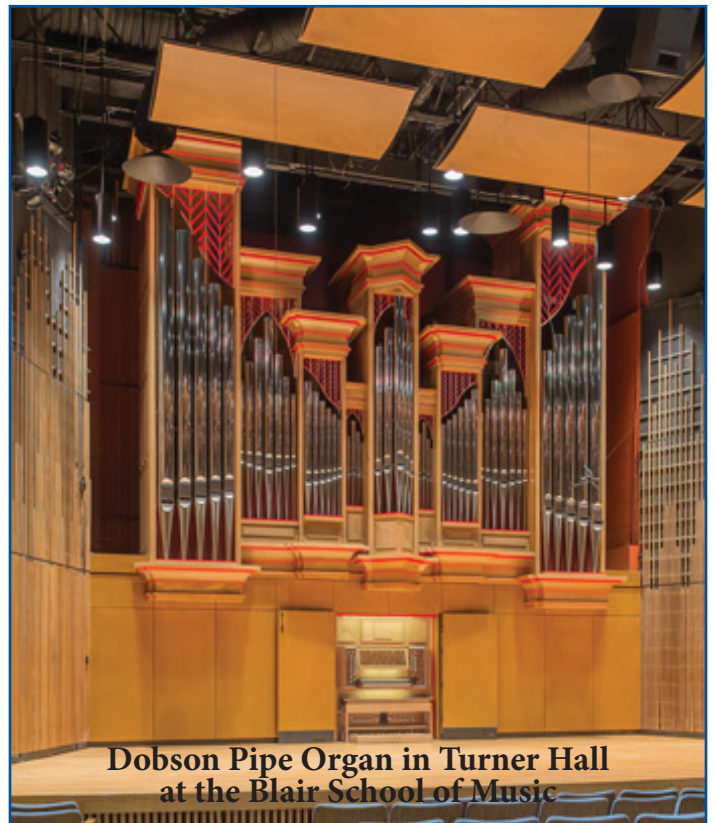
First United Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN, has an immediate opening for an Organist for one Sunday service (10:30 AM) and Wednesday night rehearsal each week, as well as any special services during the church year. Salary is negotiable. Contact Donna Campbell, Director of Music, at 931-808-8415 or Senior Pastor, James Johnson at 931-473-4419.

St. James the Less Episcopal Church, Madison, TN, is seeking an organist/choir director for one Sunday morning service and one rehearsal on Wednesday night, 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>.

Scottsville First United Methodist Church, Scottsville, KY, 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 Gress-Miles 211 (1974) organ can be seen on the Nashville AGO website. Please contact Gregory McCord at (615) 615-495-6569 or by email at <gmac1986@live.com> for further information.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Franklin, TN, is seeking a part-time organist (preferred) or pianist/accompanist for one 11:00 AM Sunday service and a 7:00 PM Wednesday choir rehearsal each week. For further information, contact Lynn McGill, Director of Music at 615-804-1878 or <Lynn.McGill@comcast.net>.

Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair



**Dobson Pipe Organ in Turner Hall
at the Blair School of Music**

ARTS CALENDAR – Prepared by Gayle Sullivan, Chair

SEPTEMBER, 2015

9/3 – 8:00 PM

Organ recital
Polly Brecht on the new Dobson Organ
Blair School of Music Ingram Hall
2400 Blakemore Avenue, Nashville
Works of J. S. Bach. Also featuring Felix Wang, Carolyn Huebl, Kathryn Plummer, Jared Hauser, and others
Free and open to the public

9/16 – 7:00 PM

Choir of Trinity College Cambridge
Stephen Layton, Director
Reception following concert
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville

9/27 – 12:20 PM

Music of Duke Ellington; Nate Strasser, Piano
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

9/27 – 3:00 PM

Carillon Concert Celebrating 125 Years of
Belmont University
Belmont Bell Tower
1900 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville
Richard Shadinger, Carillonneur

9/27 – 4:00 PM

Wilma Jensen, Organist, in concert
First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro
Celebrating the Skinner organ's 90th birthday

OCTOBER 2015

10/17– 9:30 AM-2:30 PM

Tennessee State Sacred Harp Convention
Dinner on the Grounds at noon
Christ Family Church
7575 Nolensville Road, Nolensville
Loaner books available
For more info, contact Justin Bowen
<jtbowen@mail.lipscomb.edu>

10/18 – 6:00 PM

Margaret Wendt Fox, mezzo-soprano, in concert
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

10/18 – 6:00 PM

Choral Evensong
Immanuel Baptist Church
222 Belle Meade Boulevard, Nashville
Immanuel Church Choir, works by Stanford and Malcolm Boyle

10/25 – 12:20 PM

“Christ lag in Todesbanden” (Cantata no. 4) – J. S. Bach
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

10/29 – 8:00 PM

Peter Krasinski, organist
Halloween Movie Night
Schmerhorn Symphony Center
1 Symphony Place, Nashville

NOVEMBER 2015

11/1 – 3:30 PM

Michael Gebhart, Pre-Evensong concert
(Christ Church Cathedral)
Solemn Choral Evensong for All Saints followed by
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
The Cathedral Choir
Michael Velting, Canon for Music
Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville

11/5 – 7:30 PM

McAfee Organ Concert
Daryl Robinson, organist
Union University
1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, TN

11/6 & 7 – 8:00 PM

Paul Jacobs, organist
Nashville Symphony Orchestra
Schmerhorn Symphony Center
1 Symphony Place, Nashville

11/15 – 4:00 PM

Organ Concert by Simon Johnson
(St. Paul's Cathedral, London)
Sponsored by Peter Fyfe
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville

11/22 – 4:00 PM

Choirs of Montgomery Bell Academy
Matt Smyth, Director
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

DECEMBER 2015

12/5 – 7:00 PM

Nashville Chamber Singers
20th Anniversary Christmas Concert
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

12/8 – 7:30 PM

Nashville Chamber Singers
 20th Anniversary Christmas Concert
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 116 North Academy Street, Murfreesboro

12/13 – 4:00 PM

Festival of Lessons and Carols
 The Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers
 Michael Velting, Canon for Music
 Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster
 Christ Church Cathedral
 900 Broadway, Nashville

12/13 – 4:00 PM

Glory to God in the Highest
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 Featuring the Nashville Symphony, the FPC Sanctuary
 Choir, and Psalmody and Doxology Youth Choirs

12/13 – 5:00 PM

The Festival of Christmas featuring all choirs
 Calvary United Methodist Church
 3701 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville

12/13 – 5:00 PM

Lessons and Carols
 Immanuel Baptist Church
 222 Belle Meade Boulevard, Nashville

12/13 – 6:00 PM

Carol Service and Feast of Lights
 Belmont United Methodist Church
 2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville
 Belmont UMC Choirs and Orchestra
 Gayle Sullivan, Director; Robbie Jones, Organist

JANUARY, 2016**1/31 – 4:00 PM**

Nicholas Bergin, Organist
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 Music of Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, and Rogg

FEBRUARY, 2016**2/21 – 3:30 PM**

Kevin Jones, Pre-Evensong concert
 (First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio)
 Solemn Choral Evensong followed by Benediction of the
 Blessed Sacrament
 The Cathedral Choir
 Michael Velting, Canon for Music
 Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster
 Christ Church Cathedral
 900 Broadway, Nashville

2/28 – 4:00 PM

“Requiem in D minor” – W. A. Mozart
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 Featuring the Nashville Symphony and the FPC Sanctuary
 Choir

March, 2016**3/6 – 12:20 PM**

“The Holy Sonnets of John Donne” – Benjamin Britten
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 Greg Thomas, Tenor; Nicholas Bergin, Piano

3/6 – 4:00 PM

Cathedral Chorister Festival Evensong
 Richard Webster, Guest Director
 (Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston)
 Festival Choristers from around the Southeast
 Michael Velting, Canon for Music
 Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster
 900 Broadway, Nashville

3/13 – 4:00 PM

Organ Concert by David Briggs (St. James Cathedral,
 Toronto, Organist Emeritus, Gloucester Cathedral)
 Sponsored by T. Aldrich Finegan
 Christ Church Cathedral
 900 Broadway, Nashville

APRIL, 2016**4/10 – 12:20 PM**

“Old American Songs” – Aaron Copland
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville
 Derek Meler, Tenor; Nicholas Bergin, Piano

4/15 – 5:00-11:00 PM

10th Annual BACHANALIA
 Come celebrate JS Bach with some of the city's finest
 musicians
 Michael Velting, Canon for Music
 Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster
 Christ Church Cathedral
 900 Broadway, Nashville

4/17 – 3:00 PM

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

4/17 – 3:00 PM

Nashville Chamber Singers
 20th Anniversary Spring Concert
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 116 North Academy Street, Murfreesboro

4/17 – 4:30 PM

“A German Requiem” – Johannes Brahms
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Matthew Phelps, Conductor
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville
Pre-Concert talk at 3:30 PM by Tucker Biddlecombe

4/24 – 3:00 PM

Nashville Chamber Singers; Angela Tipps, Director
20th Anniversary Spring Concert
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

4/24 – 3:30 PM

Michael Messina, Pre-Evensong concert
(Trinity Episcopal, Indianapolis)
Solemn Choral Evensong followed by Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament
The Cathedral Choir
Michael Velting, Canon for Music
Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville

MAY, 2016

5/15 – 4:00 PM

CATHEDRA
Michael McCarthy, Music Director
Professional Chamber Choir from
Washington National Cathedral
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville