



PIPELINES

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DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Nashville Colleagues,

Greetings, and welcome to this first edition of *Pipelines* for the 2014–2015 Program Year! I begin with personal thanks and a collective thank you on behalf of the entire Nashville Chapter.

First, to Past Dean, Marsha Scheusner, for her cheerful, enthusiastic, and capable leadership of our 2013–2014 Program Year. We gathered for worship — joined by the most clergy I've ever seen at an AGO gathering! — a hymn festival, choral concert, and fine organ recitals. In spite of the January snow-out, and March-rescheduled-January-program near snow-out, 2013–2014 was a wonderfully successful program year.

Second, to Nick Bergin, Dean-Elect, who has enthusiastically jumped feet first into our Chapter since joining just a couple short years ago. Nick has assembled a stellar Program Committee for our 2015–2016 Program Year, and we look forward to the announcement of their season schedule next spring.

Finally, to all who serve our Chapter as Officers, Chaplain, Executive Committee members, Committee Chairs, and those who staff our indispensable vehicles of communication: *Pipelines*, website, and Yearbook. Either laboring behind the scenes or visible at meetings or in Chapter-wide communications, you folks are the heart and soul of our Chapter, giving countless hours of energy and dedicated service. With you and all our active, supportive Nashville Chapter members, it's no wonder we are considered by our national AGO colleagues to be the best of the best. I am proud to serve with you as Dean, and I look forward to our year ahead.

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. The 2014–2015 Program Year was planned and is offered to you in the hope of being faithful to this mission. There are concerts by seasoned organists Lynne Davis and Alan Morrison, and by Daryl Robinson, 2012 AGO National Competition winner. There will be a choral music reading session by our own Education Chair, Wilma Jensen, and a choral concert by the renowned Concordia College Choir, René Clausen, Conductor. Just for fun, Mark Schweizer, author of the Liturgical Mysteries Series, will present a Liturgical Mystery Dinner Theater. And we will close the year in May with worship and a concert featuring local choral ensemble Portara, Shreyas Patel, Conductor.

Our year begins Monday, September 8, 7:30 pm, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, with one of the programs I am most excited about. Following our dinner and meeting at 6:30 pm, Chapter members **Marsha Scheusner, Hildegard Cox, Nick Bergin, Gregg Bunn, Dawn Seidenschwarz, Elizabeth Smith, Thomas Russell, and Josh Coble**, will present organ works of Dieterich Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart, Herbert Howells, Arvo Pärt, Rachel Laurin, Charles-Marie Widor, and a surprise encore not to be missed! I can't think of a better way to kick off the season than with this sure to be exciting evening featuring our very own and celebrating the 81st Program Year of the Nashville Chapter, American Guild of Organists.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Jonathan Setzer
Dean

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Dinner (6:30) and Members Concert (7:30)

Covenant Presbyterian Church • 33 Burton Hills Blvd • Nashville, 37215

DINNER, 6:30 PM — Reservations, due by September 3, can be made online @ <www.nashvilleago.org>, click on Dinner Reservations, or contact Linda Winters @ <lwinters357@gmail.com> or @ 615-456-2065.

USED MUSIC SALE

Our semi-annual Used Organ Music Sale will be held at our October 6 meeting at Brentwood United Methodist Church. Sort out all your treasures and drop them off at Lois Fyfe Music, or bring them to the September 8 meeting and give them to either Elizabeth Smith or Donald Cornelius. As always, all proceeds will go to the benefit of our Nashville Chapter. Please, no books or other items.

MEMBER NEWS

I'm very happy to report that we have 176 members as we begin our 2014-15 AGO year with a few more expected to renew soon. Thanks to Gary Scott for helping many of our members with their renewal questions and to Dave Schmidt for data management. Please send your referrals for prospective new members to me, as well as any other member news and announcements.

Sharron Lyon's contributions to Nashville AGO are countless, and she continues to work on our behalf daily. Sharron has been an invaluable resource during our membership renewal period. Thank you, Sharron.

Janet Schmidt
Membership Chair
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YEARBOOK UPDATE

The 2014-2015 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, **Sharron Lyon**—editor, **Marjorie Proctor**—yearbook ads, and **Ken Stein**—photos.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

An updated Substitute list may be found on our chapter website <www.nashvilleago.org>

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 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.

Hillwood Presbyterian Church, Nashville TN has an immediate opening for a part-time Organist/Accompanist. Qualifications include the ability to play a traditional Presbyterian service, creative hymn accompaniments, choir anthem/solo accompaniments, adequate sight-reading skills, and open score parts playing. Duties include a Wednesday evening choir rehearsal and one service on Sunday morning, as well as seasonal participation in the handbell choir. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please forward resumés to Brian Warford, Director of Music Ministries, at <brian@brianscustomtheaters.com>, or call 615-456-1671.

Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair

LOIS FYFE TRIBUTE

by Elizabeth Smith

Lois Gainer Fyfe, a long-time member of the Nashville Chapter of the AGO, died in Nashville on June 18, 2014 after a brief illness. A proud native of Ohio, Lois studied organ with Wilbur Held at The Ohio State University and Wilbur remained a close friend and mentor all her life. After she moved to New York City, she studied organ with Carl Weinrich.

Lois and Peter Fyfe moved to Nashville in 1959 to begin their work at Christ Episcopal Church, and they have been tremendously important to the musical life of their adopted home. Lois was a choir member and helpmate to Peter at the church, and she wrote many hymn descants for Christ Church. These descants are still in print and many also appear in *The Hymnal 1982*.

Lois spent many years working as a sheet music distributor, specializing in sacred choral and organ music. Her vast knowledge of these subjects, along with her tenacity and incredible memory, made her an invaluable resource to customers all over the United States. In 1983 she established Lois Fyfe Music, and the store has continued to thrive.

The American Guild of Organists recognized Lois and Peter at the 2012 national convention for “their commitment to excellence in music, unparalleled knowledge of sacred music, roles as teachers and mentors, and for their leadership, devoted service, and extraordinary generosity to the AGO”.

The Burial Service for Lois was held at Christ Church Cathedral on July 14, 2014, where Nashville AGO members Michael Velting and Jonathan Setzer played organ music chosen by Lois, and Geoffrey Butcher gave the homily. Two of Lois’ descants were also sung with the hymns.

Lois is survived by her husband of 60 years, Peter Fyfe, their daughter Catharine, and two grandsons.

BOSTON 2014 CONVENTION

Douglas Murray won Second Prize in the National Competition in Organ Improvisation, held during the convention.

Michael Velting was elected to the National AGO Council as Councillor for Conventions.

Comments from Nashville attendees:

Dawn Seindenschwarz:

I worked for Jonathan Setzer and Elizabeth Smith (Lois Fyfe Music) at the convention and really enjoyed it. Many people said it was the best music booth there. It was. And they were impressed with our techy-ness. We were able to check people out with card sliders on our iPhones — paperless.

I was impressed with the big beautiful churches and the smaller historic (or modern First Lutheran) ones were so interesting, too.

Stephen Tharp’s performance at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, was amazing.

Jennie Smith:

Dr. Peter Sykes (professor, Boston University and organist, First Church, Cambridge) led a delightful and very informative class in Baroque ornamentation. Two of his best comments on the subject: 1) the shortest point from A to B should be a curve, and 2) it is not in good taste if the cadenza is longer than the aria. He had the class laughing most of the time. I have his notes (no pun intended), if anyone is interested.

ARTS CALENDAR 2014—2015

AUGUST

8/17 — 4:00 PM

Recital to Welcome the New Steinway “B” Piano
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Ave., Nashville 37203
Marilyn Shields–Wiltsie, Dr. Steve Hyman and Andrew
Risinger, pianists

SEPTEMBER

9/7 — 8:30 & 11:00 AM

A Celtic Celebration for Westminster’s 75th Anniversary
Westminster Presbyterian Church
3900 West End Ave., Nashville 37205
Westminster Presbyterian Choir; David Angell, violin;
Cindy Wyatt, Celtic harp; Jeff Taylor, accordion and
concertina; Jerry Kimbrough, guitar; Josh Culley, bodhran
and mandolin; Sam Levine, pennywhistles; John Seming-
son, conductor

9/7 — 3:00 PM

Belmont UMC Carillon Ringers in Concert
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Ave., Nashville 37212

9/7 — 5:00 PM

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

9/17 (Wednesday) — 9:15 PM

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

9/21 — 12:20 PM

N. Lincoln Hanks, Prayers & Meditations
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220
Jerry Reed, pianist

9/25 (Thursday) — 7:00 PM

Schola Cantorum of Oxford University
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205

9/30 (Tuesday) — 7:30 PM

Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra Concert
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205

OCTOBER

10/5 — 4:00 PM

Hymn Festival to mark the 40th Anniversary
of the Beckerath Organ
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220
David Arcus, guest organist

10/12 — 5:00 PM

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

10/15 (Wednesday) — 9:15 PM

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

10/21 (Tuesday) — 7:30 PM

McAfee Organ Recital
Judith Hancock, Organist
Union University
1050 Union University Drive
Jackson, TN 38305

10/26 — 3:00 PM

Music City Baroque
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205

10/28 (Tuesday) — 8:00 PM

Halloween Movie Night
Peter Kraninski, organist
Schermerhorn Symphony Center
One Symphony Place, Nashville 37201

NOVEMBER

11/2 — 5:00 PM

All Saints’ Day Concert
Brahms, *A German Requiem* (sung in English)
Immanuel Baptist Church
222 Belle Meade Blvd, Nashville 37205
Immanuel Baptist Church Choir and small orchestra

11/2 — 5:00 PM

Three Choirs Festival Evensong for All Saints
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205
St. George’s Choir, Choristers and Lay Clerks of St. George’s
and Sanctuary Choir of West End United Methodist
Church

11/2 — 7:00 PM

A Service of Choral Evening Prayer for All Saints' Sunday
 Westminster Presbyterian Church,
 3900 West End Ave, Nashville 37205
 Music by Hallock, Wood, Hogan, Brahms, and
 Geraint Lewis
 Westminster Presbyterian Choir
 Dr. Polly Brecht, organist; Dr. John Semingson, conductor

11/3 (Monday) — 7:30 PM

AGO Organ Concert, Daryl Robinson, organist
 McAfee Concert Hall, Belmont University
 2100 Belmont Blvd, Nashville 37203

11/16 — 4:00 PM

Joint Vespers Service with First Presbyterian Church
 To Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Church's
 Founding
 Downtown Presbyterian Church
 154 5th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37219

11/16 — 4:30 PM

Organ Concert on the Newly Renovated Instrument
 Belmont United Methodist Church
 2007 Acklen Ave., Nashville 37212
 Gayle Sullivan, organ

11/19 (Wednesday) — 9:15 PM

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

11/23 — 4:00 PM

Montgomery Bell Academy High School Choirs
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220
 Matthew Smyth, director

DECEMBER**12/6 (Saturday) — 7:00 PM**

Christmas with the Nashville Chamber Singers
 Angela Tipps, director
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220

12/7 — 6:00 PM

Festival of Lessons and Carols
 St. George's Episcopal Church
 4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205

12/9 (Tuesday) — 7:30 PM

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

12/14 — 8:30 & 11:00 AM

(Prelude begins 15 minutes before each service)
 A Choral Service for the Third Sunday of Advent featur-
 ing American Christmas by Z. Randall Stroope and other
 seasonal music
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 3900 West End Ave, Nashville 37205
 Westminster Presbyterian Choir, Brass Quintet, Harp,
 Percussion, and Organ
 Dr. Polly Brecht, organist, Dr. John W. Semingson,
 conductor

12/14 — 4:00 PM

Glory to God in the Highest
 First Presbyterian Church
 4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220
 First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir,
 Psalmody Youth Choir, and special guests, Schola Pacis

12/14 — 6:00 PM

Feast of Lights Service of Lessons and Carols
 Belmont United Methodist Church
 2007 Acklen Ave., Nashville 37212
 Belmont UMC Choirs and Orchestra
 Gayle Sullivan, Director

12/21—4:00 PM

Nashville Chamber Singers, Angela Tipps, director
 Festival of Lessons and Carols
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 315 East Main Street, Murfreesboro 37130

12/24 (Wednesday) — 2:00 PM

Christmas Eve Carillon Concert
 Belmont University Tower
 1900 Belmont Blvd, Nashville 37203
 Richard Shadinger, carillon

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

2/6 (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

MARCH

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, Rene Clausen, director
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220

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

APRIL

4/3 (Friday) — 7:00 PM

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

4/15 (Wednesday) — 9:15 PM

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

4/19 — 3:00 PM

Music City Baroque
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

4/26 — 3:00 PM

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

MAY

5/3 — 5:00 PM

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

5/12 (Tuesday) — 7:30 PM

Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra in concert with St. George's Choir and St. Andrew Lutheran Church Choir
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, 37205

5/17 — Time TBA

Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra in concert with St. George's Choir and St. Andrew Lutheran Church Choir
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
908 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN 37064

5/31 — 12:20 PM

Samuel Barber, Knoxville, Summer of 1915
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville 37220
Greg Thomas, tenor; Nicholas Bergin, pianist