Newsletter for the Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists March 2013



WORKSHOP ENCOURAGED CREATIVE MUSIC-MAKING



Matthew Vanover's workshop entitled "Organ for Pianists, Piano for Organists" was attended by around a dozen people on Monday evening February 25. The workshop was hosted by Carol Grimm and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Matthew shared useful, accessible organ and piano literature for use in church services, and shared some creative techniques that he uses when leading hymns on the organ or on the piano. He shared some of his own insights about how to connect with people in the pews through music and through personal interactions among church musicians, members of the congregation and church staff. Thank you Matthew!

FUTURE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS:

Saturday March 9, 2013: Pedals, Pipes and Pizza for children will take place at Neu Chapel on the campus of the University of Evansville in the morning. If you know any children from approximately age ten and above who play the piano, please refer them to the information and registration form available on our website—today!

Friday March 15, 2013: Pedals, Pipes and Tacos, primarily for adults, will take place at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Evansville, followed by dinner at Hacienda across the street. Chapter members and friends are encouraged to attend and enjoy some closeup time with the historic organ at St. Anthony's. Invite a friend, church member or neighbor who is a pianist. Bring an organ piece and hymn to play if you would like, or just join us for professional camaraderie and a good meal. For more information or to RSVP see our website or contact Carolyn Adams at "leadams 1@juno.com.

Saturday April 6, 2013: Our chapter will host four contestants in the Regional Competition for Young Organists at Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Evansville. The competitions are open to the public (probably on Saturday afternoon), so our chapter members and friends are welcome to attend and listen to some polished playing by some very talented up-and-coming young organists. More details will be announced soon.

Saturday April 20, 2013: Our chapter is sponsoring a Bach-a-thon fundraiser at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Evansville. Get your Bach ready to play! Check our website for the day's schedule and a pledge form. Email Neal at nealbiggers@yahoo.com to sign up for time on the schedule. Standard time slots are thirty minutes, but you can choose less or more time if you prefer.

Monday May 6, 2013: We will have our annual dinner, chapter meeting and installation service at First United Methodist Church in Henderson. Details coming soon.

Looking way ahead: Sunday April 19, 2015: The Canadian Brass and Douglas Reed will premier a new composition by William Bolcom at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014

Thank you to our nominationg committee, Margaret Kimberling and Kristin Jones, for compiling our slate of officers for our next season. The committee's nominees are:

Dean – Neal Biggers
Sub Dean – Helen Skuggedal Reed
Secretary – Matthew Vanover
Treasurer – Carol Grimm
Historian – Carolyn Adams
Membership Coordinator – Barb Waite
Chaplain – Dan Wilkinson
At Large – Betty Altheide (1 year to go)
Shelley Heil (2 years to go)
Tammy Gieselman (3 years to go)

FROM OUR MAILBOX:

Neu Chapel Organ @ Noon – University of Evansville: Neu Chapel

Happy Birthday J.S. Bach! March 21, 2013 12:10 p.m. Music for the Easter Season April 18, 2013 12:10 p.m.

Bach's Lunch Concerts at St. John's East UCC

March 6, 2013: The Eykamp String Quartet and St. John's East organist Sarah Moon

Doors open at 10:30 am, Concert begins at 11 am

Boxed lunch by Just Rennie's Catering at 12 pm

Cost for concert and lunch: \$15 – please RSVP by the Monday prior to each concert by sending a check to: St. John's East UCC, c/o Bach's Lunch, 7000 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47715. Cost for concert only: \$5 – tickets will be available at the door.

Additional Bach's Lunch concert dates: April 3 and May 1

For any questions, please call the St. John's East Office at 812-473-0668.

Tinker Memorial Concert: The University of Evansville AGO and the Neu Chapel Society will sponsor the Tinker Memorial Concert on April 12, 2013, at 7:00 pm in Neu Chapel on the University of Evansville campus. The annual concert celebrates the memory of Milton Z. Tinker, who established a rigorous public school vocal music curriculum in Evansville, Indiana in the 1880s, and in whose memory a large pipe organ was dedicated in Evansville's Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Coliseum in 1919. In addition to UE organ students and Kantorei, the Signature School Orchestra, the North High School Choir, and the Joshua Academy Choir will perform.

Chanticleer...Live in Concert: Saturday, April 13, 2013, 7:30 pm, Victory Theatre, Evansville, Indiana. This is part of the celebration of the centennial of St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville. Tickets are available at http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/05004A3DF9E5B669 or at the Ford Center Box Office.

Region V Convention of the American Guild of Organists will be held in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, Michigan, June 30 - July 3, 2013. See this website for more information: www.agokalamazoo.org.