

**Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**  
**Newsletter: April 2015**



**April Event: Douglas Reed and American Brass Quintet, Friday, April 10, 2015, 7:00 PM**

The premiere concert on Friday, April 10, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church, 609 SE Second St. in Evansville, beginning at 7 PM CDT, will feature chapter member and honoree **Douglas Reed** and the **American Brass Quintet**. The centerpiece of the free concert will be *Fantasia*, a major work for organ and brass quintet by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer **William Bolcom**. Also on the program is brass music by Ludwig Maurer, Giovanni Gabrieli, and Eric Ewazen among others. You won't want to miss this event! There will be a catered reception following the concert in Fellowship Hall. Please get in touch with Robert Nicholls, [robertn@firstpresevanville.com](mailto:robertn@firstpresevanville.com), if you are available to help with handing out programs or serving at the reception.

**A Concert Honoring Douglas Reed**

featuring  
**William Bolcom's  
Fantasia for Organ  
and Brass Quintet,  
Douglas Reed playing  
the Fisk Organ Op. 98,  
and the American Brass Quintet**

Photo courtesy of Matt Dine

**Bolcom Commission Countdown – Still “Creating a Future”**

Those of you who were around twenty years ago may recall the chapter making the somewhat risky decision to host a regional convention. Our small but dedicated band pulled off a highly successful Region V Convention in 1997. The slogan for the convention, arrived at after much deliberation, was **“Treasuring the Past – Creating a Future.”** The Evansville AGO has remained true to that dual focus in its programming since 1997. Every year there is a members' recital featuring a notable historic instrument, and every year there is at least one educational event geared to young people, introducing them to the “King of Instruments” and encouraging organ study. Our Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced in 2009 was another monumental effort, with eighteen teenagers converging on Evansville for an intense week of lessons, concerts, and fun!

Fast forward to 2015, and we are just days away from another major event. The concert on April 10 by **Douglas Reed** and the **American Brass Quintet**, featuring the world premiere of a new piece by **William Bolcom**, honors Doug's forty-year career in organ performance and teaching. We are recognizing his leadership and service to our community and profession in a tangible, lasting way. *Fantasia* for organ and brass is an investment in the future of the pipe organ for those who will play the piece – and those who will hear and enjoy it – long after we are all gone. In addition, the ABQ will be leading workshops with students in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation and the Evansville

Philharmonic Youth Orchestra while they are here. This collaborative endeavor promises to inspire many more of our talented young people. As chapter dean, I couldn't be more delighted and proud!

**Meet & Greet** – A special opportunity to meet our performers and composer is planned for **Thursday April 9, at 7:00 pm, at Kirby's Private Dining - 1119 Parrett St., Evansville, Indiana 47713**. This reception is the chapter's final fundraising effort. You should receive an invitation in the mail in the next few days; please plan to attend!

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### **March Meeting: Bach-a-Thon**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Bach-a-Thon Fundraiser a success! A total of sixteen performers played music of J. S. Bach for three hours on the organ, piano, violin, cello, and French horn! We raised some money for the Dufford Scholarship Fund, but more importantly we made some friends for the chapter and for the organ! There are just three T-shirts left. Please email Henry Maurer if you would like one, [henry.maurer@gmail.com](mailto:henry.maurer@gmail.com)



### **May Event: Annual Meeting, Service of Installation of Officers for 2015-16**

Monday, May 4, Emanuel Lutheran Church, 308 First Avenue, Evansville, 7:30 PM. We will gather for dinner beforehand at Turoni's, 408 N. Main Street, 6 PM. Please make your reservation by calling Carol Grimm at 812-471-2743 or emailing her at [carol6870@att.net](mailto:carol6870@att.net)

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### **Slate of Officers and Board Members for Evansville AGO, 2015-2016**

The Nominating Committee (Matthew Vanover, Mark X. Hatfield) presents the following slate of officers for election at the Annual Meeting on May 4, 2015:

Helen Skuggedal Reed - Dean  
Henry Maurer - Sub-Dean  
Rachel Luttrull - Secretary  
Carol Grimm - Treasurer  
Neal Biggers – Webmaster

Beverly Lacy – Membership Coordinator  
Daniel Wilkinson - Chaplain  
Tamara Gieselman - At-Large, Year 3 of 3  
Sean Holleran - At-Large, Year 2 of 3  
James Wells - At-Large, Year 1 of 3

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### **Community Events (free admission unless otherwise indicated)**

Friday, April 3, 7:00 PM Good Friday service, featuring Mozart *Requiem*  
First United Methodist Church, 338 Third St., Henderson KY

Saturday, April 18, 7:00 PM *Saul*, Oratorio by G. F. Handel, Evansville Bach Singers & Orchestra  
Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5501 Washington, Evansville, \$10

Sunday, April 19, 3:00 PM Evansville Philharmonic Chorus concert  
North High School Performing Arts Center, 15331 US 41 North, \$15

Sunday, April 26, 4:00 PM Choir School of First Presbyterian Church, spring concert  
First Presbyterian Church, 609 SE Second St., Evansville

To list your event here, please send information to Helen Reed – [hsr@evansville.net](mailto:hsr@evansville.net)