

Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Newsletter: March 2016



April Chapter Meeting – Progressive Historic Organ Recital in Vincennes, IN



On **Saturday, April 16, 2016**, our annual **Historic Organ Recital** will take place in Vincennes, IN. This year's program will be a progressive event. At 11 AM Eastern Time, we will hear and play the Taylor and Boody organ, Op. 4, at **First Christian Church, 319 Broadway, Vincennes, IN**. This is a fairly new instrument inspired by historic instruments of North Germany. Here is information about the organ: http://www.evansvilleago.org/organs/vinc_1st_christian.htm



We are planning to have lunch as a group at Procopio's Pizza & Pasta: procopiospizaandpasta.com/. Please RSVP to Neal Biggers at nealbiggers@yahoo.com or 812-424-7382 with your lunch menu selection from Porcopio's website above if you will be eating lunch with us.

At 1:30 PM, we will move to **St. James Episcopal Church, 610 Perry St.**, which is home to a Steere & Turner organ from 1887. Details are here: http://www.evansvilleago.org/organs/vinc_st_james.htm

There is still room for participants at one or both locations. There will be a demonstration and informal recital followed by "open console" time at each instrument. Hoping to see many chapter members there!

February and March Chapter Meetings

Our chapter sponsored former Evansville resident **Kirk Michael Rich** in a stunning recital on Sunday, February at First Presbyterian Church. Over 150 people attended. Kirk is now pursuing a doctorate at the University of Houston, and is preparing for the AGO's national performance competition, the NYACOP, for the second time (he was one of three finalists in 2014). Congratulations to Kirk, and to everyone who encouraged and supported him while he lived in Evansville.



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Two weeks later, on Sunday, March 6, chapter members and friends presented an "**Organ Plus**" concert at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church. Again, there was a large and supportive crowd, in spite of the challenges involved in getting to the church because of downtown construction. Thank you to everyone who participated. Perhaps we should make this an annual event! Many audience members commented on the variety and interesting colors provided by our collaborators, ranging from recorder to tenor saxophone. A good time was had by all, and a very large amount of food was collected to benefit the St. Mary Food Pantry.



Looking ahead –

Evansville AGO Annual Meeting, Election of Officers for 2016-17, and Festival Installation Service.
Monday, May 9, Neu Chapel on the University of Evansville Campus, 1800 Lincoln Ave., Evansville.
7:30 PM.

AGO National Convention in Houston TX, June 19-23, 2016 –Register now to lock in the early registration rates in effect through March 14th.

From the Houston 2016 Convention Committee:

We are excited to announce several initiatives that will make the Houston convention more accessible to young and student organists. All students who register for the convention are offered a discounted rate of \$250. The rate is valid until May 14. After May 14 the rate is \$350. A discounted transportation package is also available.

Limited housing scholarships are available to full-time students 16-30 years old with demonstrated financial need. A scholarship application is required and must be submitted by March 15. The application can be downloaded from the Houston Convention website. We expect to announce scholarship awards by April 1.

AGO Pipe Organ Encounter, Lexington, KY, July 17-22, 2016. More info at www.agolexington.org/poe2016

From Zach Klobnak, POE Director:

Calling POE Students! On July 17-22, the Lexington, KY AGO chapter will host 20 young musicians at the Great Lakes Region Pipe Organ Encounter (POE). Registration is currently open for all interested students. Applicants need not have any previous organ experience; all pianists and organists ages 13-18 are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more than two decades now, POEs have proven to be one of the AGO's most successful ventures in attracting young folks to the King of Instruments. Who do you know that could benefit from attending the POE in Lexington next summer? Point them to our website (www.lexingtonpoe2016.org) where they can download our brochure. Our early-bird registration deadline is April 1, so don't delay --- encourage them to complete the online registration process today! Questions should be directed to POE Director, Zach Klobnak, at zachary.klobnak@centre.edu. We look forward to welcoming a young person from your chapter!

Community Events

Friday, March 11. Concert by *Audivi*, a chamber choir from Ann Arbor, MI. First Presbyterian, Evansville, 7:00 PM.

Sunday, April 3. Organ Recital by James Wells, Mount St. Joseph Ursuline Motherhouse, Maple Mount, KY. 2:00 PM.

Sunday, April 3. Organ Recital by Stephen Buzard, First Presbyterian, Evansville, 4:00 PM.

To list your event in the next newsletter, send information to evansvilleago@yahoo.com or helen.s.reed@gmail.com

Reed organ available. Beckwith, Chicago (distributed by Sears Roebuck), 1 manual, 4'6" wide. Circa 1930. Does not play; currently in storage. Located in Dale, IN. Free, for parts or restoration. For info call Ken Schaaf, 765-434-1713.

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