

Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Newsletter: September 2017



From the Dean

Welcome to our first Chapter Newsletter of the 2017-2018 season! I am honored and delighted to be your Dean this coming year. I am surrounded by a superb team on the Executive Committee who are hard at work making sure the chapter runs as a well-oiled machine. We are working to make the coming year one of great interest to you, our members, but also the wider community by putting on as many public events as possible. We hope that you will invite your friends and family to attend these special events in our community.

There is not another local organization dedicated to organ and choral music in our community that puts on as many events as we do. Remember, the mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

New Notes for Choir: Featuring Local Choral Commissions

Our opening event of the season is Saturday, the **30th of September**, at 10:00 am (Central time) at Methodist Temple in Evansville. A number of local churches have commissioned choral works in the past few years and this Choral Reading Session is a superb opportunity to sing and hear them. Local choirs from Methodist Temple, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and First Presbyterian will be participating along with our membership and any other folk we invite along, so please help to spread the word. Each choir will be bringing a favorite anthem to share, so you'll get to hear what each other are up to.



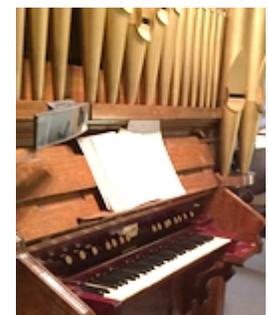
The Giesecke Organ: On the Move Again!

We are delighted to announce that our chapter's Giesecke organ, to be restored in memory of Helen Skuggedal Reed, will be making the move to the Taylor and Boody Organbuilders in Virginia next month. On **Saturday October 14th** we will be loading the organ for the journey. Please note the date in your schedules and plan to come along that morning around 10:30 a.m. to help. Many thanks to Neal Biggers and David Motz for driving the organ to Virginia! We have made a

50% down payment to T&B for their part of the restoration. We are seeking \$10,000 to see the project through to completion.

Opportunities to Perform: Upcoming Chapter Events

- Our October chapter meeting is the annual **members' concert** on a local historic organ. On **Sunday October 29 at 4:00 pm** we will perform on the charming one-manual mechanical-action organ at St. Rupert's Catholic Church in Red Brush (7 miles East of Newburgh). Please let Sr. Darlene Boyd or Neal Biggers know as soon as possible if you would be willing to play a piece or two, or accompany a hymn. Simple pieces are welcome.



- If you are involved at a church, please be sure to invite your choir and congregation to our **Harvest Hymn Festival on Sunday, November 12, at 4:00 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church.
- In April, Vincent Carr, the new Assistant Professor of Organ at IU will do a workshop on Confident Hymn playing, including how to adapt the printed versions of Spanish hymns to the organ.

Membership

If you receive a membership reminder from AGO Headquarters, please complete it at your earliest convenience. We're glad to have you in our chapter. Thanks! If your contact details have changed in any way, contact Carol Grimm, carol6870@att.net.

New Facebook PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/evansvilleAGO/>

Be sure to "Like" our chapter's new page. This page is our public persona on Facebook. When we want to talk to each other, we will still use the Facebook Group the way we always have. The FB Group is found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/80798246869/>



Condolences

We mourn with the family and friends of longtime Evansville AGO member, **Mark X Hatfield**. Evansville AGO has received numerous donations to the Giesecke organ restoration fund and the Tinker Memorial Organ fund in memory of Mark. A donation has also been made by the Evansville AGO to the Dufford Scholarship Fund in memory of Mark.

Related Concerts and Events

Non-AGO sponsored concerts include First Friday organ concerts at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. on the First Friday of each month, except January:

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October 6 – Benjamin Stone (Notre Dame)
 November 3 – Jamie Carini (IU DMA Candidate)
 December 1 – Jinhee Kim (IU DMA Candidate)

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February 2 – Stephen Smith (IU MM student)
 March 2 – Brendan Conner (IU MM student)
 April 6 – Leah Martin (IU Senior)
 May 4 – Collin Miller (IU Freshman)
 June 1 – Katie Burk (IU DMA Candidate)
 July 6 – Yumiko Tatsuda (IU PD student)

Scenes from our Chapter Dinner & Festive Service: May 8, 2017
 at St. John's East United Church of Christ in Evansville.



Please contact Robert or Neal with upcoming concert information to include in the next newsletter.