



American Guild of Organists Evansville Chapter

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October, 2009

From the Dean... Philip Scriven, October 17-18, 2009

Dear Evansville District Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Our October meeting is a two-day affair! All are encouraged to attend Philip's Choral workshop with the Choir of First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. Philip is also playing a recital at First Pres on Sunday, October 18th in the afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Following this, we are hosting Philip to dinner at Biaggi's (more details below). Philip is a delightfully humble *master of music*. You will love his company and playing!

Philip Scriven was born in Somerset in 1970, and received his early musical training as a chorister at Westminster Abbey (1979 - 1983). After a period of study at the Royal Academy of Music, he was Organ Scholar at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and subsequently at St.

John's College, Cambridge.

After graduating, Philip went to Vienna to continue his studies in organ at the famous Musik-hochschule, where his teacher was Michael Radulescu. Concert invitations include playing the Saint-Saens Organ Symphony in Carnegie Hall. As a recitalist, Philip has often toured Europe, Canada and the United States, and in 1995 he won the Royal College of Organists' Performer of the Year competition. As well as a love and flair for the French repertoire of the 19th and 20th centuries, he has a particular interest in transcriptions from the operatic and symphonic repertoire, and his own transcriptions include works by Brahms, Warlock and Bernstein.

In September 1998, he came back to Westminster Abbey as

Acting Sub-Organist, and a year later took up the position of Assistant Master of Music at Winchester Cathedral. In July 2000, he performed the complete organ works of J.S. Bach in Winchester Cathedral over a 24-hour period, to mark the 250th anniversary of the composer's death, and to raise money for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's 2000 Appeal. While in Winchester, Philip also conducted the chamber choir Southern Voices and, amongst other projects, directed them in performances of all six of Bach's motets. He has also conducted performances of *The Threepenny Opera* in Winchester Prison for Pimlico Opera.

He took up his post as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Lichfield Cathedral in September 2002.

Post- Recital Dinner with Philip Scriven

All members of the chapter are invited to join Philip Scriven for Dinner at Biaggi's on Evansville's East Side (near Target and Borders) at 6:30 p.m. on October 18th. We will order off the menu in a private room, but we need to know if you are coming to help the restaurant prepare.

Contact Robert Nicholls (details on p.2) by 8:30 p.m. Thursday, October 15 if you are able to come to dinner after what promises to be a thrilling recital. You will have the opportunity to visit with Philip and hear his stories, ask questions, and enjoy some of the finest food in Evansville.

Philip's program is wonderfully varied including works by Bach (P+F in G major, Trio Sonata No.1 in E flat), Sweelinck, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Hakim, Vierne, Franck, Ligeti, and Barber. The concert concludes with Ives' *Variations on America*.



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Programs for 2009-2010 and beyond



Philip Scriven

October 17/18, 2009

Philip Scriven, Organist and Master of the Choristers, Lichfield Cathedral, UK

Saturday 17, Observe choral rehearsal at First Presbyterian Church 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 18, 4:00 p.m. Recital at First Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2009

Tinker Memorial Concert
4:00 p.m. Wheeler Concert Hall, University of Evansville

November 21, 2009

Meeting with University of Evansville and Southern Indiana Chapter at St. Meinrad Archabbey 3:00 p.m. CST. Local artists performing on this concert include Tricia Clark, Robert Nicholls, Helen S. Reed, Douglas Reed, and Michael Salazar. Join us for this unique event in our chapter's history.

December 2009

No meeting

Merry Advent/Christmas!

January 24, 2010, 2:30 p.m

Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the historic Pilcher organ at Central Presbyterian Church, Owensboro, KY. A concert of music provided by members of our chapter. Contact Neal Biggers for more information.

February 13, 2010

Pedals Pipes and Pizza in Huntingburg, IN. For more information, contact Douglas Reed, Education Convener

March 2010

Fundraiser to support the scholarship funds and work of the Evansville Chapter of the AGO. Date, Time and Format TBD

April 2010

Evansville AGO Young Artists Competition. Date, Time, and Place tba.

May 3, 2010

Annual Meeting and Service of Installation of Officers at 5:30 p.m. Location TBD

Evansville Chapter Executive Committee News

We all salute Margie Waible who has served as our Secretary for more than three years. She has asked that we find a replacement for her remaining time through May 2010.

We also have a new vacancy for an At-Large position with two and-a-half years left serve. Dennis Carr has contributed for a number of months, but has regular conflicts with his grandson's scout troop.

Both of these positions are vital parts of our chapter's organization and management. Please consider serving your chapter in one of these roles. Contact Robert Nicholls, Dean, or another member of the Executive Committee to volunteer.

The Executive Committee meets (normally) on the First Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

To submit an article for inclusion in the Evansville AGO newsletter, contact Robert Nicholls, Dean.

To view Evansville and Tri-state area church music positions available visit the AGO website: <http://www.evansvilleago.org/>