



American Guild of Organists Evansville Chapter

AGO



July, 2010

Season of Planning and Growth

Dear chapter members in Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois,

A sincere "thank you" to everyone who participated in any way in the 2009-2010 season. Plans are well underway for a great 2010-2011 season, which includes social events, concerts, workshops and more.

I had the honor and privilege of representing our chapter at the National Convention of the AGO held in Washington DC earlier this month. There was way too much to do! I heard concerts, attended workshops, and met up with organists and musicians from around the country. I also made a number of new friends who I hope will make it to Evansville to visit in the not-too-distant future.

I am delighted to let you know that the Evansville chapter was mentioned twice at the Annual Breakfast meeting on Wednes-

day, July 7. Our own Thomas Drury, Director of Music at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Evansville was mentioned as meeting the requirements for certification as an Associate of the American Guild of Organists. The other moment was when I was presented with the third place award in the National Competition in Organ Improvisation.

I will be bringing the National Convention Souvenir Book to meetings for the next few months so you can see for yourself how attending a convention can change your energy level as an organist and musician. It's now time to be thinking about attending our Region V convention next year in Lexington KY June 12-15, 2011. Wouldn't it be fun to have an Evansville AGO group attend together? It's not too early to make your plans to be there. Their slogan is "Bluegrass, Bour-

bon, and now Bach." Check out: www.lexingtonago.com

As I write this newsletter I have live music playing via the BBC and the BBC Proms. The largest music festival in Europe, the broadcasts are available for up to a week after performance at www.bbc.co.uk/radio3. I encourage everyone to supplement their summer reading (and relaxation!?) with some of the greatest musical performances in the world. You never know, you might find sudden inspiration in the music of Bach, Rachmaninoff, Mahler, Wagner, and others.

Robert Nicholls, Dean



POEA 2009 Graduates to play recitals for Evansville AGO

Seven of the best graduates of the Evansville AGO 2009 POEA students are returning to play during the 2010-2011. The Evansville AGO and First Presbyterian Church of Evansville are collaborating to bring these emerging young artists here and to give them a remarkable opportunity to extend their skills and education.

Chris Holman from Illinois will play first on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
Pat Crowe, and Bryan Anderson, both from Georgia are joined by Weston Jennings from Virginia and perform on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
Katelyn Emerson from Maine and Katie Minion join forces on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 4:00

p.m.
Janet Yieh from Virginia will perform on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

All performances are on the C.B. Fisk organ Op.98 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Evansville. Be sure to come and support these young artists at the start of their careers.

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Programs for 2010—2011

The following is a proposed program for our 2010-2011 season. This is not in its final form. If there is an event which appeals to you, please contact the Coordinators directly. You will have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer for an event on Monday evening, May 3 at our AGM. Special thanks to Neal Biggers for leading our program plans for the coming season.

September 10, 2010

Summer's End Social
St. Margaret's Chapel, 685
Waston Lane, Henderson.

5:30 p.m. optional hike in
the woods

6:00 p.m. Prayer service
6:30 p.m. BBQ dinner/
picnic

Chapter meeting and shar-
ing.

Coordinators: Neal Biggers
and Dan Wilkinson

October 31, 2010

4:30 p.m. Halloween Con-
cert by chapter members
at Main Street Methodist
Church in Boonville, IN.
Part of Boo-in-Boonville
family Halloween activities.

Coordinators: Jenni Taylor
and Kristen Jones

November 15, 2010

Certification Workshop

6:30 p.m. at St. John's East
UCC

Coordinators: Robert
Nicholls and Barbara Waite

January 9, 2011

Post-holiday dinner, pro-
fessional concerns discus-
sion at the north side
home of Kristin Jones.
Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Coordinators: Kristen
Jones and Rhoda Martin

February 13, 2011

4:00 p.m. POEA 2009
Graduate Recital at First
Presbyterian Church in
Evansville

Coordinators: Robert
Nicholls and Carolyn Ad-
ams.

February—March 2011

Outreach projects includ-
ing Pedals, Pipes and Pizza
(city and/or area wide).
Members host an outreach
event in his or her own
church. Resources avail-
able from Executive com-
mittee. Ideas welcome!

March 27, 2011

4:00 p.m. POEA 2009
Graduate recital at First
Presbyterian Church in
Evansville.

Coordinators: Robert
Nicholls and Carolyn Ad-
ams.

March 19, 2011

1:00 p.m. AGO/Quimby
Regional Competition. St.
Mark's Lutheran Church,
Evansville.

Coordinator: Robert
Nicholls

April 2011

Progressive Historic Organ
Concert beginning at 2:00
p.m.

First Avenue Presbyterian
Church and St. Anthony
Catholic Church, Evansville

Coordinators: Neal Biggers
and Carolyn Adams

May 2011

Spring Social (5:30 p.m.),
Dinner (6:00 p.m.), Meeting
and Service (7:00 p.m.).

Coordinator: Dan Wilkin-
son

The Executive Committee
meets (normally) on the
First Monday of the month
at 5:30 p.m. at East Side
Christian Church located
at Weinbach and Bayard
Park. All are welcome.

To submit an article for
inclusion in the Evansville
AGO newsletter, contact
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To view Evansville and Tri-state area church music positions available visit the AGO website: <http://www.evansvilleago.org/>