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February, 2011

Bryan Anderson and Weston Jennings recital 2.13.2011, 4 pm

Dear Evansville district chapter members in Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois,

We continue our 50th anniversary celebrations with an organ recital on February 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Bryan Anderson and Weston Jennings will play at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Evansville on the Fisk organ.

Bryan and Weston were among the talented and hard-working students at the 2009 Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced and we are delighted that they can return to Evansville in 2011 to show how their studies are continuing.

Bryan Anderson is a Freshman student of Alan Morrison at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, PA.

Weston Jennings is a Sophomore student of David Higgs

(organ) and William Porter (harpsichord) at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

I hope you will make every effort to attend this important event and be sure to invite, or better yet, bring a friend. There will be a reception following the recital.

I encourage everyone to have a close read of page seven of the February edition of *The American Organist*. It is a twenty point summary of the benefits of changes being made to how chapters and members interact with the national organization. In future we will renew our membership with national and then the chapter portion will be immediately sent to our chapter. It will save our treasurer, Kevin Ellerbusch many hours of work at renewal time, and will also save the executive committee time when they need to get

information on matters of all kinds.

The Executive Committee is also working on our chapter bylaws, a local salary guide and the program for the 2011-2012 season. We always welcome your input and willingness to help to volunteer for events. The executive committee also looks forward to hearing your views on our programs as the year progresses.

As I consider all of the events including the organ happening in our area, I think myself lucky to live in an area that has a core of people dedicated to the King of Instruments and the music it can make in our hands. *Pipedreams* can be heard every week. Organ recitals abound, and a new instrument is being installed as I write at St. Mary Catholic Church in downtown Evansville. Good times!

– Robert Nicholls, Dean

Focus on Outreach

Our chapter is spending some time in February and March focusing on outreach, not so much for new members for our chapter, but to expose those with whom we come in contact to our enthusiasm for the organ. We all have remarkable opportunity to welcome children and adults to the organ every Sunday. Firstly, I encourage all of you to

check out the evansvilleago.org website and the outreach page. If you are receiving this newsletter electronically, you will receive the document as an attachment.

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza this year is on March 26 in Henderson, KY.

Secondly, invite members of the congregation up to the organ

during the postlude every Sunday for a month. Open the organ cabinet (if it is safe to do so) for supervised observation of the instrument's innards.

Thirdly, let us know what you are doing. Contact Barbara Waite at 812-477-8339 or alcbjw@insightbb.com Above all, be enthusiastic advocates for our unique instrument.

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Evansville AGO Programs for 2010—2011

We encourage you to get involved in your chapter activities in the 2010-2011 season. If there is an event which appeals to you, please contact the Coordinators directly. Special thanks to Neal Biggers for leading our program plans for the coming season.

February 13, 2011

4:00 p.m. POEA 2009 Graduate Recital at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville. Features Bryan Anderson (Curtis), Weston Jennings (Eastman).

Coordinators: Robert Nicholls and Carolyn Adams.

February—March 2011

Outreach projects including Pedals, Pipes and Pizza (city and/or area wide). Members host an outreach event in his or her own church. Resources available from Executive committee and www.evansvilleago.org

March 19, 2011

1:00 p.m. AGO/Quimby Regional Competition. Coordinator: Robert Nicholls

March 26, 2011

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza in Henderson, KY. 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

March 27, 2011

4:00 p.m. POEA 2009 Graduate recital at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville. Features Katelyn Emerson (Oberlin), Katie Minion (Maranatha).

Coordinators: Robert Nicholls and Carolyn Adams.

April 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Progressive Historic Organ Concert.

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

Coordinators: Neal Biggers and Carolyn Adams

May 2, 2011

Spring Social at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Evansville (5:30 p.m.), Dinner (6:00 p.m.), Annual General Meeting and Service (7:00 p.m.). Cost for dinner \$12. Coordinator: Margaret Kimberling

Organ events in the Evansville area in coming weeks.

Neu Chapel Organ @ Noon

February 17

Here come the Pedals
March 17

Happy Birthday J. S. Bach!

April 21

Music for Holy Week. Light refreshments served after each concert.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Evansville
Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 3 p.m. Thomas Drury, organ.

First Presbyterian Church Evansville.
Sunday, March 6
4:30 p.m. Linda Buzard
5:00 p.m. Evensong: RSCM festival directed by Jack Burnam with the choir of the Chapel of St. John the Divine, Champaign, IL

Sunday, April 3
4:30 p.m. Helen S. Reed
5:00 p.m. Evensong followed by Community Pot Luck meal

Sunday, April 10
10:30 a.m. Passion of St. Mark
By Charles Wood.
Helen S. Reed, Organ
Jeremy Aldridge, Evangelist
Andy Hubbard, Jesus

Sunday, April 17
4:00 p.m. Young Organist Series: Kirsten Smith

Sunday, May 1
4:30 p.m. Chris Holman, 2009 POEA student from University of Illinois.
5:00 p.m. Evensong followed by Community Pot Luck meal.

St. John's East UCC
Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. Organ, Strings and Chorus Organ, Mark X. Hatfield Conductor, Alfred Savia

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