

CHATTANOOGA CHAPTER

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Soli Deo Gloria



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American Guild of Organists: Mission and Vision

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.

The vision of the American Guild of Organists is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.

The American Guild of Organist website: <https://www.agohq.org/>

Please join us for our next monthly program!



TODAY

Monday, November 14

Elizabeth Smith of Lois Fyfe Music, Nashville, TN

Presentation on choral music resources for all size choirs,
with a focus on the upcoming calendar of January through Easter.

Covenant Presbyterian Church
8451 East Brainerd Rd., Chattanooga

6:00 pm Chapter meal and fellowship at The Chop House
(2011 Gunbarrel Road, 37421)

7:30 pm Program at Covenant Presbyterian

Please join us for this exciting FREE event!

FINANCIAL REPORT by Virginia Marion, Treasurer

Progressive Dinner (9/26/16):

Income	\$720.00
Expenses	<u>\$461.30</u>
Balance	+\$258.70

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza (10/24/16):

Income	\$450.00
Expenses	<u>\$416.49</u>
Balance	+\$33.51

CURRENT CHECKING BALANCE (as of 10/31/16):

\$3,601.66

From the Dean

“Looking for Words...”

During this time of political and social upheaval, uncertainty, ecstasy, and fear, I am grateful now more than ever to be a musician. How does anyone even attempt to express anything with mere words during times like these? It can't be done. No matter what is happening in my life, no matter what I feel like I can't handle or overcome, the organ is always there to comfort me and to renew my sense of purpose. Rather than attempt to capture our profound responsibility as musicians using my own words, I'd like to list a few of my favorite quotes about the power of music. My sincerest hope is that these words will bring you comfort, courage, and laughter during these uncertain times.

I play the notes as they are written, but God makes the music. – J.S. Bach

Nothing on earth is so well suited to make the sad merry, the merry sad, to give courage to the despairing, to make the proud humble, to lessen envy and hate, as music. – Martin Luther

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life. – Berthold Auerbach

Music is the medicine of the mind. – John Logan

Music is the universal language of mankind. – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Music is love in search of a word. – Sidney Lanier

I did not chose my profession, it chose me. Since childhood it has grown between me and people. My music is all one love letter, but to whom? – Ned Rorem

Music is the wine which inspires one to new generative processes, and I am Bacchus who presses out this glorious wine for mankind and makes them spiritually drunken. – Ludwig van Beethoven

When you begin to see the possibilities of music, you desire to do something really good for people. – John Coltrane

Music can change the world because it can change people. – Bono

When words fail, music speaks. – Hans Christian Anderson

I haven't understood a bar of music in my life, but I have felt it. – Igor Stravinsky

Music does bring people together. It allows us to experience the same emotions. People everywhere are the same in heart and spirit. No matter what language we speak, what color we are, the form of our politics, the expression of our love and our faith, music proves: we are all the same. – John Denver

There is nothing in the world so much like prayer as music is. – William Shakespeare

See you tonight! Soli Deo Gloria, Sarah Harr



For Sale

Electrified 1871 Mason & Hamlin Organ in excellent condition!
Please contact Elsilynn Barber: elsilynnbarber@yahoo.com

Chattanooga AGO Student Sunday 2017

5th Sundays usually occur four times a year and are ideal times for out-of-the-ordinary events. The first 5th Sunday of 2017 is Jan. 29th. (a "low" Sunday) and we are encouraging all members to support and promote a "Student Sunday" that day. The idea is for as many organists as can share the bench with a young person who has interest/talent in organ playing. The student can play a single piece to an entire service depending on their ability/familiarity with each individual worship service. With enough participation across the chapter we can get good media coverage and highlight the guild's outreach to the next generation. A note in the parish newsletter would be a great way to begin developing prospects for this event. Anyone needing assistance with training/coaching a prospective player is welcomed to contact the board for further help. If you are willing to join in this effort, please contact Jim Bailiff and let him know as he will begin a registry of participating churches and start the publicity process with the Times/Free Press. We are all keenly aware how busy the last quarter of the year can be for a church musician, so this ninth month is a great time to get this going. – Jim Bailiff

Chattanooga AGO Music Sale

We are currently accepting donations of organ, piano, instrumental, vocal, sacred, classical, and any other music editions you have and are no longer using for an upcoming Music Sale on May 22, 2016. All proceeds from this sale will benefit a future organ scholarship fund. If you would like to donate music or volunteer to coordinate the Music Sale, please call or email Sarah Harr to coordinate a pick up/drop off day and time: 901-486-3700, sarahharr@ymail.com. Please consider donating to help us establish a scholarship fund for future organ students to pursue their educational and professional goals. Thank you! – Sarah Harr

AGO Certification Classes

Are you interested in working toward one of the AGO levels of certification? Several of our members are working toward the Service Playing certificate and we'd like to get together a few times a month beginning in January 2017 to work together to prepare. If you have previously worked toward AGO certification and would like to volunteer, or if you are interested in beginning the certification process at ANY level, please contact Anne Aycock (anneaycock@icloud.com) or Sarah Harr (sarahharr@ymail.com). We'd love to help guide you through the practical and rewarding process of AGO certification—chapter support makes all the difference! Thanks!

Placing Students in the Spotlight

Teachers,

I will have the Steinway D 9ft. concert grand at the following venues: "One Table" on Monday Nov. 21st, 11:30AM-1:30pm and "MAINX24 Pancake Breakfast," a fundraiser for "The Forgotten Child Fund" sponsored/ran by the Chattanooga Fire Department and Police Department on Saturday Dec. the 3rd, 8am-10am." I already have players asking to perform. (Hopefully choirs will jump on-board as well). See two FB links below. Both events you are welcome as a teacher to perform and/or spotlight selected students. Choirs & string ensembles as well as pianist are all welcome! If I copied you, you may want to tell your spouse/or head of music department, or I am just keeping you in the loop. Please RSVP to one or both events via email and add your name to the Facebook invite page if you are on Facebook. I will contact you once I cut-off invitations and form a schedule based on replies. Both events are great, but MAINX24 I host the annual kick-off being the Pancake Breakfast at the Firehall on E. Main in the heart of the Southside so...FREE pancakes for the performers, and others it's only \$5 for all you can eat. One Table you ALL will get a free meal! One Table being mid-day homeschool kids, school choirs, or you as a teacher may work out better? Please RSVP, ASAP.

FREE MUSIC!! Also, Betty Brewer asked me to share & has a collection of mostly sacred organ & piano duets (strictly organ/piano duets) for offertories, preludes, etc. She is offering her lifetime duet collection or any part thereof for FREE! All her organ/piano duet music will be offered next week starting Monday in a special bin for FREE at Summitt Pianos. Ask Buddy or James for location in store.

Thanks,

H. A. "Buddy" Shirk, AGO, ATOS, MTNA, CMTA

<https://www.facebook.com/events/302497860121389/>

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Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza: October 24, 2016**AGO Chattanooga Yearbook Coming Soon!**

Our executive board will be soliciting volunteers, taking pictures, and collecting member information early next year to begin the process of creating a new chapter yearbook. If you would like to help in any way (photography, advertising, word processing, printing, etc.), please let Sarah Harr know as soon as possible. We hope to get the process underway beginning in January 2017. Thank you so much for your help! – Sarah Harr

Upcoming Events:

Catherine Rodland, Organ Recital

University of the South (All Saints' Chapel), Friday November 18 at 7:30 pm
There will be a reception following the recital at the Alumni House.
Masterclass on Saturday November 19 10 am to noon,
with students from Nashville and Chattanooga.

Chattanooga Music Club 5th Annual Holiday Spectacular Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

The Chattanooga Music Club is presenting their 5th Annual Holiday Spectacular on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium. Jeff Harbin, director of music at Dalton First United Methodist Church is the featured recitalist along with The Nashville St. Singers directed by Jim Bailiff and the Metropolitan Bells! This is a FREE event. Please make plans to attend and support this wonderful organization!



Eya: A Medieval Music Ensemble

“A Medieval Candlelight Christmas”

Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

For more information, visit www.stpaulschatt.org.

Tennessee Chamber Chorus Concert

Saturday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m.

The joy and hope of the holiday season resound with the Tennessee Chamber Chorus! Please join us for this very special concert, featuring the works of Charles Stanford, Felix Mendelssohn, Ola Gjielo, Benjamin Britten, and many others! Let yourself be filled by the music of the holidays. The Tennessee Chamber Chorus will be performing on Saturday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Timothy’s Episcopal on Signal Mountain and Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal in Chattanooga.

Nativity Episopal Church in Ft. Oglethorpe, GA

has started a new series of mini-concerts immediately following the 10:30 worship service every month and a half! Please contact Kristopher Schwinn at kschwinn3@gatech.edu for more information.



Studying organ at the School of Music prepares students for jobs as full or part-time church organists and music directors in a wide variety of denominations. Private lessons, recitals and individualized instruction train students for excellence in performance.



The UT School of Music offers several degree programs for students to study organ.

Bachelor of Arts in music
Bachelor of Music in performance
Bachelor of Music in sacred music
Bachelor of Music in music education
Master of Music in performance
Graduate Artist Certificate in performance

Students may also study organ by minoring in music or by way of electives.

"Since I began my studies at University of Tennessee, I have become a more accomplished and confident organist. I've improved my playing technique and broadened my historical knowledge of organ literature and building. Most importantly, I've formed relationships with my professors and fellow students that will serve me well throughout my professional career."
Ericka McCarty, BM in sacred music

Find out more:
 Edie Johnson
 organ instructor
organstudy@utk.edu
music.utk.edu/organ



"I could not have asked for a more engrossing program than the organ studio at UT. I have had access to splendid repertoire and instruction. My time with the music faculty has equipped me with the performance skills I need to pursue my career in music ministry."
Michelle Walter, BM in sacred music

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Program Year 2016-2017

December 2016 – No monthly program

Monday, January 30, 2017 – Student Recital

Brainerd United Methodist Church, 4315 Brainerd Rd., Chattanooga

7:00 PM

Followed by a reception

In conjunction with the January 30 student recital, the chapter will promote “Student Musician Sunday” on January 29th. We encourage all chapter members to seek out local student talent to participate in worship that Sunday.

Thursday, February 16, 2017 – Katelyn Emerson, AGO 2016 NYACOP winner

AGO will sponsor workshop with Katelyn on Thursday evening entitled “Registering historic organ works on contemporary American organs”

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 305 W. Seventh St., Chattanooga 6:30 pm

7:45 pm Chapter meal and fellowship at a local restaurant TBA

St. Paul’s will sponsor Katelyn in a recital the following evening, Friday, February 17.

March 2017 – No monthly program

Monday, April 24, 2017 – Dr. Calvert Johnson Narrated recital on Minority Composers

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 211 Franklin Rd. at Scenic Highway, Lookout Mountain

7:00 pm

A reception will follow.

Monday, May 22, 2017 – Banquet, elections and chapter service. \$15/person

Reservation required

First Lutheran Church, 2800 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga

6:30 pm

First annual Music Sale, to benefit AGO Chattanooga scholarship fund

*Please RSVP to all programs by emailing program@agochattanooga.org. Thanks!