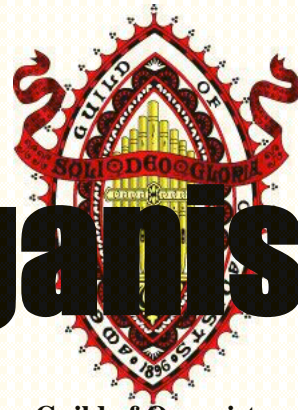


The Greater Columbia Organist



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A Publication of the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Young Organist Competition 2017



2012 Winner Carolyn Craig

Saturday, March 11, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Shandon United Methodist Church

3407 Devine Street

Columbia SC 29205

Three extraordinary young organists will compete in the 7th annual Young Organist Competition on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Shandon United Methodist Church. The competition welcomes students in Grades 8 through 12 from all over the United States. Alumni of the competition have gone on to stellar careers in organ performance. Through the unwavering support of our donors, the prize money this year has been increased.

First Prize \$1500 *anonymous donor*

Second Prize \$1000

Third Prize \$750

Hymn Playing Award \$250

donated by David Hall

Best Bach Performance \$250

donated by Tony Roof

Please support this educational venture of the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter by your donations but, more importantly, by your presence at the competition. You will be amazed by these young performers and heartened about the future of our profession.

Be sure to save the date for our May Meeting!

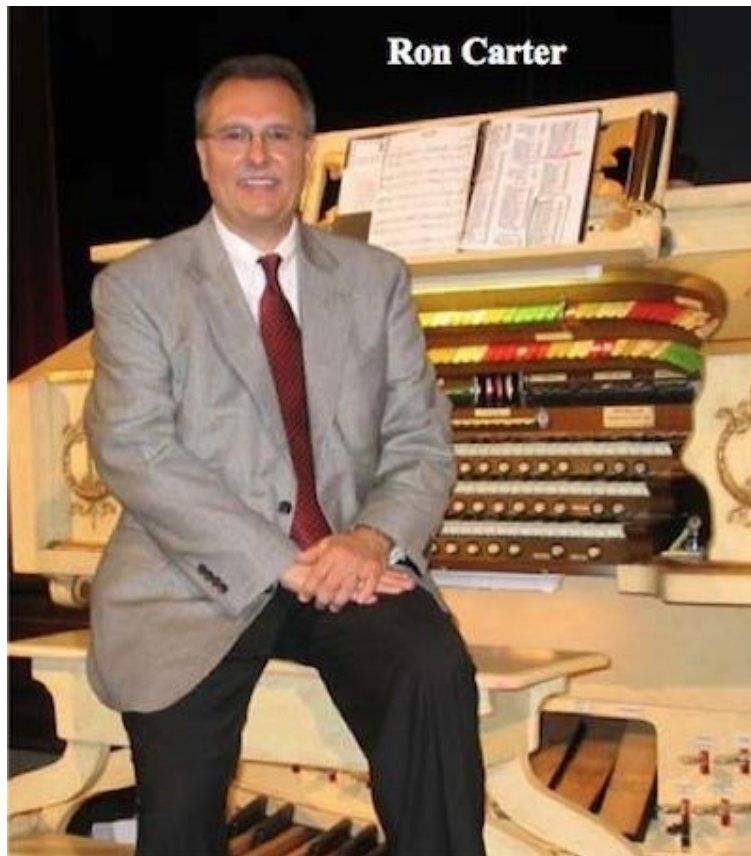
**Friday Evening, May 12, 2017
Shandon United Methodist Church
3407 Devine Street
Columbia SC 29205**

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner for AGO Members and Guests

**7:00 p.m. Silent Film “Safety Last”
accompanied by organist Ron Carter**

The 7:00 p.m. event will be open to the public.

Prepare to have some fun for a good cause at our final event of the year as we enjoy viewing the silent film comedy “Safety Last” featuring Harold Lloyd. The organist, **Ronald Carter**, from Marietta, Georgia, has served as organist/Music Director in churches for the last 40 years, and is currently the Organist and Music Director for the Hiram First United Methodist Church. He is a member of the American Theater Organ Society and has presented numerous theatre organ concerts and silent film accompaniments throughout the southeast. Ron has family in the Columbia area and is looking forward to presenting this program for us. Visitors are welcome and a “love offering” will be collected for our Organ Scholarship Fund.



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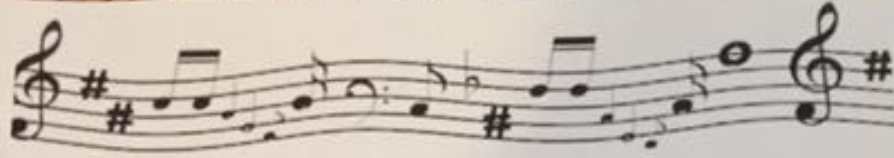
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In June 2016, the American Guild of Organists sponsored a silent auction with proceeds going to the AGO. Auction items ranged from exotic vacation getaways to educational opportunities. **Tony Roof**, chapter member and long-time board

member, placed a generous bid and won a Master Class with Laura Ellis, professor of music at the University of Florida and three-term AGO Southeast Regional Councillor. The February 11 meeting held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church featured Dr. Ellis who talked about “How to Use Your Time on the Bench Effectively - the Difference Between Playing and Practicing.” She then conducted a master class featuring students Amy Craig and Greg Stone (both students of David Lowry) and William Douglas and Joe Setzer (both students of Jared Johnson). Through the generosity of Tony Roof this informative, delightful program would not have been possible. The Greater Columbia AGO Chapter is deeply indebted to Tony and so appreciates his initiative in sponsoring this program. Susan Sturkie hosted the event and chapter member Jim Johnson prepared a delightful lunch following the morning class with donations going to the Young Organist Competition. Many, many thanks to Tony, Susan, and Jim for making this meeting a wonderful success!

Please send information for April's newsletter to tonyroof@windstream.net by March 20.



The Woman's Afternoon Music Club
presents
An Afternoon of Sacred Music

Sunday, March 12th

3 pm

Church of the Holy Comforter

213 North Main Street

Sumter, South Carolina

The Public is invited

Free Admission

This program will include club members as well as guest musicians **William Douglas** on organ and **Eddie Huss** in a Mendelssohn piano duet with **Annette Matthews** from Shandon UMC in Columbia. The chorus of Crestwood High School, under the direction of our member Deborah Horton, will sing as well as The Women's Ensemble under the direction of **Tammy Williams**. **Beth Lewallen**, organist at Trinity UMC, is bringing the church's harpsichord over as a special treat, and **Linda Coyne** is playing a Clerambault organ suite. We have a trio of two flutes and piano and other treats still in formation.



***The University Choir of Sewanee: The
University of the South***

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 P.M.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

1100 Sumter Street

This concert is free and open to all.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Join us as the sun is setting for this service of readings, prayers, and music, and afterwards for hospitality and refreshments under the oaks in the Cathedral Courtyard.

**American Guild of Organists
Southeast Regional Convention
June 11-14, 2017
Jacksonville and St. Augustine,
Florida**

Greetings! We hope your holiday season was rewarding and that everything went well. Now it's time to register for the Regional Convention! Early bird registration extends to March 1, but don't put it off until the last minute.

The main part of the convention begins on Sunday afternoon, June 11 with exhibits at 2 pm at the Omni Hotel and an organ recital at 4:30, followed by a hymn festival after dinner on your own. It ends with an organ concert in Jacksonville's Jacoby Symphony Hall and a gala reception on Wednesday night, June 14. You may check (scroll down please) and even print out the complete schedule [here](#).

To look over the venue and the artists, go to [our information site](#). To register immediately, click [Yes](#)

You can always browse without registering, but don't forget!

Sincerely hoping to see you in June,

Peter DeWitt, Convention Coordinator

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The Leipzig Organ Tradition

Saturday, March 25, 2017



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- ◆ Internationally recognized as one of the world's greatest authorities on J.S. Bach
- ◆ Harvard University faculty
- ◆ Director of Bach Archive in Leipzig



Professor Stefan Engels, recitalist

- ◆ German-born internationally acclaimed organ virtuoso
- ◆ Professor at Leipzig Conservatory
- ◆ Professor at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- ◆ Authority on the music of Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Three Events

- ◆ Master Class on the Orgelbüchlein and the Neumeister Chorale Preludes, Jointly presented by Christoph Wolff and Stefan Engels, 10 a.m., on the Gabriel Kney organ in Barnes Recital Hall
- ◆ Lecture by Professor Wolff, 2 p.m.
- ◆ Recital by Professor Stefan Engels, 4 p.m., on the G. Donald Harrison Æolian-Skinner organ in Byrnes Auditorium

All three events: \$25
Individual event: \$10 per event
Students: \$5 per event

For more information:
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843/697-6978, claragodshall@gmail.com

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Holocaust Cantata (Donald McCullough)

April 23, 2017 4:00 pm

Temple Israel, 4901 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226

www.templeisraelinc.org 704-362-2796

Featuring the combined choirs of Temple Israel, Temple Beth El and Providence United Methodist Church,

Monty Bennett and Adam Ward, conductors, Andrew Pester, pianist.

In commemoration of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), Temple Israel will host a community remembrance centered with this choral work, featuring Polish songs written by musicians who were interred in concentration camps. The narrations are based on interviews, historical data and the life story of Irena Kafka. This program will be free of charge and no tickets are required.

South Carolina Philharmonic

Saturday, April 22, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Koger Center for the Arts

Under the direction of Maestro Morihiko Nakahara, the South Carolina Philharmonic will present its final concert of the season.



Saint-Saëns' grandiose Organ Symphony, with organist Jared Johnson, will fill every nook and cranny of the hall. Nationally-renowned Columbia native Andy Akiho performs a striking piece of his own creation commissioned by the National Symphony Orchestra, and Respighi lends his majestic touch to a soaring season finale.

Program

Fountains of Rome (1916)

Beneath Lighted Coffers

Symphony in c minor, Op. 78, #3 ("Organ")

Jared Johnson, organist

Ottorino Respighi

Andy Akiho, steel pan/composer

Camille Saint-Saëns

Tickets can be purchased through KogerCenterForTheARTS.com.



March Birthdays

4/02	Joyce Shaw
4/08	Margaret Monroe
4/09	Celia Tolar-Bane
4/09	Laura Siddons
4/11	Gary Meyers
4/13	Beverley Anderson
4/17	Marc Rattray
4/20	Laura Rosier
4/21	David Turner

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

** NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

BLYTHERWOOD

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Blythewood, S.C., seeking organist for 11:00 a.m. Sunday Services. Traditional Lutheran service. No choir work involved. If interested please email at: info@St.markslutheranlcmc.org

CHERAW

First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), 300 Market Street, Cheraw, SC 29520, is a vibrant and happy congregation looking for a part-time organist. The organ, which can be seen on the church's website www.cherawfpc.org, was built by Gabriel Kney and Associates of London, Ontario, in 1986, and is designed to lead the congregation in glorious singing, to accompany the choir and to perform in recitals. It is tracker action but has combination action to make it accessible for different periods of music. It has two manuals and 26 ranks of pipes. There is one service a week with one choir rehearsal. Occasionally, the organist will be expected to accompany soloists and small instrumental ensembles. This individual will serve as organist at weddings and funerals, which are a source of additional income for the organist. The organist will collaborate with the choir director and pastor to plan for services. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The organist may accompany the children's choir as they sing in a worship service (with a short rehearsal before they sing).

The position is open Sunday, April 23, 2017. For the complete job description and more information, contact Christie McLeod at acmcleod1995@roadrunner.com or 843-910-4538.

COLUMBIA

Incarnation Lutheran Church, 3005 Devine Street, Columbia, is seeking a music director/organist to work 25 hours a week. The position will be responsible for preparation and performance of weekly Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and Wednesday worship at 12:10 p.m. as well as other services that occur, including funerals and weddings. The music director also leads and directs the choir, the handbell choir, the children's choir and the children's handbells, as well as various instrumentalists, plus oversees and maintains music instruments and the music library. The candidate should have a strong understanding of Lutheran theology, worship and liturgy. Please send resume to office@incarnationlutheran.com.

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 100 Polo Rd., Columbia 29223. Position: Principal Organist. Hire Date: September 1, 2016 St. John Neumann, a vibrant parish of over 1,900 families, is seeking a Principal Organist to play 2-3 masses a weekend. The Organist will work in collaboration with the Director of Music to lead the congregational sung prayer with the parish cantors and accompany both the adult and children's choirs. The Organist must be available for Wednesday night rehearsals and all special Holy Day Liturgies throughout the year. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in Organ Performance (Master's preferred) and appreciate the ritual of Catholic liturgy. The position also requires the organist to serve on the music and acoustics committee in an advisory role in the design of an instrument for a new worship space. Qualified and interested candidates should submit a resume along with video material to David Cochrane at dcochrane@SJNChurch.com.

St. Mark United Methodist Church (3200 Lyles St., 29201), a progressive, open, and welcoming small-sized congregation in Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time Director of Music Ministries. Duties include planning, coordinating, and playing for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service as well as funerals and other special and seasonal services as planned by the worship committee. Duties also include the direction of the chancel choir which practices at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. An organist/pianist or pianist will be considered. The congregation enjoys a variety of music from classical to contemporary. Instruments include a two manual Allen digital organ, a new Yamaha digital piano, and a Schulmerich carillon. Please send resume with cover letter to stmarkumccola@gmail.com or call Wayne Hall at (803) 252-7297 for more information.

DENMARK

Bethel Park United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. Our instrument is a 33-rank, three manual Gress-Miles Organ with antiphonal organ in the rear of the sanctuary. Service playing is most important, and ability to lead hymns with the organ is a must. Our choir is composed of 25-35 members and continues a long history of excellence. Ability to sight read above average choral music is a must. We rehearse on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11 a.m. We will offer salary commensurate with experience. Additional playing for funerals is negotiable. Special services will be required at Christmas and Easter. Please contact Rev. Terry Roof at TARoof@umcsc.org, or the church office at 803-793-3669.