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July 2008 - June 2009 International Year of the Organ

Columbia's Got Talent

Monday, February 9, 7:30 pm

Concert featuring works by local composers

Admission is Free

Columbia's Got Talent--Concert Featuring Works of Local Composers

USC School of Music-813 Assembly Street

Composers for the evening are:

Dr. William Bates

Robert Grenier

Dr. Patrick Hawkins

Dr. David Lowry

Bill McNair

Al Roberts

PEDALS PIPES AND PIZZA

Saturday, January 10, 2009

January 18, 2009

Dear Tony Roof, AGO Dean & AGO Members:

As you can tell from their thank you notes, my piano students thoroughly enjoyed the Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event they attended on January 10th in Columbia. They learned a lot, and some are even interested in playing the organ. It was a fun day, and thank you to all who presented the organs through word and through music.

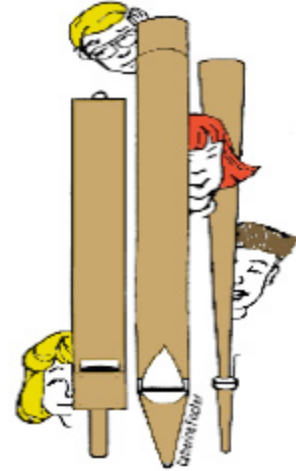
The students enjoyed hearing different organs, and especially enjoyed the opportunity to play. Some couldn't believe that the keyboard they played produced sound coming from pipes above them and surrounded them with sound.

I appreciate the opportunity for young piano students to be introduced to the organ. Some had never heard a pipe organ before. Thanks to our local chapter, national and the organizers. It was a very successful venture.

Sincerely,

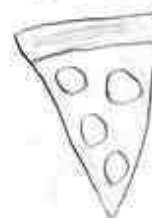


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Thanks,

I really learned a lot and had fun. I thought the pipe organ only had a few pipes. But I was wrong. I enjoyed the pizza and the Basket.



Thanks Again,
Alex Harper

THANKS AGO!

Thank you so much for the
chance to learn about the mechanics
and beauty of the organ as well as the



Hannah
Mount

On Saturday, January 10, 2009, the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter hosted a "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" program to interest piano students in organ. The well coordinated event was co-chaired by Tony Roof, Dean; Dr. David Lowry, and Sharon Witherell. It was held at Washington Street United Methodist Church, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and at the Church of the Good Shepherd. There were over 50 in attendance, with around 30 of them students.



Dr. David Lowry, Winthrop University professor and organist at the Church of the Good Shepherd, was the clinician for the day. Performers during the day included Scott Scheets, a high school sophomore, and local chapter members Louis Shirer and Jennifer Zoellner.

After an informative introduction to the organ and organ music, each student had the opportunity to play a piece on the organs and to ask questions. Students then watched the video *Pulling Out all the Stops* while eating Pizza. When the day was complete, each was

given a basket of materials which included copies of *The American Organist* and *The Diapason* magazines, *A Young Person's Guide to the Pipe Organ*, the local chapter's newsletter, 3 organ CDs by local artist's Dr. Jared Johnson and Dr. David Lowry, and a POE brochure for Macon, GA.

Students had a wonderful time, and several teachers have already requested the event again next year. The chapter extends many thanks to the host/hostess at each of the organs-Arletta Raley, Ralph Rozier, Jim Johnson, and Dr. David Lowry. With everyone's help, the students enjoyed a fun-filled day learning and experiencing the King of Instruments.



Pipe Organ Encounters 2009

Our Regions POE will be in Macon, GA on June 21-26, 2009. It is sponsored by the Macon Chapter AGO at Wesleyan College, Macon, GA . For information, contact the director: Michael McGhee 478-757-2433 or mmcghee@wesleyancollege.edu.

Since 1988, Pipe Organ Encounters (POEs) have introduced more than 2,000 young people to the organ through instruction in organ playing, repertoire, history, design, and construction. These week-long summer institutes for students aged 13–18 provide private and group instruction, opportunities for ecumenical worship, and a chance for young musicians to meet others with similar interests. Basic keyboard proficiency is required, although previous organ study is not necessary. Local POE Committees may choose to grant special consideration on an individual basis for admission of a potential registrant whose age or training differs from the guidelines.

Planning Ahead to the 2010 Mid-Winter Conclave



REGION IV: Sarasota/Manatee Chapter
January 17-20, 2010 Sarasota, FL

Co-coordinators: Roy Roberts and Jack Levick

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AGO Region IV Blog

Be sure to check the region IV blog: <http://www.agoregion4.blogspot.com/> for organ news in the southeastern area of the United States. This blog contains concerts in our region which you may wish to attend if you are traveling as well as other information about AGO chapters in Region IV.

University of Alabama 2009 Church Music Conference

January 30-31, 2009 Moody School of Music, University of Alabama
"A Mendelssohn Year"

Featuring: Gail Archer, Faythe Freese, Paul Houghtaling, Marvin Latimer,
Jeff McLelland, Karen Nicolosi, John Orr, C. Noelle Partusch, John Ratledge and Larry Smith.

For more information, please visit:

www.music.ua.edu/departments/organ/events/index.htm

www.music.ua.edu/departments/organ/2009/preregistration



Holtkamp Organ
University of Alabama



Membership Renewal 2009-2010

The 2009-2010 membership drive renewal will begin soon. The national office has announced a dues increase coming for 2009. The rate for regular members will go from \$88 to \$92. Look for more information in the January issue of *The American Organist* magazine, page 86.



AGO 15TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGAN PEDAGOGY
TEACHING CHURCH MUSIC IN NORTH AMERICA: AN OLD VOCATION IN A NEW MILLENNIUM
MARCH 11-14, 2009 - YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN
PRESENTED BY THE YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC & THE AGO COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION



Upcoming AGO Meetings/Events

Monday, February 8, 7:30 pm
Columbia's Got Talent—USC School of Music

Monday, March 23, 7:30 pm
Two-Organ Concert--Sally Cherrington-Beggs & Stephen Schnurr; Newberry College

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 pm
Student Recital; Shandon United Methodist Church

May -TBA
Olivier Messiaen -Dr. Jared Johnson



February Birthdays

Hannah Aurand 02/01
Ed Brown 02/02
Alida Rawl 02/07
Mickey Johnson 02/07
Joyce Farrow 02/08
E.T. Smith 02/10
Karen Shevenell 02/11
Don Alcorn 02/15
Frank Ballard 02/20
David Lowry 02/21
Anne McNair 02/22
Julia Helen Garris 02/25
Jim Johnson 02/26



Welcome New Members!

Please add the following new members to your directory:

Ann B. Nichols H: (843) 678-9644 D: (843)664-8472 CH: (843)662-5673
Anniealto@aol.com
Cantor, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Florence

Larry Wyatt H: 776-0544 D: 777-2454 lwyatt@mozart.sc.edu
Director of Choral Studies, University of SC

Kevin Verbe H: (724) 561-8456 CH: (843)662-5674 Kevverb@hotmail.com
Liturgical Organist, St. Anthony Church, Florence

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

** NEW LISTING

BISHOPVILLE

First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 144, Bishopville, SC 29010. Part-time Accompanist (piano and/or organ) and Part-time Music Director (one choir). Send resume ATTN: Personnel Committee at the church address. For more information, contact Beth Hedegor, Ministry Assistant at 803-484-5430 (8-1, Mon.-Thur.)

COLUMBIA

****Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**, 2215 Devine St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. Organist for 10:30 Sunday and seasonal services. Pre-service choir warm-up and rehearsal after 10:30 service. Liturgical worship. Pipe organ, 2 manual. Salary: \$150 week. Please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email at pastor@holytrinitylutheranchurchlcms.com.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 525 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29210. Redeemer is a suburban congregation with an average of 300 worshippers each week at three traditional services (two on Sunday morning, and one brief service on Monday evenings). The church is seeking a full time music director who will serve as organist and choir director during services, lead weekly rehearsals and/or oversee volunteers for one adult choir, one adult handbell choir, several youth choirs (vocal, tone chimes and handbells). The music director will do worship planning with the pastor and provide leadership for an overall unified music program. Contact Pastor Gary Loadholdt at pastorgary@placeforgrace.org

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1416 Broad River Road, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES. This congregation, with an established history of excellence in worship and music, seeks a musician creative in the Lutheran tradition to lead two Sunday morning worship services and seasonal liturgies. Specific responsibilities include leading the congregation in worship and song, conducting an adult choir and a children's choir, and directing soloists and instrumental ensembles. The successful candidate will demonstrate knowledge of Lutheran theology and liturgical practice, skill and competency at the keyboard, both organ and piano, improvisation and service playing. The church's instruments include a Schantz organ, 3 manual, 34 ranks; a Knabe grand piano, handbells, Orff instruments and chimes. Requirements include at least a bachelor's degree in music, and experience in conducting and rehearsing choirs of different age groups. If interested, see expanded job description and list of applications requirements at: www.salutheran.com. Compensation will be commensurate with education and experience. Send resumes to Ruth Lackstrom, rel2812@earthlink.net or mail to: Music Search Committee, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1416 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1000 Greenlawn Drive, 29209. Trinity Presbyterian Church is actively seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. We are seeking an experienced individual who brings not only a love for the classical, but can offer a variety of musical experiences to enhance our worship services. Our choir consists of approximately 15-20 members. Worship services are Sunday at 11:00. The Director's responsibilities include weekly adult choir rehearsals, the children's choir, and any additional seasonal services. We are prepared to offer a comprehensive compensation package commensurate with experience. If excited about this opportunity, please forward resumes to Attn: Stacy Lanham, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1000 Greenlawn Drive, Columbia, SC 29209 or e-mail to tpcongreenlawn@bellsouth.net with the subject line to read: Organist /Choir Director resume.

DENMARK

Bethel Park UMC 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 7pm. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. If interested, please forward resume, including references to Att: PPRC, Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Denmark, South Carolina 29042. hmileysc@aol.com (Bill Humphries)

FLORENCE

Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, P/T Director of Music Ministries needed for Florence, SC church. 10 hours per week. Duties include planning and coordinating the congregation's music program, direct the choir, and participate in planning of worship and other musical activities. Education and experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. Please send resume to: Cross and Crown, 3123 W. Palmetto St. Florence, SC 29501.

GREENVILLE

St. Mark UMC, 306 N. Franklin Rd., Greenville 29609 is looking for a Music Director-Pianist. Contact the church at 864-233-1437-for information. Or send Resume to St. Mark UMC.

HARTSVILLE

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Musician needed to play for Sunday morning service, 10:30–11:30 AM, with extra seasonal services – Advent and Lent. The instrument is a Yamaha Clavinova. Compensation negotiable. Call Alice Brandt, 843-332-1478.

St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 Organist position. Cassavant Organ. The church is located directly across from the Elizabeth Boatwright Performing Arts Center on the Coker College campus. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. There are other special services occasionally throughout the church year such as choral evensong and Holy Week. The church has a part-time choir director who can also substitute at the organ when needed. If interested, please contact Father Michael Ridgill at 843-332-8765 or Candace Holcombe, choir director, at 843-383-2846 (home) or 843-857-3801 (office). Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

JOHNSTON

****Harmony United Methodist Church**, located in Johnston, SC (Edgefield County) seeking to hire a part time (approximately 10 hours per week) choir director.

Responsibilities include weekly rehearsal of adult choir, selecting appropriate anthems for weekly worship service and leading choir and congregation in singing during the 10 am Worship service each Sunday morning. Choir Director will also be responsible for working with the pastor to ensure and provide appropriate music for special evening services throughout the year (ex: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve services). Salary is negotiable based on experience. Please contact Donna Livingston or Rev. Becky Shirley (803-275-4885) or by email jhumc@bellsouth.net

LANCASTER

St. Luke United Methodist Church, 128 Providence Road, Lancaster, SC 29720. Organist/Choir Director Position. One Sunday Worship at 10:30. Allen Organ. Salary negotiable. For more information, contact Rev. Kyle Randle (803) 286-8652 or email randlekyle@gmail.com

LAURENS

Atonement Lutheran Church, 413 West Farley Avenue, Laurens, SC 29360 has a current opening for a church organist. We are currently obtaining an organ for the sanctuary, and seek to have a regular organist for Sunday morning worship, in addition to special worship services as needed. Perfect opportunity for a student. Requirements: Be familiar with, or be able to learn liturgical settings and hymns from Lutheran Book of Worship (1978 green hymnal).

Contact: Sean Miller, Pastoral Intern, 864-684-1704, lutheran05@yahoo.com.

LEXINGTON

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Organist/Choir Director. Call Pr. Mike Watson at 359-7993 for more information.

MYRTLE BEACH

St. Philip Lutheran Church, 6200 N. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach is seeking a part-time organist, salary negotiable. Duties include two Sunday worship services, midweek worship, choir practice, weddings and funerals. For more information, please call 843-449-5345.

NEWBERRY

Colony Lutheran Church, 48 Colony Church Rd., Newberry, SC. Director of Music/Organist, Part-time. Located half-way between Prosperity and Newberry on USH#76. One Sunday Worship @ 11:00 a.m. Baldwin 636, 2 manual electronic organ, handbells. Salary negotiable. For more info, contact Worship & Music Chairperson Bettye H. Fulmer @ 803-276-7998, or Pastor Jerry Trantham @ 803-276-7151, colonylc@bellsouth.net.

Summer Memorial Lutheran Church is currently seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Director of Music Ministries / Organist. Part-time position (16-20 hours per week) - one Sunday worship service plus any additional seasonal services. The Director of Music Ministries conducts weekly rehearsals with the adult choir, the children's choir, and the handbell choir. This individual will also work closely with the Pastor and the Worship and Music Committee in selecting a wide variety of music to enhance the worship service. Knowledge of traditional Lutheran Liturgy and contemporary praise music is an asset to this position. All interested persons should submit a resume to Wanda Amick, Summer Memorial Lutheran Church, 1609 Milligan Street, Newberry, SC 29108, or by e-mail to summermemorial@bellsouth.net. Compensation is approximately \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year.

RIDGEWAY

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 307 Longtown Rd. Ridgeway 29130 (803) 337-2905. Organist No choir, one Sunday service each week, weddings and funerals (infrequent, 2-3/yr), Good Friday evening and a midnight service on Christmas Eve. St. Stephen's is a small, historic congregation dating back to 1839. The congregation is a "traditional" Episcopalian church. Our present organist (and any recent sub) has been paid \$100/week, \$5200/yr. The current "contract" we have with the organist provides for four vacation Sundays per year where it is up to the organist to find a sub; plus two Sundays where the church finds the sub. Contact Vicar Tommy Dwyer at vetelover@gmail.com

SENECA

Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, <http://www.eternalshepherd.org/> Choir accompanist. Contact Lars Helland, larsh@alltel.net cell: 706-244-4544 Home: 706-356-2690 or Rick Schmidt at 864-886-9306.

WEST COLUMBIA

****St. David Lutheran Church.** Choir Director position open to direct Chancel Choir. Wednesday rehearsal and 10:30 service Sunday morning. Please direct questions to Al Roberts, Director of Music - akr_dmd@alltel.net, or send resumé to St. David Lutheran Church, 132 St. David's Church Road, West Columbia SC 29070.

WHITE ROCK

The Heritage at Lowman, Retirement Community, has an opening for Coordinator of Music for the Assisted Living and Active Life Style (Independent) areas of the campus. This full-time position, with benefits, includes responsibility for the vocal and handbell choirs, coordinating musicians for the Wednesday and Sunday services; planning the concert series for "Sundays at Lowman;" and coordinating with musical programs for residents. Contact Kay Callihan, Director of Human Resources, The Heritage at Lowman, PO Box 444, White Rock, SC 29177. Telephone: 803-732-8800

