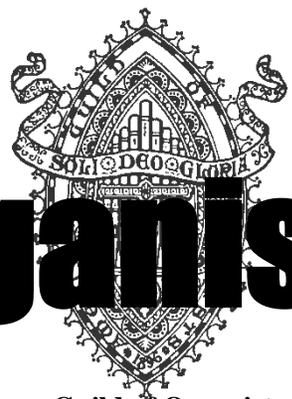


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2013 Regional News



Registration to begin soon!

Chapter members' early registration (before January 15, 2013) will be \$250.00. Please begin to plan and budget for this now. It's going to be a wonderful event.

Included in this newsletter is a schedule of events for the convention. It is still subject to change.

Volunteers are needed for the convention. If you can help, please contact Polly Watts or Susan Sturkie. This list is also on your dues form.

I will be attending the 2013 Regional Convention (all or part) and will be available to help in these areas:

- Transportation for incoming artists and presenters
- Transportation for competition contestants and judges
- Workshop setup (AV equipment, carrying materials, etc.)
- Exhibit setup (Help exhibitors on Wednesday and Saturday)
- Workshop helper (Assist presenter, if necessary)
- Greeter at hotel on opening day (Hospitality desk)
- Registration helper
- Bus Captain (ride on bus and assist getting people to correct place)
- Refreshment station helper
- Snack preparation
- Ticket sales at concerts
- Recital/service Ushers
- Check venues after events (for items left and trash)
- Registration Bag preparation (before the event)
- Event photographer
- Media Contact Person - Newspaper, TV, Radio
- Obtain ads and gifts from donors or your business/church
- Sing in choir for service

- Other _____

2013 Regional Schedule-- subject to change

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

- 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Exhibitor set-up, Hilton Hotel
3:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Registration/Hospitality Desk Open, Hilton Hotel
3:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Exhibits Open, Hilton Hotel
6:00 p.m. Bus Departs for Saint Peter's Catholic Church
6:30 p.m. Opening Convocation, Saint Peter's Catholic Church
7:35 p.m. Bus Departs for Washington Street United Methodist Church
8:00 p.m. Recital: Stefan Engels, Washington Street United Methodist Church
9:30 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel
9:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Exhibits open/Cash Bar, Hilton Hotel

Thursday, July 4, 2013

- 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own (complimentary to Hilton guests)
7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. Registration/Hospitality Desk Open, Hilton Hotel
8:30 a.m. Bus Departs for University of SC School of Music
9:00 a.m. Recital: Dongho Lee, University of SC School of Music
10:30 a.m. Workshop, University of SC School of Music
Choral Reading Session SATB/SAB-Lillian Quackenbush
11:30 a.m. Bus Departs for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
12:00 p.m. Lunch and Regional Meeting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Exhibits Open
1:15 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel
1:45 p.m. Workshop
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Jared Johnson
Practical Sacred Choral Classics in Public Domain-Larry Wyatt

Hilton Hotel
"Fight, Flight, or Flow" Stage Fright Management –
Colin Andrews
Teaching Beginning Keyboard at the Organ: Year 1"
-Wayne Leupold
2:35 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel/ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
3:00 p.m. Workshop
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Organ reading session- David Schelat
Hilton Hotel
Contracts and Salaries: the "Meat and Potatoes" for Organists
-Roy Roberts
Teaching Beginning Keyboard at the Organ: Years 2-5"-Wayne
Leupold
4:00 p.m. Bus Departs for Trinity Cathedral
4:30 p.m. Recital : AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists
Trinity Cathedral
5:30 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own
7:30 p.m. Bus Departs for Shandon United Methodist Church
8:00 p.m. Recital: Ray and Elizabeth Chenault, Shandon United Methodist Church
9:30 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel
9:30 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. Exhibits open/Cash Bar, Hilton Hotel

Friday, July 5, 2013

- 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own (complimentary to Hilton guests)
- 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. Registration/Hospitality Desk Open, Hilton Hotel
- 8:30 a.m. Bus Departs for Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
- 9:00 a.m. Recital: Charles Tompkins, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
- 10:15 a.m. Bus Departs for Columbia College
- 10:30 a.m. Workshop
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Masterclass-Janette Fishell
Hymn Writing: Decisions, Decisions, Decisions-Ann McNair
Columbia College
Energizing your Chapter-Laura Ellis
Striving for Excellence with a Volunteer Children's Choir
-Teresa Riley
- 11:30 a.m. Bus Departs for TBA Church
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch, TBA Church
- 1:00 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel
- 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Exhibits Open
- 1:30 p.m. Workshop
TBA Church
Wedding Music Consultation -Mark Husey
Mercer's Cluster Hymnal: Transmitting the past and Shaping the Future-Dr. Kay Norton
Hilton Hotel
Handbells-Joan Marco
Organ Pedagogy-Wayne Leupold
- 2:30 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel
- 3:00 p.m. Workshop
TBA Church
Organ Music by Black Composers-Calvert Johnson
Exam Preparation-Jeffrey McIntyre
Hilton Hotel
Handbells-Joan Marco
☐ "Traditional, Intermediate, and Advanced Organ Teaching" --
Wayne Leupold
(Organ Skills, Annotated Performer's Editions, and Historical Organ Techniques and Repertoire)
- 4:00 p.m. Bus Departs for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- 4:30 p.m. Hymn Festival-Michael Burkhardt
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- 5:30 p.m. Bus Departs for Trinity Cathedral
- 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Reception, Trinity Cathedral
- 6:00 p.m. Haitian Mass, Trinity Cathedral
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner, Trinity Cathedral
- 8:00 p.m. Evensong/Recital, Trinity Cathedral
- 9:30 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel
- 9:30 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. Exhibits open/Cash Bar, Hilton Hotel

Saturday, July 6, 2013

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own (complimentary to Hilton guests)

7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.Registration/Hospitality Desk Open, Hilton Hotel

8:30 a.m. Bus Departs for Ebenezer Lutheran Church

9:00 a.m. Workshop

Ebenezer Lutheran Church

Increase Your Assets in a Stop Deficit Economy -Sarah Hawbecker
Vocal Pedagogy for the young and old voice-Tina Stallard & Jessica Gibbons

10:00 a.m. Bus Departs for First Presbyterian Church

10:30 a.m. Workshop

First Presbyterian Church

Improve your Improvisation—David Arcus

Building a community based conservatory program-English Morris

11:30 a.m. Bus Departs for Saint Peter's Catholic Church

12:00 p.m. Lunch, Saint Peter's Catholic Church

1:00 p.m. Closing Recital: Janette Fishell

2:30 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel

POST CONVENTION

3:00 p.m. Bus Departs for Winthrop University

5:00 p.m. Recital, Winthrop University

6:30 p.m. Bus Departs for Hilton Hotel

7:45 p.m. Bus arrives Hilton Hotel

2012 Greater Columbia AGO Elections

Dean - **English Morris**

Sub Dean - **Frances Webb**

Treasurer - **Nancy Kelley**

Secretary - **Karen Shevenell**

Frank Ballard to serve a three-year term as a Member-at-Large for the chapter.

Other Members-at-Large are:

Bill Bates (2 years remaining)

David Lowry (1 year remaining)

Congratulations!



Thank you so much to **Patrick Hawkins** for serving the past two years as Dean and to **Polly Watts** for service the past three years as a member at large.

Your Help Is Urgently Needed!

Many of the Guild's educational programs—like Pipe Organ Encounter and the Young Organist Competition—could not exist without the generous contributions made by our members and friends each year. Tax-deductible contributions to AGO made possible the POE held here in Columbia in 2010 and the high school organ competition held in 2011 and again in 2012.

Another educational opportunity is that of the 2013 Regional Convention. Young artists will be competing in the Quimby Pipe Organ Competition. Composers David Schelat, William Bates, Trey Clegg, Pamela Decker, Anne McNair, and Janette Fishell have been commissioned to write works which will be premiered at the convention. Concert artists Stefan Engels, Janette Fishell, Charles Tompkins, Dongho Lee, and Elizabeth and Ray Chenault will be performing concerts in various venues. There will be workshops on these topics: teaching beginning organ, managing stage fright, choral reading sessions, contracts and salaries, hymn writing, wedding music, handbells, organ music by black composers and others.

As dedicated members of the organ profession, we need to constantly refresh and grow as musicians. The convention is an ideal time of concentrated exposure to great organ music and related topics. I hope that your commitment to the work and mission of the AGO ranks high on your list of giving priorities this year and always.

Will you join those who have already given generously and include the **2013 AGO Regional Convention** in your list of charitable giving priorities? If you have already given, I thank you. But the fact is that we have not even reached the halfway mark on our goal. Gifts in all amounts are needed and welcomed; no gift is too small! All contributions to the AGO are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.

Send your contributions to the following address and I thank you in advance:

Frances M. Webb
92 Currant Lane
Columbia SC 29210-3521

William H. Bates (M.M. '68, D.M. '78) and Janette S. Fishell (B.M. '81, M.M. '82) are recipients of the Oswald Gleason Ragatz Distinguished Alumni Award 2012

The Oswald Gleason Ragatz Distinguished Alumni Award was established concurrently with the inauguration of Indiana Organists United in 2005, and biennial awards have been given every two years to deserving alumni. The awards honor longtime professor and chairman of the organ department at the Jacobs School of Music, Oswald Ragatz (1917-2011), who established the tradition of excellence in organ performance and pedagogy for which the department is still recognized today. Nominees are considered based upon their contributions to the organ and church music fields, and how their work proudly reflects the heritage and mission of the Jacobs School of Music organ department.

Recipients of the fourth biennial award for 2012 are William H. Bates (MM '68; DM '78) and Janette S. Fishell (BM '81, MM '82).

*Please send information for July's newsletter to
tonyroof@windstream.net by June 20.*

June Birthdays

6/04 William Douglas
6/11 Fredna Lee
6/12 Tina McGready
6/18 Robert Stone



AGO Dues

It is now time to pay your AGO DUES for 2012-2013. You should have received a dues form in the mail. Thank you to those who have already returned your dues to Susan Sturkie.

You may now fill out your 2012-2013 Dues Form online at ColumbiaAGO.org. Click "Membership" and then "Print" under Online Registration Form. Please mail your form and check to: Susan Sturkie, 709 Southlake Rd., Columbia SC 29223.

Don't forget to check the areas that you will be able to help at the 2013 Regional Convention. This chart is on the reverse side of the form you received in the mail. It is also on the online form.

Thanks

The Southeastern Piano Festival Celebrates its 10th anniversary



Each summer the Southeastern Piano Festival transforms the University of South Carolina School of Music and Columbia into a major cultural destination that draws in audiences and young piano talent from across the United States. The Southeastern Piano Festival embraces a multi-faceted personality: it is a high-level training platform for the young pianists, a presenter of new and world-renowned concert pianists and master teachers, an advocate for new piano music, and a vehicle for exploring different roles the piano plays on stage and beyond. The 2012 will be a special year as the festival celebrates its 10th anniversary.

Twenty of some of the best pre-college pianists on the piano scene today take part in a rigorous program that includes daily lessons with USC piano faculty, master classes with guest artists and up to five hours of practice a day. The week's events culminate with the Arthur Fraser International Concerto Competition, adjudicated by a distinguished panel of judges. Winners of the competition receive cash awards and the opportunity to perform with the South Carolina Philharmonic. For music lovers, the Festival offers nightly concerts by a rich lineup of world-class pianists. For its 10th anniversary, the Festival kicks off June 10 with a Piano Extravaganza Concert featuring Morihiko Nakahara and the South Carolina Philharmonic, USC piano faculty Marina Lomazov, Joseph Rackers, Charles Fugo, special guest Phillip Bush, Arthur Fraser International Competition winners and 5 grand pianos on Koger Center stage!

During the rest of the week there is a concert every day including Leo Svirsky and Sean Yeh, past winners of the Fraser Competition; George Li, the 15-year-old winner of the Gilmore Young Artist Award; Boris Slutsky, 1st prize winner of the Kapell International Piano Competition and head of piano studies at the Peabody Institute; Natalya Antonova, long-time Eastman School of Music professor and former teacher at the Leningrad Conservatory and the Russian Academy of Music in Moscow; and Alessio Bax, winner of the Avery Fisher Career Grant. Winners of the Fraser Competition will give the closing concert. For more information <http://sepf.music.sc.edu/>

Kevin Neel, (former student of David Lowry) will present an organ recital at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, Sunday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. The recital is the first in the Summer Recital Series sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Kevin graduated from Indiana University this Spring with a degree in organ performance, and is a wonderfully gifted musician. He gave the dedication recital for our new organ in May 2011, which was very well-received. You won't want to miss this concert, so mark your calendars for June 3rd, and invite your family and friends.



**** NEW LISTING**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

BLYTHEWOOD

Breath of Life Lutheran Church, PO Box 565, Blythewood, 29016. Keyboardist-Music Coordinator. Sunday worship & special services. Wednesday rehearsal. 8-10 hours per week. Lead musicians and coordinate needs for music of various styles. Send resumes to the church address or breathoflifelutheran@yahoo.com.

COLUMBIA

Ft. Jackson Chapel, 120th Reception Battallion (close to Jackson Boulevard gate). Organist for Protestant service at 8:00 a.m. Contact Tharon Honeycutt, President, MSB Analytics, Inc., at his cellphone: 256-541-1593 or email him at: Tharon.honeycutt@msbainc.com.

Greene Street United Methodist Church is looking for an individual with musical ability to help lead its music ministry. Located on the campus of USC in Columbia, South Carolina, the position offers great possibilities to work with a student population. Piano ability is a must and some choral and voice training would be preferred. The individual would be asked to help the pastor in leading a spirit-filled worship service in partnership with a congregation worshipping with around 70 on Sunday. Experience would be appreciated but is not a requirement. We do require a degree in music or an individual who is moving toward a degree in music. Salary is negotiable based upon qualifications and experience. The position will entail 5-10 hours per week given the season of the church year. If interested, please contact **Rev. Brad Gray** at Greene Street UMC at pastor@greenestreetchurch.com for more details.

*****Holy Trinity Lutheran Church***, 2200 Devine St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. HTLC is a confessional liturgical congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and as such we practice closed communion. An organist is needed for our 10:30 Sunday as well as seasonal services. We follow a liturgical order of worship, and have a two manual pipe organ. A permanent commitment is ideal, however, we are willing to consider short term contracts such as 3 or 6 month. If you are interested in this position please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email me at Rev.Burger@gmail.com

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, www.stjosephcolumbia.org - 1800 family parish seeks Music Director with strong pastoral, organ, improvisational, liturgical, organizational, word processing/tech skills, Catholic parish experience. Incumbent director, Teresa Riley, is retiring after 30 years of distinguished service: graded choral and cantor program in place. Allen organ is temporary: new director would help in designing a new pipe organ. Parish school (grades preK-6), Cardinal Newman High School, and USC School of Music provide multiple resources for music ministry recruitment. Competitive salary and benefits (full-time AGO standard). Also see ads on AGO National, NPM job hotline. Send seasonal or annual repertory list (hymns, anthems, Mass settings, organ voluntaries); audio samples (choral, solo organ, hymn playing with improvised bridge/modulation); samples of desk-top publishing (Order of Worship, web design, and/or program flier), with résumé and references to Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor and Vicar General at SaintJosephColumbia@gmail.com . Only digital applications at this time: no phone calls, please.

****Saint Paul's Lutheran Church**, located at the corner of Bull and Blanding Streets is seeking a Director of Music/Adult Choir Director. This is a part time position and salary will be determined by years of experience. This position responsibility includes:

Develop, supervise and administrate the music programs for St. Pauls, observing our liturgical calendar for music selections; Direct choir during weekly 10:30 services which will include special services throughout the year; Oversee adult choir rehearsals and handbell choir, attend off site choir retreats, and supervise section leaders; Attend Worship and Music committee and staff meetings when called; When appropriate, be able to engage instrumentalists and soloists for regular and special events; Develop strategies to enhance St Paul's choir by enlisting new members, creating children's choirs, etc. Please send resume and salary requirement to:

Randy Nolff, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1715 Bull Street, Columbia SC 29201 or randy.nolff@gmail.com .

Spring Valley Baptist Church, 91 Polo Road, Columbia, 29223, Pianist Position

Responsibilities include playing the Yamaha Grand Piano for traditional and contemporary worship on Sunday mornings, choir rehearsal and ensemble rehearsal on Wednesday evenings as well as occasional special events and funerals. Weddings are contracted separately. This is a strong music ministry with over 100 voices in the choir and a growing, dynamic church. Please send your resume to or contact: Dr. Rick McCollum, Minister of Music and Worship at 803-726-7371 or RMcCollum@springvalleybaptist.com

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1000 Greenlawn Ave, Columbia SC 29209 is seeking a part time Choir Director/Organist. The director will be responsible for the following: (1) Plan and provide instrumental and choral music at the regularly scheduled worship services which include: Christmas Eve, Holy Week and during Vacation Bible School (as needed) and any other special services planned by Worship Committee and Session. (2) Recruiting, assisting and supervising the current Adult choir and Children's choir (as an accompaniment to seasonal services). This includes weekly rehearsals. (3) Participate in weekly meetings with Pastor; meet monthly with the Worship Committee as an exofficio member (or send choir rep). Coordinate with Pastor and/or Worship Committee the general planning and leadership of the Church's worship program. (4) Provide music for all wedding and funerals in the church, when requested. Substitute may be used with the approval of the regular Music Director/Organist. Please contact Pastor Robyn McMullen, at the church office 803-776-2067, or e-mail tpcongreenlawn@bellsouth.net., or Sue O'Cain sue1110@bellsouth.net for information.

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 7p.m.. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. Additional playing for funerals is negotiable. Special services will be required at Christmas and Easter. Please contact Rev. Judy Hames at 803-793-3595 or revjudy7@aol.com or the church office at 803-793-3669.

FLORENCE

St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Organist (10 hours). St. John's Episcopal Church, 252 S. Dargan Street, Florence, SC 29506. Phone: (843) 662-5585; fax: (843) 669-9443; e-mail: twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org; website: www.stjohnsflorence.org. The Music Ministry of this traditional 240-family parish church includes an annual concert series, annual regional choir workshop, summer choir camp, and 28-voice choir. Duties include accompanying weekly choir practice and playing for one Sunday service/week, seasonal liturgies, funerals, and weddings. The parish is seeking a competent musician with solid keyboard skills and a background in classical repertoire. A bachelor degree in music is preferred. Dedication to one's ministry, strong work ethic, excellent organizational skills, and ability to work collaboratively are essential to the continuing development of a rapidly growing, vibrant music ministry. 2-manual, 9-rank Moller pipe organ. \$11,000 (additional stipend for weddings). Send résumé, references, and audition tape/CD to Tammy Williams, Minister of Music.

IRMO

Jeffers Handbell Supply opening in Customer Service Department. Responsibilities include answering the "800" number and placing orders for customers. An ideal candidate is someone familiar with handbells, either a ringer or other church musician. This is a full time position with benefits. email resume to Malanie DeVore at mwdevore@jhsbells.com.

LEXINGTON

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, 5503 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC 29071, Administrative Assistant, a person who reads music...they must also have clerical skills being able to work in Microsoft publisher, word, excel etc. The position may be part time, up to 35 hours per week. Above 35 hours would become full time. We would like to get this person in here beginning the first part of May so that my current assistant can work with them before she departs. A strong church background would be really helpful. Contact: Harold G. McIntosh, Director of Music and Creative Arts 803.359.7770 ext. 13 (office) 803.348.7445 (cell)

NORTH AUGUSTA

Grace United Methodist Church, 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC. Organist/Accompanist, Part-time. One Sunday Worship @ 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday night choir practice plus occasional choral events, funerals and weddings. Pay is \$150 - \$200 per service or fixed salary as negotiated. The instrument is a Schantz electro pneumatic pipe organ with 24 ranks, 1425 wooden and metal pipes, 2 manuals and 25 chimes. For more information contact Aubrey Reynolds, Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee - (803) 279-2131, (aubreyreynolds@comcast.net).

SURFSIDE BEACH

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside Beach, SC seeks a part-time Music Director/Choir Director/Organist, at the end of May: may be single or split position depending upon skills, interest and salary. Two Sunday services at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM (switches to one 9:30 AM summer service), one weekly choir practice (Wednesday). Digital organ/grand piano Applicants should contact Pastor Preston Shealy at Trinity Presbyterian Church, PO Box 14758, Surfside Beach, SC 29587 or churchoffice@trinitypresbychurch.com

WILSON, NC

Ascension Lutheran Church, 2512 Nash Street N, Wilson, NC, 27896, seeks a part-time Organist and Choir Director. We are a liturgical church with one Sunday worship service each week and mid-week services during some liturgical seasons. We use different liturgical settings throughout the year. The candidate will work with the Pastor to select hymns and anthems that reflect the liturgical season and designated scripture texts. The candidate will direct the Adult Choir and occasionally direct the youth and children's choirs. Ascension website: <http://www.alcwilson.org/>
North Carolina Synod ELCA website: <http://www.nclutheran.org/> .
Explore the contents of Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the pew edition
<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Resources/ELCA-Worship-Books/ELW/Contents.aspx>.
Contact: Jon Bergeson: jgbcorr@hotmail.com