

2008-2009 First Events

Opening Service

Sunday, September 21,

4 p.m.

Dove of Peace Lutheran
Church

665 West Roller Coaster Road

Organ Spectacular Maxine Thevenot in recital

Sunday, October 19, 3 p.m.
Holsclaw Hall, UA School of
Music

Celebrate the Organ: a multi-
media presentation

5:30 p.m. at

First United Methodist
Church

915 E. Fourth Street

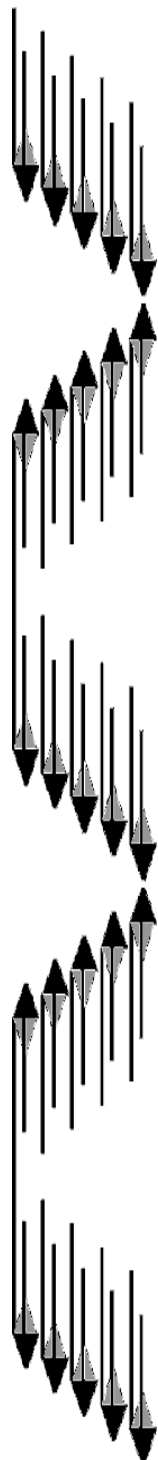
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The Dean's Message, September 2008

Recently, I had the privilege of being asked to substitute for a friend and colleague at their church during summer vacation. I took the opportunity of this "busman's holiday" to reflect on the privilege of making music in church. As I played the wonderful organ in this lovely church on a summer Sunday, I recognized that this was an opportunity that I'm sure many of us have shared. Away from the responsibility of choosing music, attending staff meetings, working with choirs, one is left on such occasions with the happy pleasure of finding oneself in perhaps unfamiliar surroundings, getting used to a new or unfamiliar liturgy and organ, asking questions of the clergy and people, and leading another congregation in their sung worship. What a great way to spend a Sunday in the summer! I do recommend this to you as another way of refreshment, and perhaps enlightenment. You may come away with new ideas, some new music, and hopefully find that you are renewed in your ministry when you return to your normal responsibilities and instrument! Speaking of new ideas, this issue is chock-full of wonderful programs for this season that have been put together by our hard-working program chairs and executive board members. We have aimed to reach high -- in quality of programming, in outreach, in addressing a diversity of needs, talents, denominations, and venues. I do hope that you will take advantage of our programming calendar to come and take part, and bring a friend (or two) with you, who may not be aware of all that our chapter, and the Guild, offer. In this International Year of the Organ, let us celebrate the King of Instruments! I look forward to seeing you at our Opening Vespers Service on September 21!

Jeffrey Campbell, Dean

New Southern Arizona Chapter website is "online"! Our brand new Southern Arizona Chapter website is up and running!

Check out www.agosaz.com. We are still "in development" but look and see what we have so far. Any comments, questions, submissions? Let any member of your board know (we are all listed on the "contact us" link on the webpage).

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If interested, contact Maxine Fifer, Treasurer, 325-7721, wetypefast@aol.com.

Deadline is September 15, 2008.

Job Opening

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson has a part-time opening for a piano accompanist and soloist for the next 9 months. Responsibilities include: Wednesday night choral rehearsals from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and playing the service music two or three Sundays a month. The salary is approximately \$5,000.

Please contact Brian Moon at: bmoon@email.arizona.edu

"Organ a la Carte" St.Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church

Sunday Lunctime Recitals on the celebrated Holtkamp pipe organ. Come join us for light refreshment, and outstanding organ music! 12:45 - 1:30 pm. Featured composers in this six-concert odyssey include Bach, Franck and Mendelssohn. Free-will offering. More information, 299-6421 ext. 32

October 19 "Organ Spectacular!" *Dr. Jeffrey Campbell;*

December 21 "Lo! He Comes" Organ music for Advent and Christmas *Dr. Jeffrey Campbell;*

January 18, 2009 "Canzonas and Ricercars" *Mr. Jeffri Sanders, guest organist;*

February 15 "French & German Masterworks" *Dr. Jeffrey Campbell;*

March 15 "Bach to the Future" (part of Annual Bach Marathon) *Dr. Jeffrey Campbell;*

April 19 "Contemporary Sounds" *Mr. Matthew Whitehouse, guest organist*

2008-2009 Events in detail

As you know, 2008–2009 has been designated by the American Guild of Organists as the International Year of the Organ. This year-long celebration will feature activities designed to celebrate our favored instrument and attract new audiences to the organ. The Southern Arizona Chapter's 2008–2009 season encompasses services, parties, and educational events. Please note these dates on your calendars and make a point of spreading the word to friends and colleagues! These are opportunities not to be missed!

September 21, 2008 **Opening Worship Vespers Service**

4:00 p.m., Dove of Peace Lutheran Church, 665 West Roller Coaster Road
Our annual opening celebration of our season will feature service music and hymnody from the new worship resource *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, as well as new anthems that all can use for worship. Music will be led by Dove of Peace's choir under the direction of Dr. Eric Holtan and organist Lars E. Anderson. The homily will be delivered by Pastor Stephen Springer. A freewill offering will be collected. A reception follows for all. A light supper will be served to AGO members and others interested in learning more about AGO. For supper reservations, e-mail marloucb@q.com or call 299-5882.

October 19, 2008 **Organ Spectacular**

2:30 p.m., Holsclaw Recital Hall, School of Music, University of Arizona
More than 250 AGO chapters worldwide present the world's largest organ recital, featuring the organ in its historic and evolving roles as a solo, ensemble, and accompanying instrument. The Southern Arizona Chapter offers Dr. Maxine Thevenot, Associate Director of Music, Cathedral Church of St. John, Albuquerque. Her program features the southern Arizona premiere of two works commissioned by the AGO to celebrate the International Year of the Organ: "Ornament of Grace" for oboe and organ, by Bernard Wayne Sanders, the winning entry in the composition contest, and "Blithely Breezing Along" from Baronian Suite by American composer Stephen Paulus.

Reception

Following the recital, reception with refreshments, First United Methodist Church, 915 East 4th Street (corner of Park Avenue and 4th Street). Festivities continue with a presentation entitled "Travels and Organs in Sight and Sound," photography and music by Dr. Thevenot. Afterwards, a catered Mexican supper will be served to those with advance reservations (cost, \$6 or less. For reservations, e-mail pkalten@comcast.net or call 744-4917 by Thursday, October 16).

November 16, 2008 **Showcase Recital**

2:30 p.m., St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church, 4440 North Campbell Avenue (at River Road)
Talented local musicians showcase varied music for organ and accessories. Featuring David Gay with percussionists Homero Ceron and Barbara Freischlad, Janet Tolman with trombonist Patrick Lawrence, Pat Kaltenberger and Kenneth Kelley in duetto, and Ken Yukl. A reception follows.

- January 5, 2009 **Christmas/Epiphany Party**
Home of Charlotte Cordes, 4060 North Painted Quail Place
Catch your breath, finally, and celebrate the season with colleagues and friends.
- February 22, 2009 **Festival of Hymns**
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1200 North Campbell Avenue
Conducted by Dr. Paul Westermeyer, Professor of Church Music, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. Check our Web site and the *Cypher* regularly for updates about this event.
- March 11, 2009 **Organ Demonstration and Presentation for Children**
9:30 a.m., Grace–St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 E Adams Street
22-year-old German organ virtuoso Felix Hell puts the organ through its paces in a program designed to appeal to children and adults alike. Presented by Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA), a proven program in the Tucson Public Schools that uses the arts, primarily visual, dance, instrumental, and vocal, to stimulate the curriculum.
- April 26, 2009 **Richard Proulx's *Paschal Mass*: Teaching and Learning**
3:00 p.m., St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, 801 North Grande Avenue
James Weingarten, Director of Music, conducts and instructs American composer Richard Proulx's *Paschal Mass*. Having been at the forefront of Roman Catholic church music for many years, Proulx has composed a vast corpus of music in many varied styles that call for a wide range of choral and instrumental forces, much of which has entered the mainstream of Protestant church music. We share this Mass not only with the worshipping community of St. Margaret Mary's but also with the wider musical community.
- May 17, 2009 **End-of-Year Potluck/Entertainment**
Home of Dusty Johnson, 2215 East 2nd Street
Relax, feast, laugh, and celebrate another successful program year.

2009-2010 PROGRAMMING

Your Program Committee is anxious to get the 2009-2010 programming up and running. We would like to have your input regarding programs that would be appealing and that are currently not being offered. Give us your ideas--large or small. With your help we can turn the Southern Arizona Guild into the most outstanding guild in the conference. Let's keep building on the huge success of the Conclave.

Contact Stan Kartchner, Ken Kelley or Pat Kaltenberger.

Support your chapter!
Support the chapter as a Friend.
Make a contribution to the Johnson Scholarship Fund

AGO Friends

As an outgrowth of the recent exciting chapter conferences, your board has created an AGO Friends of the Organ fund-raising contribution program. Friends are those persons who want and who are able to make special gifts to the chapter in support of bringing outstanding artists and programming to Tucson. It is through special gifts that the chapter will be able to bring such artists and programming to Tucson. Gifts and program sponsorships can be wonderful ways of memorializing or honoring friends and loved ones as well.

Won't you consider making a gift in one of the specific friends' categories? Your gift will help maintain the pipe organ as an important musical voice in Tucson's arts culture. Gifts can be made in any amount from the most modest to sponsorship of a significant artist's program. Gifts will be tax deductible since the Guild is a registered non-profit tax organization and they will be acknowledged with dated receipts for income tax purposes.

Friends will be gratefully acknowledged in chapter concert programs, in the *Cypher* and on our website (www.AGOSAZ.com). Gifts made in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one should be identified on the form, with the appropriate designation circled.

Roy Johnson Memorial Organ Scholarship

The chapter established this fund in memory of Professor Roy Johnson to foster and support the study of the organ. The chapter has recently established guidelines for awarding an annual scholarship for pursuit of organ study. See the article elsewhere in this issue of the *Cypher*. You may designate a gift for the Johnson Scholarship Fund as well. Doing so supports the chapter in its educational outreach and in its continued commitment to organ performance.

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Roy Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund Guidelines

The Roy Johnson Scholarship Fund was established with contributions from the chapter membership shortly after Roy's tragic death. Over the years, it has grown to an amount that will generate a modest annual interest of approximately \$350. In the past few years, some students have been supported from the fund for conference registrations (2005 Celebrating the Organ Conference for example). However, the chapter executive committee has developed and approved guidelines for awarding a scholarship on an annual basis. Awards will be considered for the following

- for pursuit of organ study at the collegiate or other level
 - for introductory organ lessons for a promising piano student
- for support for attendance at an education event, such as a Pipe Organ Encounter.

Auditions will be held in the spring with the chapter Scholarship Committee selecting the recipient base upon established criteria.

Former Dean Passes

Shirley Morgan, Dean 1978-80, passed 8/12/08. Her memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on September 13 2008 at Catalina United Methodist Church, 2700 E. Speedway. Donations may be made to the church.

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