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CHECK INSIDE FOR UPCOMING CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND CONCERTS!

AGO Dean's Column

“O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises upon the harp unto our God.” (Psalm 147:7)

There is going to be plenty of singing and celebrating when we gather for our first Guild meeting of the year at Whitehaven United Methodist Church. We are ready to start another year of Guild programs and have a homecoming of sorts as we reunite to share summer experiences, enjoy a wonderful meal and participate in the service of Choral Evensong on Monday September 14th.

As we embark on another year of exciting programs and opportunities for fellowship we are thankful for the great work performed by all of the members of our chapter. The executive, committee members, host churches and active members – we celebrate their commitment to the AGO and to the Memphis community. There is a great tradition with Memphis and the AGO. The Chapter was established in 1914 and we are beginning to prepare for our Centennial Celebration in 2014. One of the challenges that we must continue to work on is membership. In the August edition of TAO there was a note about national membership. 2008-09 marked the first year in over a decade that membership has increased. This news and action is inspiring and I hope that we – all members of the Memphis Chapter – will work to build our chapter membership. Please take time to invite other musicians, choir members, clergy and friends to check out one of our meetings in the coming year.

We look forward to seeing everyone in September to share summer stories, meet new members and talk about the many exciting events planned for the coming year in Memphis.

Cheers – Geoff

THE 2009-2010 PROGRAM YEAR
beginning with dinner at 6:30 PM unless otherwise listed

September 14, 2009 – Whitehaven United Methodist Church
4523 Elvis Presley Boulevard
OPENING DINNER, WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS, AND EVENSONG
Sung by the Whitehaven and First United Methodist Church Choirs

October 5, 2009 – Lindenwood Christian Church
2400 Union Avenue at East Parkway
TRUMPET AND ORGAN CONCERT
Ryan Anthony, trumpet Gary Beard, organ

November 2, 2009 – Calvary Episcopal Church
102 N. Second Street
LECTURE RECITAL: "MUSIC OF THE MENDELSSOHN'S"
Gail Archer, organ

November 30, 2009 – Home of Geoffrey and Hillary Dow Ward
Annual Holiday Party

January – NO MEETING

February 8, 2010 – St. John's Episcopal Church
3245 Central Avenue
A CELEBRATION OF HERBERT HOWELLS
Jane Gamble, organ
Memphis Boychoir and Memphis Chamber Choir
Geoffrey Ward, conductor

March 8, 2010 – Germantown United Methodist Church
2331 South Germantown Road
ORGAN AND PIANO DUETS: A SYMPHONIC APPROACH
Eva McPeters and Jim Thrash, organists/pianists

Saturday, April 17, 2010 – Church of the Holy Communion (9AM – 3 PM)
4645 Walnut Grove Road
CHURCH MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA: A MINI-CONFERENCE FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS
Led by noted choral, organ, piano, handbell, worship, youth and children's clinicians

May 3, 2010 – Evergreen Presbyterian Church
613 University Street
FESTIVAL GUILD SERVICE AND COMBINED CHOIRS FESTIVAL
Dr. William Skoog (Rhodes College), choral clinician

Downloadable maps are available of the Programs page of the website
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SEPTEMBER

8 8:30 A.M.

“Checkin on the Arts” with Geoff, David and Kacky
WKNO-FM 91.1

11 3:49 P.M.

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24 7:30 P.M.

Courtenay Harter, oboe English horn and Jane Gamble, organ Wilson Chapel, Christ UMC, 4488 Poplar Avenue program will include works by Craig Phillips, Calvin Hampton, Josef Rheinberger and Antonio Vivaldi

OCTOBER

5 7:30 P.M.

Anthony and Beard -- at Home Lindenwood Christian Church, 2400 Union Ave at East Parkway 901.458.1652 Trumpeter Ryan Anthony and organist Gary Beard in their only Memphis concert this season. Co-sponsored by the Memphis Chapter of The American Guild of Organists. Free

18 4:00 P.M.

You Must Remember This...As Time Goes By Lindenwood Christian Church, 2400 Union Ave at East Parkway 901.458.1652 The piano stylings of Chris Nemeč, with soprano Kallen Esperian, in a benefit concert for The Church Health Center. \$10 General Admission donation; \$50 Golden Circle (reserved seating, pre-concert reception, etc...)

21 12:05 P.M.

Kallen Esperian in Concert Calvary & the Arts, Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second St. free concert, lunch \$7.00

22 7:30 P.M.

Rhodes Faculty Concert Series Courtenay Harter, oboe; John Bass, guitar; Bob Gilbert, French horn; Brian Ray, harpsichord; Debbie Smith, organ



OCT. CONT.

23 7:30 P.M.

Festive Choral Evensong with the Memphis Boychoir and Memphis Chamber Choir

Geoffrey Ward, conductor and Jane Gamble, organ

Saint John's Episcopal Church, 3245 Central Avenue featuring a piece commissioned in honor of Richard T. White will be performed as part of the service.



28 12:05 P.M.

Joyce Cobb in Concert Calvary & the Arts, Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second St. free concert, lunch \$7.00

NOVEMBER

4 12:05 P.M.

Planet Reel in Concert Calvary & the Arts, Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second St. free concert, lunch \$7.00

8 5:30 P.M.

Evensong sung by Concert Choir of the University of Mississippi, directed by Don Trott. St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 So. Germantown Rd., Germantown. Free and open to all. Nursery upon request (call church office by Nov. 1 to make reservation). Call 754-7282 x 33 for more information or to reserve nursery. Reception to follow, sponsored by St. George's Friends of Music.

11 12:05 P.M.

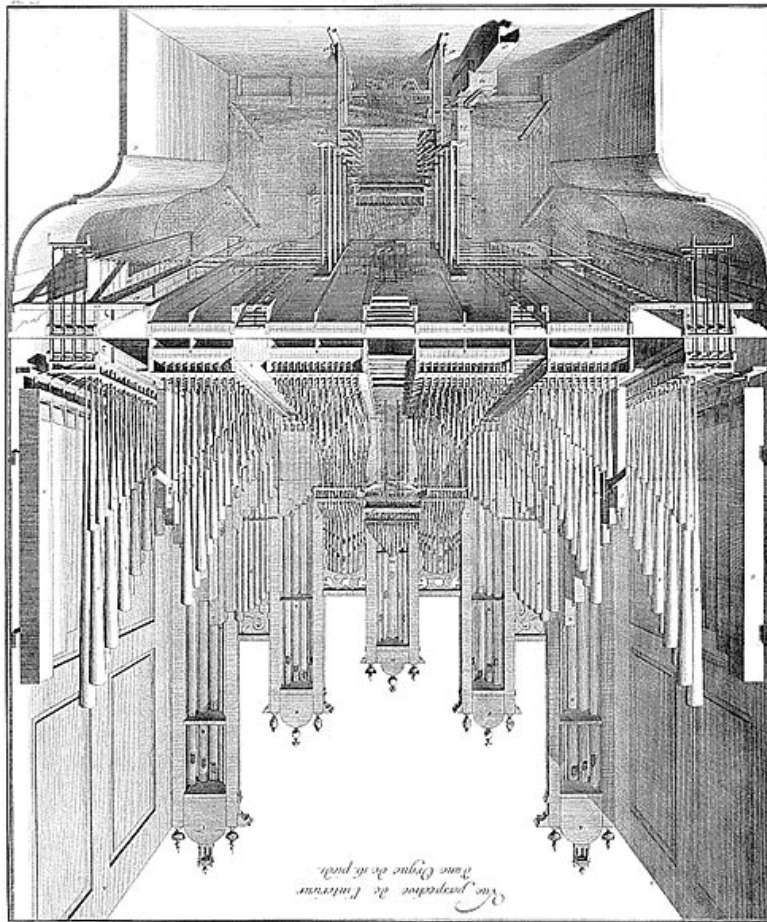
Memphis Jazz Orchestra in Concert (Veterans Day Tribute) Calvary & the Arts, Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second St. free concert, lunch \$7.00

18 12:05 P.M.

Kelley Hurt Quartet in Concert Calvary & the Arts, Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second St. free concert, lunch \$7.00

29 7:00 P.M.

Messiah Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second Street. free and open to the public.



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