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“When there’s something we think could be better, we must make an effort to try and make it better” (John Coltrane)

We had 72 guests at our opening meeting in September! What a great way to start the year. I was thrilled to see many of you invite guests for our September program and I look forward to meeting and welcoming many more in the future. We all know that the best way to experience the Memphis AGO Chapter is to attend a meeting.

October is a month of transition. We leave the desperate heat of the summer for the cooler and picturesque fall season. Our choirs start to hit their stride and prepare for the big programs to come. The AGO is in a period of transition. One of our goals for the 2009-10 program year is to invite new friends, choir members and clergy to our programs. This is a way to share the great work that is performed by this community. Also, it encourages other members to do the same. I was very moved by the number of guests at our September meeting and I hope this trend continues! We are in the process of preparing for the Tennessee Centennial Celebration of the AGO in this state. 2014 will be a year of inspiring concerts as well as opportunities to share the importance of the pipe organ with the Memphis community! I think that our main goal for the Memphis chapter is to focus on membership. We are five years away from this milestone. Our collective challenge is to double the number of Guild members in Memphis over the next five years. This increase in membership will also increase our annual budget for programming, advertising, etc. 100 new members over five years is a great challenge for a great chapter. Please consider what you can do to help make this happen and spread the word! I look forward to seeing you at Calvary on November 2. Please take time to think of someone who would enjoy attending our program and invite them!

Cheers – Geoff

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Music of the Mendelssohns

Calvary Episcopal Church, 2 November 2009



Felix Mendelssohn

Calvary is located at 102 N. Second Street in Downtown Memphis. The church parking lot is behind the building and is most easily accessed from either Adams Street or Jefferson Street. Calvary is handicapped accessible. The program begins with dinner in The Great Hall, 2nd floor followed by Ms. Archer's presentation. Please call Sumner Jenkins, Organist-Choirmaster, at the church (901.525.6602 x120) if you have any questions. There will be security in the parking lot during the program.



Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

Gail Archer is an international concert organist, lecturer, and recording artist whose third solo CD, *An American Idyll* was released in Meyer Media in August 2008. (MM08011) Her discography includes *A Mystic In the Making* (MM07007), featuring the music of Olivier Messiaen, released on the Meyer Media label. Her solo debut CD *The Orpheus of Amsterdam: Sweelinck and his Pupils* (CACD 88043), recorded on the Fisk organ at Wellesley College, was released in 2006 by London's Cala Records. Ms. Archer recorded works of Bach along with narration read by Robert Thurman as part of a project for the Tennessee Players and the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, *Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach*. A live concert recording made at the Organalia Festival in Turin, Italy was released in 2005. Her modern edition and translation of *Cantate, ariete a una, due, et tre voci Op. 3* by the seventeenth century Venetian composer Barbara Strozzi has been published in A-R Editions Recent Researches series; a CD of the edition has been released on the Dorian label. Throughout the 2008-09 season, Ms. Archer will be touring North America and Europe in support of her Meyer Media recordings.

Among the areas of expertise upon which Ms. Archer is frequently invited to lecture and perform are early fingering and organ registration in the Dutch and North German School, from Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck and his circle to Dieterich Buxtehude and Johann Sebastian Bach; the Leipzig "Great Eighteen" chorale preludes and *Clavierbung III*; and mixed programs drawn from the full spectrum of the principal composers: Sweelinck, Scheidemann, Strunck, Scheidt, Böhm, Buxtehude and Bach. Her interest also extends to the Italian and Spanish schools of the sixteenth through eighteenth centuries, especially Frescobaldi. Her complementary interest is the music of Olivier Messiaen. In spring, 2008, Ms. Archer played the complete works of Messiaen in six recitals in New York City. The New York Times declared, "Ms. Archer's well-paced interpretation had a compelling authority. She played with a bracing physicality in the work's more driven passages and endowed humbler ruminations with a sense of vulnerability and awe." *Tine-Out* New York cited the Messiaen series as "Best of 2008." Ms. Archer is currently playing a series of recitals in New York City, Mendelssohn in the Romantic Century in celebration of the 200th birthday of Felix Mendelssohn.

Ms. Archer holds a DMA in organ performance from the Manhattan School of Music and earned an artist diploma from the Boston Conservatory. An active recitalist in both the United States and Europe; she will be featured at the Dresden Musicfestspiel in May 2009. Ms. Archer lives in New York City and is college organist at Vassar College, a member of the organ and music history faculty at Manhattan School of Music and director of the music program at Barnard College, Columbia University. She serves as director of the Young Artist and Artist Organ Recitals at historic Central Synagogue.

OCTOBER

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

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

1 11:15 A.M.

Rheinberger Requiem
David Perry Ouzts, conductor
Kristen Lensch, organist
Church of the Holy Communion
4645 Walnut Grove Road



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.

Upcoming Programs

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



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Director
Magnificat and
Nunc Dimittis by
Brewer**

**St. George's
Episcopal Church
2425 South
Germantown Road
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38138**

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