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April 2012

## KAGO Program



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Annual

Student Recital



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Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Church Street United Methodist Church  
Knoxville, TN

Students of  
John Brock, Ashley Burrell, Brenda Goslee

## National Convention 2012



AGO National  
Convention is being  
held in our own backyard.  
Join us in Nashville, TN  
in July!!

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## Events About Town



Support your  
local musicians

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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.





## FROM THE DEAN

Not often does one have the pleasure of hearing a full concert of Maurice Durufle's music! Thanks to Tim Ward, Edie Johnson and the Parish Choir, we heard his glorious music for voices and organ magnificently performed. The recording that is to be made from the concert will surely be a successful venture and we heard it live!

Next month, we again meet at Church Street United Methodist Church for our annual student recital. Please note the necessary change of venue from the original site of First Baptist Church.

Come, hear and support these young organists as they move into leadership positions with our favorite instrument.

*Charles Parham*

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The Knoxville AGO Chapter Nominating Committee has put forth the following nominations for 2012-2013.

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**ANNUAL STUDENT RECITAL  
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012**

**CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH  
KNOXVILLE, TN**

**DINNER 6:30 PM  
PROGRAM 7:30 PM**

Each year we look forward to the Annual Student Recital that gives our local area organ teachers a chance to showcase their student's work. This year we will hear the students of John Brock, Ashley Burell, and Brenda Goslee. It is important that we support our local students in their musical pursuits and that we acknowledge the effort and hard work required in preparing a recital. At the risk of sounding cliché-ish, they are the future of the organ. We will hear works by Salomé, Walther, Clérambault, Locklair, Murrill, Rheinberger, Hakim and Bach just to name a few. See you there!

We learned in the last few days of the death of our dear member, Sandy Murphy. Sandy was the Organist/Choirmaster at St. Andrews Episcopal in Maryville, TN. At this printing no arrangements were yet published. Keep a watch on the News Sentinel for more information or contact McCammon-Ammons-Click Funeral Home at 865-982-6812.

Thank you from UT School of Music:

Dear Charles,

Thank you for inviting the Chamber Singers to sing Choral Evensong as one of the program presentations for the AGO. We very much appreciated your hospitality for the dinner as well!! The event allowed us to have great preparation for our Ireland trip!

Very best,  
Angie Batey



## Welcome!

The Nashville Chapter of the AGO invites you to Tennessee for a world-class convention, July 1-6, 2012. We have planned the schedule with your convenience in mind:

- Convention hotels in the heart of downtown @ \$168 per day
- Luxury motor coaches, with no need for early-morning departure times
- Ample time between events for meals
- All venues air-conditioned
- 65 workshops all in the morning and just steps from your hotel room
- Recitals and worship services in the afternoon

Famous for our Southern hospitality, Nashville offers you a week you will long remember: Great City. Great Music. Great Organs. A Great Convention.

*William E. Gray, Jr., Coordinator*

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*The University of Tennessee  
School of Music  
presents  
Handel's Messiah  
Community Sing!*

**Bring your *Messiah* score and come sing along with us! We will be performing beloved Arias and Choruses from Parts One, Two, and Three. Dr. Angela L. Batey will be conducting the University of Tennessee Orchestra along with The Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, and Outstanding Vocalists from the UT School of Music.**

**Join us Sunday, April 15, at 4:00 pm in the UT Alumni Memorial Building James Cox Auditorium. A limited number of scores will be available for sale at the door (\$20). Proceeds will benefit scholarships in the UT School of Music.**

#### Events

Saturday, April 14, 1:30 pm. "Meet the Keyboards," Rose Music Company, Louisville, TN. A workshop that explores the piano, organ and harpsichord. <http://www.rosemusicnox.com/meetthekeyboards.html>

Friday, April 20, at 8:00 pm. Andrew Morehead Graduate Organ Recital, Cox Auditorium, Alumni Memorial Building, University of Tennessee. Works by Scheidemann, Buxtehude, Bach, Franck, Alain, and Locklair.

Saturday, April 21, 10 – 3 pm. Church Music Workshop. Lee University Chapel, Cleveland, TN. Topics include: Performance Anxiety, Playing the Invisible Notes, Hymn Introductions, Registrations, and Pedal Technique. Register online at <http://www.leeuniversity.edu/music> or call 423-887-7594.

Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 pm. Organ Recital, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, Athens, TN. Organist Richard Van Auken, assisted by Evelyn Van Auken, piano.

Sunday, April 22, at 5:00 pm. Rededication Service and Recital, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Morristown, TN. The guest organist is Dr. Ryan Garber, Organist and choirmaster at All Saints Episcopal in Morristown. Works by Bach, Buxtehude, Karg-Elert, Pachelbel, Pethel and others.

Saturday, May 5, at 2:00 pm. Organ Dedication, Maryville College Lambert Recital Hall. Organist Bryan Ashley of Boston's Mother Church.



David Craighead, a legendary Eastman School of Music faculty organist who balanced an impressive career in teaching and performing, died Monday, March 26, in Rochester, N.Y. He was 88 years old.

Professor Craighead joined the Eastman faculty in 1955 and served as Professor of Organ and Chair of the Organ Division of the Keyboard Department until his retirement in 1992. Many of his students went on to hold positions in colleges and churches across the country. Professor Craighead was also organist of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Rochester from 1955 to 2003. He was named Professor Emeritus at Eastman and Organist Emeritus at St. Paul's when he stepped down.

A renowned recitalist, Professor Craighead performed throughout the United States and Europe. He played in seven national conventions of the American Guild of Organists as well as at International Congresses held in London, Philadelphia, and Cambridge, England. The *Los Angeles Times* called him "an artist with few peers and no technical Alps left to scale," while *The Christian Science Monitor* described a performance as "so satisfying that it challenges one to spell out what characterizes the playing of an outstanding organist." A *New York Times* critic wrote that Craighead "represents the American school of organists at its finest."

Professor Craighead made several recordings, including one with his wife, Marian Reiff Craighead, to whom he was married for 47 years. Until her death in May 1996, they presented concerts for organ duet in numerous cities across the United States. "David Craighead's contribution to the music world is incalculable," said David Higgs, Professor and Chair of Organ and Historical Keyboards. "He was a virtuoso performer, able to make the most difficult technical passages seem easy; he was a tireless champion of new music for our instrument, having played the first performances of many of the pieces that are now in our standard repertoire; and a beloved teacher, mentor, and friend to the legions of students he taught in his 37 years as professor of organ and chair of the organ department here. He was a gentle and kind man, and his legacy is to be found at every turn in the organ world."

Professor Craighead received both teaching and performance honors. In 1974, the Eastman School of Music awarded him its first Eisenhart Award for Teaching Excellence. The New York City chapter of the American Guild of Organists named him International Performer of the Year in 1983. He received Honorary Doctorates from Lebanon Valley College and Duquesne University, where he also served as Adjunct Professor of Organ. He also was awarded an honorary Fellowship in the Royal College of Organists, London, England.

In 2008, the new organ in Rochester's Christ Church was inaugurated the Craighead-Saunders organ, named in honor Professor Craighead and Russell Saunders, who was Professor of Organ at Eastman from 1967 until 1992.

One of his former students, Tandy Reussner, wrote a biography, *David Craighead: Portrait of an American Organist*, that was published in 2009 and included quotes, anecdotes, listings of his recitals from 1942 to 1998, his repertoire and discography, and photographs.

Born on Jan. 24, 1924, in Strasburg, Penn., Professor Craighead was the son of a Presbyterian minister and received his first music lessons from his mother, an organist. He was awarded his Bachelor of Music degree in 1946 from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he also was the organist of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. While still at Curtis, he was a touring recitalist and taught at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., during his senior year.

Professor Craighead was appointed organist at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church, where he helped design the church's organ and did bi-weekly organ recital broadcasts. He also taught in the music department of Occidental College from 1948 through 1955 before his appointment at the Eastman School of Music.

"Aside from all of the superlatives about David Craighead's unparalleled stature as a performer and teacher, one of the things that will linger with me forever — and with many of his students and friends — was his great humanity, and his great humility," said Peter DuBois, director of Eastman's Sacred Music Program and host of *With Heart and Voice*, a nationally syndicated radio series of sacred music. "He really was a model for all of us in that regard, both in his professional life and his personal life. And it was one of his greatest gifts."

Professor Craighead is survived by his children, James R. Craighead and Elizabeth C. Eagan; grandsons Christopher and Jeffrey Eagan; his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Marino; and three great-granddaughters.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 31, at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminster Rd. Donations can be made to the Fay Stinson Craighead Memorial Scholarship, Office of Gift and Donor Services, University of Rochester, P.O. Box 270032, Rochester, NY 14627.

## Inspiring Worship

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Florida  
Sacred Music Workshop  
May 6-8, 2012

Jan Kraybill, Guest Clinician  
University of Florida, School of Music  
Gainesville, FL

Registration Fee (if registered by April 15): \$75  
Registration Fee (if registered after April 15): \$100  
Masterclass attendance/performance (optional): \$15

Group rate hotel rooms are available for \$90/night at:  
Holiday Inn University  
University Avenue and 13th Street  
(directly across from UF campus)  
[www.theuniversityhotel.com](http://www.theuniversityhotel.com)  
352.376.1661  
Group Code: SAC

Lunch delivered (optional) \$8 for one day, \$15 for both

Questions about this workshop?  
E-mail: [shawn.thomas@ufl.edu](mailto:shawn.thomas@ufl.edu); Phone: 352.273.3181

More information at: [arts.ufl.edu/organ/SMW.shtml](http://arts.ufl.edu/organ/SMW.shtml) or at  
[www.facebook.com/UFsacredmusicworkshop](http://www.facebook.com/UFsacredmusicworkshop)

### Evening Performances

Hymn Festival and Organ Recital  
First Presbyterian Church Youth Handbell Concert

### Sessions

The Hymnal as an Agent of Change  
Musical Smorgasbord: Leading Diverse Musical Styles  
Strategies for Lifelong Singing  
Organist's Guide to Organ Maintenance  
New Songs, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

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May Newsletter Deadline: April 25

**Our Remaining Program Year**

March 5	Duruflé Messe cum júbilo, Op. 11	Church Street UMC, Knoxville
April 16	Student Recital	Church Street UMC, Knoxville
May 11	Musica Organi	Westminster Presbyterian, Knoxville

Program Date

March 5

April 16

May 11

Dinner Reservation Deadline

March 1

April 12

May 7

**\*\*\*\*\*Dinner Reservations\*\*\*\*\***

Please make your dinner reservations for

**April 16, 2012**

**Church Street United Methodist Church**  
Knoxville, TN

No later than

**Thursday, April 12**

Cost

**\$12.00**

by contacting

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