

The Tracker

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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,

A Contrapuntal Dance

Organ music of J. S. Bach, Pamela Decker,
and Ethel Smyth

EMMA WHITTEN, ORGANIST

Monday, March 2, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

6500 Northshore Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919
<http://www.wpcknox.org/>

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Dean's Message



Dear AGO friends,

I hope you have all weathered the weather this past week!! What a week!! I'm not sure I ever remember Ash Wednesday services being cancelled!!

This coming Monday, March 2nd, we will get to enjoy a recital by Emma Whitten at Westminster Presbyterian at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. I am really looking forward to our meeting with Emma!

Prior to the concert, our treasurer, Peter Van Eenam, will present a short financial report on the financial health of our chapter. As I have mentioned in our last meeting, while our BOEF fund has remained healthy and strong, our chapter finances have suffered. This is a result of our economy, declining membership, new National AGO policies, decreasing numbers of patrons and a lack of donations to our programming fund.

Peter is going to recommend that we put our efforts back into the financial security of our chapter. The BOEF will continue to provide the finances for the current scholarships that we offer and we are going to work on improving our financial health, before we begin the new AGO year of 2015-2016.

I hope that everyone will be able to attend and be a part of this important discussion.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you Monday evening!

Sincerely,
Deborah Dunne Sousa
Dean, Knoxville Chapter, AGO

2014/15 AGO Board Members

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Emma Whitten

Our March recital will be Oak Ridge native, Dr. Emma Whitten. Emma is an accomplished organist and church musician with a keen interest in historic organs and repertoire.

Emma recently received her Doctor of Musical Arts from Arizona State University where she studied with Kimberly Marshall. Emma received her Masters of Music degree from the University of Kansas in 2011 under Michael Bauer, and in 2009 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of Notre Dame, where she studied organ with Craig Cramer. Her previous teachers include László Attila Almásy of the Bartók Conservatory in Budapest and John Brock of the University of Tennessee.

Emma has studied and performed on historic organs in Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. Her doctoral research explores French and Italian influences on the English organ repertoire of the Restoration period, including musical borrowing and performance practice implications.

Emma is currently organist and minister of music of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Chandler, Arizona. Her program will be, "A Contrapuntal Dance: Music of Bach and Women Composers."

The evenings events will take place Monday, March 2 at Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 6500 South Northshore Drive, Knoxville. Our dinner will be \$12 and is catered by Mark Wischhusen. The menu will be grilled and sliced pork tenderloin, salad, side dishes, bread, and dessert. Dinner begins at 6:30, recital at 7:30.

Please make your plans to attend. We can say "we knew her when..."

2015–2016 BOEF Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

The Knoxville AGO Scholarship Committee is happy to announce that beginning February 1, 2015, we will be accepting applications for Brock Organ Education Fund (BOEF) scholarships for the academic year 2015-16. These scholarships were established to honor our colleague Prof. John Brock, long-time member and supporter of the Knoxville AGO.

We award two scholarships, one to a high school student and one to an undergraduate in an area college or university. Applicants must be studying with, or accepted to study with, a member of the KAGO. The application form states specific eligibility requirements. We urge organ students at the high school and college level to apply!

Applications will be accepted between February 1 and Friday, March 13, 2015. Recommendations are also due no later than March 13. It is important for students to note that we will not consider their applications unless we receive recommendations as well. Applications and recommendation forms are available from Carolyn Moser (moserci@hotmail.com, or 865-690-3801). Awards will be announced at the April 13 Student Recital.

Carolyn Moser, Chair

KAGO Scholarship Committee

The slate of AGO officers who have agreed to serve for 2015-2016:

Dean: Deborah Sanders

Sub-Dean: Andrew Morehead

Registrar: Karl Jacob

Secretary: Sandi Henry

Treasurer: Peter Van Eenam

Members at Large: EJ Choi, Cynthia Moses, Joy Fournier

The nominating committee consisted of Karen Ladd and Karen Yarbro.

Need a Sub!! Here is a list of those available in our area.

John Brantley	brantleyjf@comcast.net	865-617-3174
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Friday, March 20, 7:00 PM
Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church
249 East Main St., Brevard, NC
Dr. John Schwandt, organist,
will accompany a showing of the 1927 classic silent movie,
***King of Kings*, the perfect movie to see prior to Holy Week!**

John D. Schwandt is Associate Professor of Organ and Director of the American Organ Institute (AOI) at the Oklahoma University School of Music. He is a nationally acclaimed performer and is in demand as a clinician, recitalist, leader of hymn festivals, silent film accompanist and as an organ consultant. Dr. Schwandt has been a featured performer for the American Guild of Organists (AGO), the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) and the Organ Historical Society (OHS). He has been featured numerous times on American Public Media's Pipedreams broadcasts. Equally at home on a classical or theatrical pipe organ, he is known for his musical versatility and ability to excite and engage audiences of every kind. Among the numerous notable organ competitions in which Schwandt has participated and won, he placed first by a unanimous jury decision in the 1998 National Competition in Organ Improvisation sponsored by the American Guild of Organists.

Admission to the movie is free of charge; an offering will be taken for the Music Fund with ten-percent going to the Sharing House.

Saturday, March 21, 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon, Dr. Schwandt will present a workshop on hymn improvisation, co-sponsored by the Blue Ridge Chapter of the AGO, which will also be held at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church.

Charles W. Steele, DMA
Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church
249 East Main Street
Brevard, NC 28712
828.884.2645.ext. 31

EVENTS

Sunday, March 1 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. services, Church Street United Methodist, Knoxville, Parish Adult Choir and Chamber Orchestra present Bruckner's *Requiem*

Sunday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m., Church of the Ascension, Knoxville. Choirs of Ascension will present Four Prayers of St. Francis of Assisi and Mass in G by Francis Poulenc.

Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m., Church Street United Methodist, Knoxville. A concert by the Furman Singers.

Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m., Community Church at Tellico Village. A concert featuring "1865" Anonymous 5 with Bruce Molsky. Tickets are \$10.

Monday, March 16, 12:05 p.m. St. Johns's Cathedral, Noonday Organ Recital by The Rev. Tom O'Connell

Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m., Church Street United Methodist, Knoxville. A concert by New York Polyphony (this is a ticketed event).

Monday, March 30, 12:05 p.m. Noonday Handbell Recital by St. John's Cathedral Bellringers

Sunday, April 12 at 8:00 p.m., James R. Cox Auditorium, Alumni Memorial Bldg., UT Knoxville. John French Brantley, IV Junior Organ Recital featuring works of Bach, Bingham, Manz, Mendelssohn, and Widor.

Choral Program Director and Organist

The Choral Program Director and Organist with Campus Ministry directs the 50 member Basilica Community Choir and the Notre Dame Chant Scholae. This person also serves as the Assistant Director of the 65 member Notre Dame Liturgical Choir and as associate of the 25 member Basilica Schola Cantorum. As organist, will play the organ for the 10:00 am televised Solemn Mass, weddings, funerals, daily Mass, Vespers and other liturgies at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus. The successful candidate will also be in charge of scheduling practice time for all Basilica organists. Other responsibilities include coordinating Finale music engraving, and assisting in the overall production of posters and programs for the Basilica. Will serve as a music resource for residence hall staff and students in conjunction with the entire Campus Ministry music staff.

Master's Degree in Organ. Experience in Roman Catholic Church music.

\$32,900 - \$50,000

FOR SALE

Rodgers Kent 705, purchased new in 1985 by Rutherford Memorial United Methodist Church. Features: two 61-note keyboards, a 32-note pedalboard, lift-lid bench, locking wooden roll top, clear plexiglass music rack and lighted pedalboard, internal and external speakers, transposer, tuning control, dual memory combination action (five generals with general cancel and set pistons), continuo, solo coupler, independent harp and carillon, prepared for pipe additions, antiphonal circuits and controls, celeste effect, chorus and tremulant controls. Console specifications to American Guild of Organists standards. Good condition. \$2,500. If interested please call Steve Doyal 865-687-8438



Newsletter Deadline: April 1

Please add these dates to your calendar or cut it out for a lovely addition to your refrigerator!

Program Date	Dinner Reservation Deadline	Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, February 3	January 29	January 21
Monday, March 2	February 26	February 19
Monday, April 13	April 9	April 1
Friday, May 4	April 30	April 21

***** Dinner Reservations *****

Please make your dinner reservations for

March 2, 2015
Westminster Presbyterian
Knoxville, TN

No later than
Thursday, February 26

Cost \$12.00

By contacting
Jim Garvey
865-588-0589, extension 216
jgarvey@knoxvilleascension.org