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PETER SYKES

MAY 11, 2012

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6500 NORTHSORE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN

DINNER 6:30 PM
PROGRAM 8:00 PM

Organist Peter Sykes will be heard in recital on Friday evening, May 11, at 8:00 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Northshore Drive in Knoxville. This performance is part of the church's 2011-2012 Musica Organi recital series and is cosponsored by the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Mr. Sykes is Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Historical Performance Department at Boston University. Since 1985 he has also served as Director of Music at First Church in Cambridge, Congregational.

Sykes has wide-ranging musical interests and activities. He is very active with the Boston Early Music Festival, for which he was a member of the continuo team for several of its opera productions and now directs its featured "Keyboard Day" mini-festival. He also appears regularly in concert and in recordings with the Boston Baroque. Among his numerous solo recordings is his organ transcription of Holst's orchestral suite *The Planets*, which was named "Best of 1996" by Audio Review, a "Super CD" by Absolute Sound in 1999, and garnered accolades in every review.

Sykes holds degrees from the New England Conservatory, where he studied with Gabriel Chodos, Blanche Winogron, Mireille Lagacé, Robert Schuneman, and Yuko Hayashi, and Concordia University in Montreal, where he studied with Bernard Lagacé. In 1978 he was winner of the Chadwick Medal from the New England Conservatory for outstanding undergraduate achievement.

In 1983 he won the Boston Chapter American Guild of Organists Young Artists Competition and in 1986 the Second International Harpsichord Competition sponsored by the Southeastern Historical Keyboard Society. He was the 1993 laureate of the Erwin Bodky Award for excellence in early music performance. In 2005 he received the Outstanding Alumni award from the New England Conservatory for career achievement since graduation.

In 2011 Sykes was honored by the St. Botolph Club Foundation with its Distinguished Artist Award, a major gift awarded annually to an artist who has demonstrated outstanding talent and an exceptional diversity of accomplishment (previous recipients include the painter Edward Hopper, the poets Elizabeth Bishop and Stanley Kunitz, and the sculptor Alexander Calder). The award letter characterized him as "one of the major musical intellects and imaginations of our time."



FROM THE DEAN

Many, many thanks to all who gave me such strong support during my tenure as dean of the chapter. To each board member, support staff, program chair, worker and member, I extend my sincerest appreciation and thanks. I look forward to the great work the new board will achieve and offer my strongest support.

The Knoxville Chapter is a strong, viable organization committed to the organ in all its facets. Teaching, performing entertainment, and outreach are all part of our chapter's works. May it continue.

Charles Parham

At the April meeting the following officers were elected for 2012-2013:

Dean: Karl Jacob

Sub-Dean: Edie Johnson

Secretary: Karen Ladd

Treasurer: Peter van Eenam

Registrar: Sandi Henry

Auditors: Ann Burns, Cynthia Moses

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Many thanks to the 2011-2012 Nominating Committee:

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If you desire to be added to this list please email our Registrar, Sandi Henry at sandi1957@gmail.com

KAGO Announces First BOEF Scholarship Winners

The KAGO Scholarship Selection Committee is pleased to announce the selection of award winners for the academic year 2012–2013. The winners of the Brock Organ Education Fund scholarships are as follows:

Undergraduate recipient (\$1,000): Deborah Cain, enrolled at Roane State Community College and studying with Brenda Goslee

High school recipient (\$500): Michelle Walter, a high school junior (home-schooled), also a student of Brenda Goslee

Deborah Cain is a full-time student at Roane State seeking a degree in organ, sacred music, and a minor in choral directing. She is currently the handbell director at First Baptist Church, Sevierville; accompanist and assistant choral director for the Sevier County High School Choirs; and organist at Our Savoir Lutheran Church, Sevierville.

Michelle Walter, in addition to having studied organ for six years, has studied piano for thirteen years, and is the junior organist at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Farragut. Her hope is to become a church musician.

We congratulate both Deborah and Michelle and hope that these monetary awards help them further their music studies. We also want to recognize the musical accomplishments of the other scholarship applicants. As you heard at the annual student recital on April 16, our KAGO member teachers enjoy the opportunity to interact with many promising young musicians in our community.

The Knoxville AGO Scholarship Selection Committee, 2012
Sandra Emond, Wanda Parks, and Carolyn Moser (chair)

Wanted!!!

Organist-Music Director. Highland Presbyterian Church, Maryville, approximately 10 hours/week. Contact the Reverend Sharon Carter, e-mail: office@highlandpresby.org. phone 865-982-9272.



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE CHAMBER SINGERS PRESENT

TO THE EMERALD ISLE

JUNE 28, 2012
8 PM

FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
209 JAMESTOWNE BOULEVARD
FARRAGUT, TN

The Chamber Singers will be on Choral Residency in Ireland from July 1-11. Join us for this farewell concert as we share the music that will be presented at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Downpatrick Cathedral, St. Nicholas and Bangor Abbey.

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Next Newsletter: August 2012

Where has this year gone?

I want to express my sincere thanks for your kind words about the newsletter. It gives me great pleasure to be able to serve our organization in this capacity. It is hard to believe another year has come and gone.

I wish you each of you a peaceful and restful summer. If you attend the National Convention in July I would love to have a report for our August newsletter.

Until then, keep well!

Tami

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

Please make your dinner reservations for

May 11, 2012

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Knoxville, TN

No later than
Tuesday, May 8

Cost
\$12.00

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