

The Tracker

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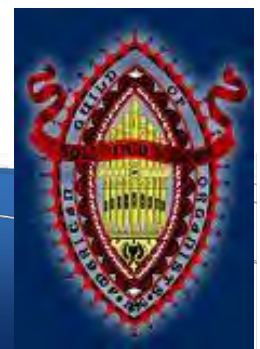
Friday, May 9

Organ Recital

Robert Bates
Professor of Organ
Moores School of Music

Westminster Presbyterian
6500 Northshore Drive
Knoxville, TN

Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Program 8:00 p.m.



Dean's Message



A beautiful spring is upon us and the hectic busyness of the program/school year is drawing to a close. It has been an eventful year for our chapter. We have heard wonderful concerts by Isabelle Demers, Chanticleer, Karl Jacob and friends, talented young students of Knox AGO members, and we still have one more concert to go with Robert Bates's recital on May 9. Dorothy Reiss encouraged us to think youthfully and care for our bodies as we all face the inevitable aging process and we were able to celebrate the centennial of the AGO in Tennessee with a concert of the works and a newly commissioned piece by Daniel Gawthrop. We have definitely been busy this year!

Over the past few weeks, with the birth of our daughter, I've had a chance to take an early break from the busy schedule. Even though caring for a newborn can often be hectic, we have had a chance to slow down the pace and take time to enjoy watching her enjoy all of the firsts in her new world. She is so observant to every sound, every movement, shifting shadows and all of the new things in the world around her. As we've slowed down a bit, it reminds me of how rushed the program year often is and how important it is to take time and enjoy the simple beauty of the world around us.

I hope that this summer, you too, will be able to take time to savor the sight of blossoming trees and flowers and the simple beauties in life that we often fail to notice when we are pressed by busy schedules and obligations. Debbie Sousa and her team have been hard at work planning another great line up of programs for next year and fall will be here before we know it!



Welcome to the World!

Elizabeth Ann Overall

April 8, 2014

Daughter of Jason Overall and Edie Johnson
and proud big brother James.



Westminster Presbyterian
and the
Knoxville AGO
present
Robert Bates

Organist and composer Robert Bates will be heard in recital on Friday evening, May 9, at 8:00 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Northshore Drive in Knoxville. This performance is part of the church's 2013–2014 *Musica Organi* recital series and is cosponsored by the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Dr. Bates is Professor of Music at the University of Houston's Moores School of Music. A frequent performer at national conventions and conferences sponsored by such organizations as the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, the American Organ Academy, and the American Institute of Organ Builders, he has also won prizes for organ performance in Fort Wayne, San Antonio, Detroit, and Bruges.

In addition to his performing and teaching, he has recorded the complete organ works of Brahms, Daquin, and Titelouze. His three-CD set, *Viaticum*, contains eight of his own compositions. In reviews of this set, the *Diapason* referred to one work as "an Einsteinian wonder"; according to *Fanfare Magazine*, "the music by Bates often overshadows that by other illustrious composers"; and *Magazine de l'orgue* (Belgium) called his compositions "the best of what is being written for organ in recent years."

His program at Westminster Church will include works by Francisco Correa de Arauxo, Johann Sebastian Bach, Dieterich Buxtehude, and Jehan Titelouze, among others. For more information, please contact the church office at (865) 584-3957 during regular business hours.

Sunday, May 4, 5:00 p.m., Church of the Ascension, **Choral Evensong**, The Boys and Girls' Choir, performing music of Dyson, Lehman and Bairstow.

Sunday, May 4, 6:00 p.m., Church Street UMC, **Choral Evensong**, presented by the Youth and Children's Choirs.

Carolyn Craig, Knoxville AGO member and recent winner of the AGO Region IV Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists, will present her senior high school piano and organ recital on Tuesday, May 27, at 6:00 pm in Cox Auditorium on the UT campus. The recital is free and open to the public. Carolyn is an organ student of John Brock and a piano student of Fay Adams and David Brunell.

For recital attendees with mobility issues, a shuttle service is being arranged from UT Staff Lot #9 to the front of Alumni Memorial Building. For more info on this, contact John Brock: jbrock@utk.edu or 865-382-7105.

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral

Monday, May 12, 12:05 p.m. – Harpsichord Recital by John Brock

Monday, May 19, 12:05 p.m. – Choral Recital by the Senior Singers from the O'Connor Senior Center

Monday, June 9, 12:05 p.m. – Brass Quintet Recital, Steven Collins, director



Newsletter Deadline: See you in the fall!!

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
Thursday September 12	September 9	
Monday October 7	October 3	September 21
Monday November 4	October 31	October 19
Monday December 2	November 27	November 16
Monday January 13	January 9	December 27
Monday February 10	February 6	January 24
Monday March 3	February 27	February 14
Monday April 7	April 3	March 21
Friday, May 9	May 5	April 25

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

Please make your dinner reservations for

May 9, 2014
Westminster Presbyterian
Knoxville, TN

No later than
Monday, May 5

Cost \$12.00

By contacting
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