

The Tracker

A publication of the
Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



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.



ORGAN RECITAL

WITH

DR. MARILYN KEISER

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
7:30 P.M.**

**CHURCH STREET UMC
900 HENLEY STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931**

DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.

Dr. Keiser is Chancellor's Professor of Music Emeritus at Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, where she taught courses in sacred music and applied organ for 25 years.

Marilyn Keiser is one of the most well known concert organists of our time. She performs regularly throughout the United States and audiences know her for her "taste, dignity, and elegance".

Dean's Message



As I write this article, we are still in the 90° heat of summer, but we are already looking forward to Fall and a new program year for AGO in Knoxville. Our newly elected officers have met twice and are hard at work to bring you a great year. Andrew Morehead, sub-dean and program chairman, is lining up some great programs – more about that in his article. Peter Van Eenam, treasurer, continues to keep our financial records in order. Karl Jacob, registrar, is tracking our membership renewals online. Other board members (see list in this issue of the Tracker) are giving valuable input and are helping contact chapter members about membership renewal. It's a great team that represents the membership well.

Here are some reminders for you and a challenge:

- 1) Renew your membership (if you haven't already). If you have questions or need to renew by mail, contact Karl Jacob.
- 2) Attend our first meeting on Monday, September 21 at Church Street UMC. We will hear an organ recital by Marilyn Keiser sponsored by the Master Arts Series at Church Street.
- 3) Invite 2 people to join the guild or make a contribution. Also invite them to attend programs with you.

In closing, please know that YOU are an important part of Knoxville Chapter. I will look forward to seeing you each month at our meetings. Come to dinner and get to know some of your colleagues. I promise you'll be glad you did!

Deborah Sanders

2015/16 AGO Board Members

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KNOXVILLE AGO 2015-2016 PROGRAM YEAR

Fellow Knoxville AGO members,

The programs this year are inspired by a desire to reach out to our surrounding communities, to diversify our programming palate, and to connect with other music and arts series in the Knoxville area. From Marilyn Keiser to our Student and Member Recitals, this year contains many interesting and classic highlights you will not want to miss. Look for a program flyer displaying this year's concerts in the near future and feel free to share with your friends.

We begin our year on September 21 with dinner and a concert featuring Marilyn Keiser sponsored by the Master Arts Series at Church Street United Methodist Church. Dinner begins at 6:30

p.m. Reservations should be made, or permanent reservations cancelled, no later than noon, September 17th, to Andrew Morehead at andrew@knoxvilleascension.org or by calling (865) 282-9986. Dinner prices are \$12 for members and \$5 for students.

Future events include:

October 5th

“Dinner and a Movie” at St. Stephen’s Episcopal and the Grove Theater in Oak Ridge featuring “History of the Organ: Sweelinck to Bach.” Look for a special offer following this event!

November 5th and 6th

A concert and master class by Rhonda Sider Edgington at UT Knoxville. A reception sponsored by chapter members will follow the recital in the Cox Auditorium Lobby.

December

A Medieval Madrigal Dinner with the Webb School Madrigal Singers. Location and dinner details to come!

In the following semester, we look forward to an Epiphany Party, Student Organ Encounter, a “Jewish High Holy Day Music” program, *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Charles Tournemire performed by Josh Dumbleton, the annual Student Recital, and a returning new favorite, the Members Recital.

We hope to see you throughout our program year.

Andrew Morehead, *sub-dean/Program Chair*



Renew Your Membership

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music by:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles;
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

As of mid-August our chapter has 65 renewals and even a few new members! We still need to hear from a few of YOU!

You can join or renew your membership at anytime, but if you are renewing, National must receive your dues by September 1st to ensure that you don't miss an issue of the magazine "The American Organist".

The best way to renew membership is to visit <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/> and follow the instructions for membership renewal. You can also renew by contacting me, Karl Jacob, at karljake@aol.com or 865-335-1174.

Karl Jacob, registrar



ENJOY THE REWARDS
OF BEING A MEMBER
JOIN NOW!



Find us on:
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We now have a Facebook page!!!

The Knoxville Chapter AGO has joined Facebook. Andrew Morehead created it for us this summer and we will post program information and other items of interest there. Look for Knoxville AGO and, if you are on Facebook, “like” and “share”!!!!

Our website is currently in the process of being updated with current information for 2015-16. We anticipate that it will reflect current programming in the near future – hopefully early September. Please thank Tami Newsom for her work on this and the Tracker.

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

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GermanFest 2015

On Saturday, August 29, at 3:30 p.m. the UT Organ Studio will be performing an Organ Konzert as part of the Germanfest at First Lutheran Church, 1207 N. Broadway, Knoxville. Three students, Michelle Walter, Ericka McCarty, and Jeremy Anantharaj, and two faculty members, John Brock and Edie Johnson, will be performing. The program consists of music by German composers, including J.S. Bach, C.P.E. Bach, Samuel Scheidt, and Felix Mendelssohn. The Von Beckerath organ at First Lutheran was installed in 1974.

First Lutheran Church and School present the 2nd Annual GERMANFEST featuring: Authentic German Food, Local Craft Beer, Traditional Games, Music, and Art

August 29, 2015

11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

1207 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN

Admission \$2 (12 and under Free)

Schedule of Events

11:30 Organ Demonstration

12:30/2:30/4:30 FLS Children's Choir Performances

2:00 Polka Dance Lesson

3:30 Konzert by UT Organ Studio

5:00 Cornhole Tournament

5:30 Knoxville Polka Kings

Ongoing Attractions

Silent Auction

Inflatables

Marketplace

Live Accordion

Art Showcase

Storytelling

Children's Games



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JOB OPENING

Fountain City United Methodist Church is accepting resumes and letters of application for the position of organist. This is a part-time position requiring Wednesday evening rehearsals, two traditional services each Sunday morning, and other special services throughout the Christian year. Please contact Leslie Graves, Director of Music Ministries, for further information. lgraves@fountaincityumc.org 865-689-5175.



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40 anthems (Arcadelt "Hear My Prayer" to Wesley "Lead Me Lord")

Send me an e-mail if you can use them:

oyarbro@bellsouth.net

Karen Yarbro



Newsletter Deadline: September 15

Tracker Deadline

At a recent board meeting of your officers, timely communication with the members was discussed at length. As a result, it was decided that the deadline to send Tami (tnewsom3@utk.edu) information to be included in the current issue would be the 15th of each month regardless of when the next meeting occurs. The Tracker will then be sent by email on the 19th by Tami and mailed soon thereafter by Karl Jacob to any member without email access.

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

Please make your dinner reservations for

September 21, 2015
Church Street UMC
Knoxville, TN

No later than
Thursday, September 17

Cost \$12.00

By contacting
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