

The Tracker

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Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



TODD WILSON

In

Concert

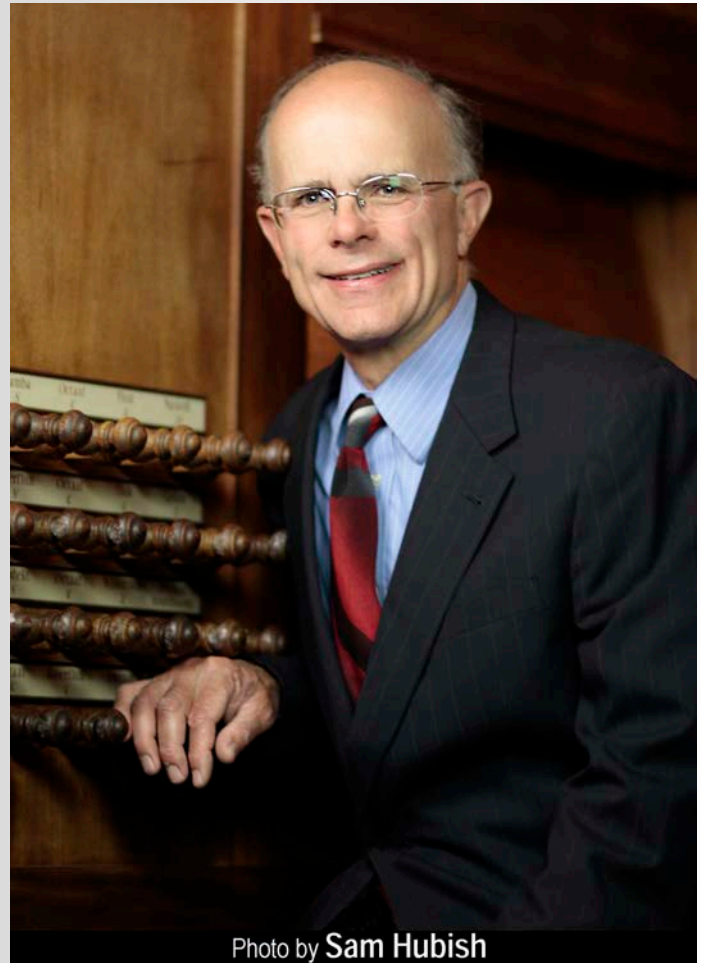


Photo by Sam Hubish

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

7:30 pm

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

800 S. Northshore Drive

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.



A word from the Dean...

Where has the Summer gone? The weather of late has certainly spurred us into thinking Fall has come early. Our newly elected officers have been working hard to get our 2017/2018 program year planned. Terrye Danner, subdean and program chair, has been working on a line up of programs that I know will be a treat for our members whether that be renewing members, new members, or members yet to be. John Brock continues to keep our financial goals and records ship-shape. Andrew Morehead fulfills his recent appointment as district convener, while also continuing to work on membership in a newly formed position as membership coordinator. The secretary, registrar, members at large etc, all have an important and valuable role to play in continuing the work of our chapter, and I look forward to working with everyone that has been appointed to the Knox AGO board. Please take a moment this year to thank them for their work for our members and community. You will find a list of the 2017/2018 board within the Tracker.

Our programs are an important part of this chapter, providing opportunities to meet and cross our faith boundaries, socialize and support the work of organists, choral directors and churches. We recognize the work of all musicians in this community and beyond our county and state lines through programing which exhibits music of all levels. From our student recitals to our distinguished internationally recognized performers, our chapter works hard to provide something for everyone.

While our budget and spending continues to be healthy, membership continues to be a challenge. I know that year on year, September comes and our mail and electronic boxes light up with various correspondence. Things like, *time to renew your membership*, or *'we need more pledges'*, or *we need more members*'. The truth is, we always need more members and financial contributions. As an organization, this is how we function. When we hear the same sentiments on a regular basis, it loses meaning and then slowly we begin to lose the point. As musicians, our default is a liturgical cycle. Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and the long season of Pentecost. And then we hit the repeat button. That is until the day comes when that annual church program we have scheduled for years becomes less enjoyable, repetitive, and doesn't serve the purpose it once had.

REINVORGATE. This is my theme for the year. How can you sell your love of our chapter to your peers? This list is by no means exhausted, neither is it anything new: extend an invitation, bring a friend, talk about our chapter in day-to-day conversation, encourage your students to join, be involved. We all know about membership campaigns, they've been around, and will continue to do so for many years. But the fate of our chapter resides not in our board, not in our committees or programs, but in you. We really do need members to fulfill our board positions and create wonderful programs that serve the chapter.

So mark your calendars, make your dinner reservations, and join me for a season of wonderful music, terrific fellowship, faces new and old, and time spent giving to the community our passion for the organ.

Welcome to a new season for Knoxville's AGO chapter. We have an exciting monthly program lineup for 2017/2018. A very big thank you to Karl Jacob, Brenda Goslee, and Denny Mullins who served with me on the Program committee. We think you will find many things inspiring as you seek to continue your work as musicians. Knoxville is blessed to have so many opportunities to experience wonderful music. Plan to support your local AGO by attending these events this year!

Terrye Danner

Our first program is a concert by Todd Wilson. Regarded across America and around the world as one of today's finest concert organists, Todd Wilson serves as head of the Organ Department at The Cleveland Institute of Music, and Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition, he is Curator of the E.M. Skinner pipe organ at Severance Hall (home of The Cleveland Orchestra), and is House Organist for the Aeolian organ at the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Wilson received his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, where he studied organ with Wayne Fisher. Further coaching in organ repertoire was with Russell Saunders at The Eastman School of Music. He has won numerous competitions, including the Grand Prix de Chartres (France) and the Ft. Wayne Competition. An active member of the American Guild of Organists, Mr. Wilson holds the Fellow and Choirmaster certificates. He has been a featured performer at numerous conventions of the American Guild of Organists, including the 1996 Centennial National Convention of the Guild in New York City, the 2008 National Convention of the Guild in Minneapolis-St. Paul, and at the 2012 Convention of the Guild in Nashville where he performed with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra.

Todd Wilson has been heard in concert in many major cities throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan, including concerts at Symphony Hall (Birmingham, UK), Los Angeles' Walt Disney Concert Hall, Philadelphia's Verizon Hall, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, Cleveland's Severance Hall, Dallas' Meyerson Symphony Center, and Uihlein Hall in Milwaukee. A sought-after adjudicator, Todd Wilson has been a jury member for numerous national and international playing competitions. An active interest in improvisation has led to his popular improvised accompaniments to classic silent films.

Join us at Church of the Ascension, 800 S. Northshore Drive beginning with dinner at 6:30 pm. AGO Caterer, Nancy Maland, is planning an Italian Night. The menu includes Nona's Sunday Roast Beef and Pasta, Lemon Chicken, Veggie Molded Pasta with Homemade Red Sauce, Two Veggies, Salad, Bread, and Dessert. The concert will follow at 7:30 pm.



Knoxville Chapter of The American Guild of Organists 2016-2017 Programs

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Todd Wilson in concert

Episcopal Church of the
Ascension

Monday, October 2, 2017

*Sacred Choral Literature
for the Church Year*

Church Street UMC

Parish Adult Choir

First UMC Oak Ridge

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Dongho Lee in concert

Church Street UMC

Monday, December 4

*Holden Evening Service and
Madrigal program*

St. John's Lutheran

Monday, January 8, 2018

A Wurlitzer Evening

Tennessee Theatre

Monday, February 5, 2018

*Lecture Recital on Liturgical Music
and Liturgical Reform*

Sarah Harr

Church Street UMC

Monday, March 19, 2018

*The Music of Bach for
Organ and Harpsichord*

John Brock

Westminster Presbyterian

Monday, April 9, 2018

AGO Student Recital

First Baptist Church

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

AGO Member Recital

Second Presbyterian Church

What is a Membership Coordinator?

Simply put, the membership coordinator is a member of the Knoxville AGO board who works to find and target prospective members, work with them on joining the Knoxville AGO chapter, and integrate them into the work of the chapter. The membership coordinator does not replace the registrar in that the registrar works with current membership enrollment, renewal, and other technical membership challenges (ONCARD, paper membership, membership reports, etc.). The membership coordinator facilitates proactive membership efforts (chapter promotion, phone calls, letters, etc.).

What does this mean for the current Knoxville AGO members?

There are a few benefits for current members. This means that, at most monthly programming, the membership coordinator will have a laptop and promotion materials for prospective members and for members who may want work with ONCARD at a monthly meeting (think portable Knoxville AGO workstation). It will also mean a great resource for referring colleagues, professional acquaintances, friends, and family.

How can current membership help?

The easiest, most helpful means of helping the membership efforts is to let us know of organists and other musicians who have moved into the area, may have not transferred their membership, who don't know about Knoxville AGO, or those who have been considering the chapter, but haven't made the move to join yet. Effectively, the more we know, the better we can operate.

For any questions, comments, or concerns about the membership coordinator position or our efforts, email or call Andrew Morehead at bamorehead@gmail.com, 865-282-9986, or visit knoxago.org.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is time to renew your AGO membership.

Benefits of AGO membership are:

Annual subscription to The American Organist

Access to national job postings

Eligibility for high-quality insurance plans for health, car, home, and professional liability at competitive rates

Discounts on AGO convention fees and educational resources

Discounts on Certification exam fees

Chapter events such as recitals, workshops, meetings, and seminars (chapter members only)

Voting privileges in officer elections

Our local chapter holds regular meetings featuring performances, lectures, seminars, and discussions on a wide variety of topics. We also offer a monthly newsletter, scholarship programs, musician placement services, and substitute referrals to employing institutions. If you are not interested in the above benefits (with the exception of chapter events) you can join as Chapter Friend. To renew your membership online go to www.agohq.org. If you prefer to renew by mail, please contact Jim Mason at masonjd@icx.net to get a mail-in renewal form.

Chapter & Independent Member Dues

Regular - TAO Print	\$105
Regular - TAO Online	\$97
Special - TAO Print (65 and over or disabled)	\$80
Special-TAO Online (65 and over or disabled)	\$72
Young Organist - TAO Print (under 30)	\$50
Young Organist - TAO Online (under 30)	\$42

Other Member Dues

Dual Chapter Regular (paid to second chapter)	\$41
Dual Chapter Special (paid to second chapter)	\$33
Chapter Friend	\$50



Friday, September 15, at 7:30 pm Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, 249 East Main Street, Brevard, NC, will present organist Ken Cowan in concert. Admission to the concert is free of charge. An offering will be taken for the Music Fund, with ten-percent going to the Sharing House. Ken Cowan is one of North America's finest concert organists. Praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike, he maintains a rigorous performing schedule that takes him to major concert venues in America, Canada, Europe, and Asia. For additional information, contact Charlie Steele at 828.884.2645, ext. 31.

FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK RIDGE

Festival
of HYMNS

Sun. September 24 3pm

The poster features a dark blue background with a circular, multi-colored stained glass window pattern. The text is white and centered. The word "Festival" is in a large, elegant script font, while "of HYMNS" is in a smaller, clean sans-serif font. The date and time are at the bottom in a simple sans-serif font.

JOB OPENINGS

Music Director

Heavenly Host Lutheran Church
777 S. Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38501
Rev. Andrew D. Smith

Job duties include but are not limited to:

1. Direct the organization and implementation of a comprehensive church music program including liturgical music for all services, choir, and vocal and/or instrumental ensembles.
2. Coordinate the music program with the organizational calendar and emphases of the Church year.
3. Assist the pastor in planning congregational services and cooperate with him in the selection of appropriate hymns and musical settings for the liturgy.
4. Serve as the musical leader of the worship service in coordination and harmony with the pastor, providing appropriate leadership of the congregational singing, the choir, and any special musicians.
5. Direct and conduct the congregation's choir, preparing for rehearsals for a choir made up of individuals of varied levels of experience to sing at Sunday services and other special services as appropriate.
6. Lead efforts for community outreach opportunities through music ministry.

Organist

Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church
7225 Old Clinton Pike
Oak Ridge, TN 37921
Reverend Thomas Sweet

This position is defined as salaried, restricted part-time. Attendance will be for two Sunday morning worship services and up to four special worship services to include Christmas Eve. This job may require occasional rehearsals with the sanctuary choir for an anthem utility both piano and organ. This position will be paid according to the salary agreed upon with the Session. The church will pay the employer's share of Social Security tax. Benefits include two week annual leave with pay for each 12 months of service and must be taken within one year following the date it is earned. All other absences will be without pay. There are no paid holidays for this position. This position will provide organ accompaniment for schedule worship services and other occasions in support of the music ministry of the church.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MUSIC
DIVISION OF ORGAN AND CHURCH MUSIC

ANNOUNCE

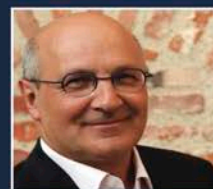
THE 2017 NATIONAL AGO PEDAGOGY CONFERENCE

ORGAN AND IMPROVISATION STUDY IN THE FRENCH CONSERVATORY SYSTEM

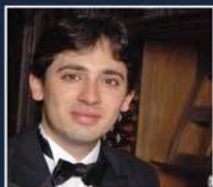
Recitals - Lectures - Panel Discussions - Masterclasses

In memory of Polly Bales

MICHEL BOUVARD



VINCENT DUBOIS



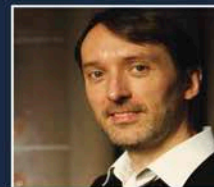
PHILIPPE LEFEBVRE



AURÉLIE DECOURT



OLIVIER LATRY



SHIN-YOUNG LEE



Additional American Artists:
LYNNE DAVIS, JAMES HIGDON,
NORMA STEVLINGSON

OCTOBER 18-21, 2017 - BALES ORGAN RECITAL HALL

The University of Kansas - Lawrence, Kansas

for further information, visit
agopedagogyconference.music.ku.edu

The University of Kansas offers BM, MM, and DMA degrees
in Organ and in Church Music, see: www.music.ku.edu/organ.



Make a Contribution!

In the weeks ahead, concert halls and houses of worship will be filled with the sound of the

King of Instruments, more so than any other time of the year. Through our collective efforts, we will accomplish the mission of the Guild to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

Please consider making a contribution to the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We have two opportunities: the Annual General Fund and the Brock Organ Education Fund. Because we receive only a portion of your dues at the Chapter level, a contribution to the General Fund allows us to provide quality programming throughout our season. To read about The Brock Organ Education Fund (BOEF) follow this link to our website for complete information (<http://www.knoxago.org/boef.php>).

Your gift will make a positive impact by helping our members, strengthening our chapter, and promoting the future of the organ. We are very grateful to all who support our organization. If you have any questions about how to contribute please contact our Treasurer, John Brock, for more information.

Knoxville AGO Chapter Treasurer's Report August 8, 2017

Balance in checking 5/29/2017		\$ 7,756.49
Money In, 5/29/2017 through 8/8/2017		\$ 3,061.50
BOEF donations	625.00	
Chapter donations	1,095.00	
Dues income	1,341.50	
Money Out, 5/29/2017 through 8/8/2017		- \$ 0.00
Balance in checking 8/8/2017		\$ 10,817.99
Money owed by AGO HQ		617.00
BOEF donations	25.00	
Chapter donations	205.00	
Dues income	387.00	
Total funds with money owed by AGO HQ		\$ 11,434.99
Balance in BOEF Account 8/8/2017		\$ 32,432.38



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ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO SUB?
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******* Dinner Reservations *******

Please make your dinner reservations for
 Tuesday, September 19, 2017
 At Church of the Ascension, Knoxville, TN
 no later than Thursday, September 14 . The cost is \$12.00
 Contact: Karl Jacob at 865-335-1174 or karljake@aol.com