Newsletter for the Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists September 2013



Tinker Memorial Organ Removed from Coliseum!

Throughout the first week of September, volunteers from the University of Evansville, the local AGO chapters, and the wider community worked to remove pipes and other potentially reusable parts of the Tinker Memorial Organ from the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Coliseum in downtown Evansville. Thanks in large part to the substantial financial donation our chapter made to the University of Evansville for this project earlier this year, the pipes, console, player unit and other parts are now in a dry and safe place. They await new uses, hopefully as part of a new organ at the University of Evansville and other fitting tributes to the Milton Tinker legacy in music and musical education in our community.





Photo by Rachel Bennett Photo by David Motz

Evansville AGO September Chapter Meeting: Favorite Voluntaries

Presenter: Mark X. Hatfield

When: Monday, September 23, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (Central time)

Where: St. Mary Catholic Church, 613 Cherry St. in downtown Evansville



After the program at St. Mary, our group will go to dinner at Rí Rá Irish Pub in downtown Evansville. If you plan to eat dinner with us, please RSVP to Carolyn Adams at Lcadams_1@juno.com or 812-867-5990 by Monday September 16 so we can make reservations at the restaurant.

Congratulations to Sr. Darlene Boyd and Henry Maurer!

Sr. Darlene Boyd and Henry Maurer have successfully passed the AGO Service Playing Certificate exam. They took the exam this past May and received their certificate during the summer.

Congratulations Sr. Darlene and Henry on a job well done! May your example inspire us all to continue our musical education through new challenges (see article on the next page).

Evansville AGO October Chapter Meeting

What: Strategies for Successful AGO Certification

Where: Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5501 Washington Avenue, Evansville IN 47715

(Enter through the covered entrance on the northwest side of the building)

When: Monday, October 21, 2013, 7:00 PM CDT

Who should attend?

• Organists preparing to take the Service Playing or Colleague exams

• Organists interested in improving their skills (that would be all of us, right?)

We will get helpful tips from chapter members who have passed these exams recently, and share materials from AGO national headquarters and our regional education convener. We will learn how to get the most out of the preparation process. For more information: Helen Skuggedal Reed, 812-476-0673 or hsr@evansville.net

Future Evansville Chapter Programs:

- A Winter Social will be held on January 12, 2014 at 5pm at the home of Jenni Taylor.
- Improvisation Workshop by Dr. John Schwandt, February 22, 2014 Location: First Presbyterian Church, Evansville, 1:30 p.m.
- A Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event will be held in Henderson Saturday morning February 22, 2014 at First United Methodist and Holy Name Catholic Churches.
- Bach-a-thon, Sunday March 2, 2014 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Location: Neu Chapel on the campus of the University of Evansville
- Historic Organ Concert: Sunday April 6, 2014 Location: First Presbyterian in Mount Vernon, IN
- Monday May 5, 2014. Dinner/Chapter Meeting/Installation Service/Recital.

Related Community Events:

September 22, 2013: International Day of Peace Concert; 4pm in Neu Chapel at the University of Evansville

September 24, 2013: Dr. Douglas Reed in recital at the University of Evansville.

The concert will include traditional music by Bach, Buxtehude, Dupré, and Sweelinck. It will also feature the Indiana premiere of a recently discovered unpublished composition by William Albright (1944-1998): Whistler (1834-1903): Three Nocturnes. The twenty-minute work is closely associated with three paintings by James McNeill Whistler: Nocturne in Grey and Gold: Chelsea Snow, Nocturne in Black and Gold: Falling Rocket, and Nocturne in Blue and Silver. This concert will also mark the 50th anniversary of the Wheeler Concert Hall organ, the last instrument designed by the renowned American avant-garde organ builder, Walter Holtkamp, Sr. (1894-1962). The recital begins at 7:30 p.m. (Central time) in Wheeler Concert Hall.

October 25, 2013: National award-winning improvisor Robert Nicholls will accompany a silent film, in the spirit of Halloween, on the Fisk organ at the First Presbyterian Church in Evansville at 7:00 p.m.

Noon Prayer @ Neu: Meditation with Music; Third Thursdays at 12:10 pm in Neu Chapel, University of Evannsville; Refreshments following. Music provided by:

- September 19, 2013: Douglas Reed
- October 17, 2013: Tom and Andrea Drury
- Novembyer 21, 2013: Mark X. Hatfield
- January 16, 2014: Robert Nicholls
- February 20, 2014: Neal Biggers
- March 20, 2014: Rachel Bennett and Henry Maurer
- April 17, 2014: Douglas Reed