

Newsletter for the Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists January 2014



Evansville AGO Chapter's October Meeting

On Monday, October 21, 2013, Helen Skuggedal Reed facilitated a workshop in which interested chapter members received helpful tips on the certification process from chapter members who have passed AGO certification exams in recent years. Helen shared materials from AGO national headquarters and our regional education convener. We learned how to get the most out of the preparation process. We also enjoy browsing through used organ music, free for the taking.



Future Evansville Chapter Programs:

- **A Winter Social** will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 5pm at the home of Jenni Taylor, 7209 E. Walnut St. in Evansville. Contact Carolyn Adams to RSVP or for more information, at lcadams_1@juno.com or (812) 423-5209. Jenni will provide chili and drinks. The rest of the meal is pot-luck. We will discuss upcoming chapter events, receive an update on current chapter projects and share reports from conventions attended during 2013.
- **An Improvisation Workshop by Dr. John Schwandt** will be hosted by our chapter, February 22, 2014 at First Presbyterian Church, Evansville, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Come brush up on your improvisation skills and learn some new tricks of the trade from one of the nation's finest teachers and improvisors. Contact Robert Nicholls if you have questions.
- **A Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event will be held in Henderson**, Saturday morning February 22, 2014 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Henderson, KY. Please pass word of this event to young piano students as well as piano teachers in the area. A flyer and registration information can be found on our website or at this link: <http://www.evansvilleago.org/PedalPipe2014.pdf>

• **Bach-a-thon, Sunday March 2, 2014 beginning at 3:00 p.m.**

Location: Neu Chapel on the campus of the University of Evansville. We need people to perform pieces by Bach on organ, piano, voice or other instruments. Contact Neal Biggers at (812) 424-7382 or nealbiggers@yahoo.com if you or someone you know is willing to perform.

• **Historic Organ Concert: Sunday April 6, 2014**

Location: First Presbyterian in Mount Vernon, IN (Time TBA)

• **Monday May 5, 2014. Dinner/Chapter Meeting/Installation Service.** (Time TBA)

Related Community Events:

NOON PRAYER @ NEU: MEDITATION WITH MUSIC

The Neu Chapel Office of Religious Life in cooperation with the Neu Chapel Society announce NOON PRAYER @ NEU: MEDITATION WITH MUSIC for Thursday, January 16, at 12:10 in Neu Chapel. The 40-minute service of music, silence, and the spoken word provides a time of contemplation, reflection, and inspiration for University of Evansville students, faculty, staff, and the larger community.

Music will be provided by Robert Nicholls, organist/director of music of First Presbyterian Church, Evansville. Robert was born in Cambridge, England to a British farmer and American mother from Carmi, Illinois. At the age of eight, he joined the choristers of Westminster Abbey in London under the direction of Simon Preston. He graduated from the Oundle School. After a gap-year, during which he studied organ at the University of Evansville, he earned two music degrees from Cambridge University where he sang tenor as a member of the choirs of Gonville and Caius and St. John's Colleges. In 1996, he joined the staff of First Presbyterian Church where he directs the Wide Awake Worship band and the Royal School of Church Music affiliated choir and plays the Fisk organ, Op. 98. In 2012, he won first place in the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation.



NOON PRAYER @ NEU: MEDITATION WITH MUSIC will begin with the ringing of the Peace Bell. Refreshments will be available after the service. All are welcome.

February 21, 2014: John Schwandt will accompany Cecil B DeMille's movie King of Kings on the organ at First Presbyterian Church, Evansville, beginning at 7:00 p.m. (central time).

NATIONAL AGO CONVENTION: AGO Boston: June 23-27, 2014

It is with great excitement that the Boston Chapter welcomes you to the 2014 National Convention.



The four and a half day convention offers: Fifty concerts by thirty-seven performers, featuring internationally acclaimed musicians, Boston's rich choral heritage, many new instruments, and our famous landmark organs; Eight finely crafted worship services in a wide variety of styles; Ninety workshops and master classes on a vast array of topics; and much, much more.

Go to www.agohq.org for more information.