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Newsletter of the American Guild of Organists
Evansville, Indiana Chapter

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Concert and Installation St. Mary Catholic Church, Evansville

May 7, 2012



Pictured: newly elected Dean, Neal Biggers,
Guest performers Jonathan Hauke and Karen Morris from Henderson KY
at the "new" A. E. Schlueter pipe organ at St. Mary Church.

Sound Clips from the Concert:

[Dupre: Placare Christe Servulis](#), with Henry Mauer, Organ

[Callahan: Adoro Te Devote](#), with Rachel Bennett on horn and Kevin Ellerbusch on organ

[Peeters: Aria](#), with Tim Groulx on trumpet and Robert Nicholls on organ

[Bach/Gounod: Ave Maria](#), with Jonathan Hauke on organ and Karen Morris, soprano

[Hymn Setting](#) by Erik Meyer, with Neal Biggers on organ

Also participating: David Lamb, Tammy Gieselman and Dan Wilkinson



THE CHARGE!

During our installation of officers on May 7, the Rev. Dr. Tammy Gieselman challenged us all to be open to the spirit of music touching us and others in unexpected ways, whether through a talented street musician playing in a busy public space, in an unusual combination of instruments in a chapel service, or in our daily tasks of playing, planning and teaching. We are fortunate to have Tammy, Chaplain at the University of Evansville and an appreciator of organ music, as a member of our chapter.

Recital and Dinner in Honor of Dr. Douglas Reed's Teaching Career

April 22, 2012



Our chapter was privileged to honor Dr. Douglas Reed and his distinguished university teaching career with a recital at First Presbyterian Church on a Sunday afternoon in April, followed by an elegant dinner at Just Rennie's in downtown Evansville. Performing were former students Douglas O'Neill, Kirk Rich and Michael Salazar, and current student Rachel Bennett. Members of Doug's family, students, teachers, colleagues and friends from around the country attended. Thanks to Robert Nicholls, with help from Carolyn Howard, Helen Reed, and the staff at First Presbyterian, for making this event possible.

EVANSVILLE CHAPTER COMMISSIONING MAJOR COMPOSITION!



In connection with the event honoring Douglas Reed (above), the Evansville Chapter voted at its chapter meeting in May to commission a major musical composition by William Bolcom. Bolcom, a National Medal of Arts, Pulitzer Prize, and Grammy Award-winner is an American composer of chamber, operatic, vocal, choral, cabaret, ragtime, and symphonic music. Many organists are most familiar with his set of Gospel Preludes for solo organ, based on familiar hymn tunes. The commissioned piece will be composed for organ and brass ensemble, and will be premiered in Evansville by the Canadian Brass and Douglas Reed. This is a long-term project, with the projected premier at least a couple of years from now. Robert Nicholls has

agreed to coordinate the arrangements and fundraising for this project, and to involve as many people and organizations as possible in making this a major artistic and educational experience for our community and beyond. You can go to williambolcom.com for more about William Bolcom.

SAVE THE DATES.
UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 4pm: Guest organ recital by internationally acclaimed organist David Briggs at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville.

Friday, October 19, 2012 at 7:30pm: Silent Film (Phantom of the Opera) with improvised organ accompaniment by Robert Nicholls at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2012-2013

Thank you to our 2012 Nominating Committee, Kristin Jones and Helen Reed.

Dean, Neal Biggers, CAGO
Treasurer, Carol Grimm
Secretary, Matthew Vanover
Membership Coordinator, Barbara Waite
At Large, 3 year term, Shelley Heil
At Large, (2 yr), Betty Altheide, SPC
At Large, (1 yr), Margaret Kimberling
Historian, Carolyn Adams
Chaplain, Dan Wilkinson
Immediate Past Dean, Robert Nichols, FAGO
University of Evansville AGO Dean: Henry Mauer

THANK YOU OUT-GOING OFFICERS!

A big thank you for years of faithful service on the Executive Committee goes to out-going officers: Robert Nicholls (Dean), Dean Parker (Secretary), Kevin Ellerbusch (Treasurer) and Kristin Jones (At-large). We are confident that they will continue to share their considerable talents and experience with our guild as we move forward together.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Remember that it is not too late to sign up for the [National AGO Convention](#) to be held in Nashville this summer. Several of our chapter members are planning to attend. Single day registrations are available.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renewals for the 2012-2013 have begun. A form to print out and mail in with your check can be found [here](#). If you have questions about membership, please contact our membership coordinator, Barbara, at alcbjw@insightbb.com and we will contact you when our new membership registration forms are available.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

At our May chapter meeting we approved new Operating Procedures for our chapter. You may view them [here](#). They will be sent to regional and national offices for final adjustments, if needed, to ensure they are in agreement with national bylaws.

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.