



May, 2007

Our Thanks to...

Eliot Freese, Al Murrell and Dave Yoder for their presentations at the April 28 chapter meeting on "Perspectives in American Organ Building."

Al and Dave offered insights into the world of digital and technological advances in organ building and suggestions for what the future holds. Thanks to Nelson Streett for making the sanctuary and organ available at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Towson.

At Church of the Epiphany Eliot Freese gave a poetic presentation on the tradition and history of mechanical organ building. Appreciation to Jonathan Moyer for coordinating arrangements at Epiphany and for providing refreshments for those attending.

Look in a future newsletter for printing versions of our guests' presentations.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Dean, Jason Kissel, who presented his lecture recital on the Organ Sonata of Herbert Nanney at Brown Memorial Church on April 27. This was his final recital in completing the requirements for his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ at the Peabody Conservatory with Donald Sutherland.

Convention, Convention, Convention! Scholarship winner

The AGO Region III Convention Steering Committee is proud to congratulate CAROLYN BRADLEY, the region's inaugural Student Scholar Delegate, on being awarded a scholarship to attend the Convention this summer! Carolyn is a student of Joan MacDonald and has shown herself to be a poised and accomplished young woman, as well as a talented and thoughtful student. The Student Delegate Scholarship Program is a first for Region III and perhaps even the entire AGO.

With this scholarship, Carolyn has the unique opportunity to join with hundreds

of organ music professionals in the pursuit of inspiration and renewal. Carolyn will be introduced at the closing Banquet, but please make an effort to seek her out and offer your congratulations and support during the week's events.

For more information on how the Student Delegate Scholarship Program works, please contact Liz McFarlane at lizmcfarlane@gmail.com.

Convention Schedule

Monday, July 2

9am-4:30pm Driver for RCYO competitors between Grace United Methodist and College of Notre Dame

11am-7pm, 9pm-11pm Registration desk

1pm-4pm bus captain at the Marriott

1pm bus captains from Marriott to organ crawl

4pm captains from organ crawl to Marriott

6pm bus captains to Basilica

9pm bus captains to Marriott

Tuesday, July 3

8 am-10am, 4pm-7pm registration desk

8am-9am ushers and District convener meeting

8am-10am ushers at Old Otterbein

9:45am bus captains to Mount Calvary

9:45am bus captains to St. Bartholomew's

10am-11:30am ushers at Mount Calvary

10am-11:30am ushers at St. Bartholomew's

11:30am bus captains to St. Bartholomew's

12:30pm workshop asst. for Hubbell/Manwell

1:50pm bus captains to Mount Calvary

2:30-3:30pm ushers at Mount Calvary

2:30-3:30pm ushers at St. Bartholomew's

3:45pm bus captains to Marriott

6:45pm bus captains to Brown Memorial

9pm bus captains to Marriott

Wednesday, July 4

8am-19am, 1pm-3pm registration desk

9am-10am ushers at panel discussion, Marriott

10am-11am ushers at Regional meeting, Marriott

11am-12noon ushers at Westminster Hall

12:45pm-1:45pm assistant, choral reading, West. Hall

2pm workshop assistants, Fedak and Torrence

3pm group leaders to walk to Old Otterbein

4pm-6pm ushers for vespers at Christ Lutheran

6pm ticket takers for dinner at Christ Lutheran

7pm ushers for recital at Christ Lutheran

Thursday, July 5

7-8am registration desk
8am bus captains to First Unitarian
9am group leaders to walk to Peabody from 1st Unit.
9am bus captains to Grace United Methodist
9:30am ushers at Peabody recital
10:30am bus captains to Peabody
10:30am bus captains to Grace United Methodist
11am ushers at Peabody
12pm bus captains to Mount Vernon
2pm workshop assistant for Deans meeting
3pm bus captains at Cathedral
3-5pm ushers at Cathedral
5pm bus captains to Marriott
6pm bus captains to Tremont Grand
7-10pm volunteers at Tremont Grand
10pm bus captains to Marriott

***New Post-Convention
event announced***

The Schantz Organ Company will host a post-convention event for this summer's festivities at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Friday, July 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Details will follow as they become available.

AGO Region III Convention

WONDERFUL WORKSHOPS!

The AGO Region III Convention in Baltimore will feature excellent workshops and discussions with "cutting edge" topics as well as sessions pertaining to educational and professional development.

Session I will feature Revs. John Manwell and Phyllis Hubbell discussing the use of "Old Buildings in Contemporary Worship". Rev. Thomas R. Malia will conduct a lively lecture/discussion regarding "Worship in the 21st Century": You Thought Steamed Crabs Were Hot? One of our featured artists, Cherry Rhodes will present an informative lecture and demonstration on the "Care of the Body" which will utilize the "Alexander Technique." This session will also feature an anthem reading session by David Schapp from Selah Publishing Company.

Session II workshops on Wednesday will feature one of our commissioned composers, Alfred Fedak on "Preparing for the AGO Examinations." Richard Torrence will give a most informative talk on the late "Virgil Fox and his Legacy in Baltimore" Virgil was a student and later on the organ faculty at the Peabody Conservatory of Music as well as Organist at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church where we will hold our hymn festival. Renowned organ builder, Lynn Dobson will present a lecture on "Building Grand Instruments for Grand Spaces." Lynn has just recently been awarded the contract for the rebuilding of the great organ at Washington Cathedral. His other monumental instruments can be found at Verizon Hall in Philadelphia as well as the Roman Catholic Cathedral in

Los Angeles. This session will also include an anthem reading session by Wayne L. Wold, the composer of our convention hymn.

Session III: Our third and final Workshop Session will feature “Working Through Staff Conflict” by Rev. Karin Walker. Rev. Walker will be conducting a morning prayer service at Old Otterbein Church on Tuesday, July 3. Elizabeth Schaaf, who is the director of archives at Peabody will give an informative presentation on the “History of Baltimore Church Music” which will feature some of Baltimore’s own choir-loft celebrities. Joy Bauer will present a workshop on the do’s and don’ts of “Hosting a POE” with the assistance of organ builder, David Storey. We will also feature Julie Vidrick Evans, who will present an anthem reading session entitled: “Anthems You Can’t Live Without.”

In addition to these twelve excellent workshops, Eileen Morris Guenther will suggest a creative path to the future in a presentation of “Emergent Worship”; and on Tuesday evening, following the hymn festival, an informal discussion on GLBT issues in employment and worship will be led by three pastors: John Manwell, Phyllis Hubbell and Andrew Foster Connors.

There will be MORE in BaltiMORE for everyone. Please join us! For more details and information regarding registration, please visit our website: www.baltimoreAGO.org. See you in July!

Michael T. Britt

Program Committee Chairman

Convention workshops are filling up rapidly. Please register your choices TODAY!

DOWNLOAD CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM AT
www.BaltimoreAGO.org

Noteworthy

Notices of events sponsored by AGO members will be given priority as space is limited

SUNDAYS

Vespers sung every Sunday night by the
Vespers’ Schola
Old St. Paul’s Church
Charles and Saratoga Sts.
5:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

The Tuesday Music Series
12:15-12:45 p.m. each week
Old St. Paul’s Church
Charles and Saratoga Sts.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Choral Workshop with J. Melvin Butler
Canon Choirmaster/Organist at St. Mark’s
Catholic Cathedral, Seattle
Christ Lutheran Church
Contact Todd Davis:
music@christlutheranyork.com
29 S. George St., York, PA

Baltimore Boychoir Festival
Dr. Z. Randall Stroope, guest director
featuring boychoirs from throughout the
U.S.
Kraushaar Auditorium

9th Annual French Organ Marathon
Paul Binko, Michael Britt, Paul Carroll,
Theodore Davis, Richard Frey, Kaori
Hongo, Gi-Young Kim, Jason Kissel,
David Lawrie, Kathie Metz, Jonathan
Moyer, Donald Sutherland, John Walker
www.GraceUnitedMethodist.org
Grace United Methodist Church
5407 N. Charles Street
2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Ascension Evensong
Works of Stanford, Burgon, Finzi,
Messiaen, Bruhns
Jonathan Moyer, music direction
Epiphany Episcopal Church
2216 Pot Spring Road, Timonium
7:00 p.m.

Goucher College
410-668-2003 for tickets and information
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Choirs of University Baptist and Grace
United Methodist Kodály's *Missa Brevis*
and Verdi's *Four Sacred Pieces*
Jonathan Moyer, organ – Ronald Gretz,
director
Grace United Methodist Church
5407 N. Charles Street
4:00 p.m.

Hymn Festival/Organ Concert
J. Melvin Butler, Canon
Choirmaster/Organist at St. Mark's
Catholic Cathedral, Seattle
Christ Lutheran Church
Contact Todd Davis:
music@christlutheranyork.com
29 S. George St., York, PA

SUNDAY, MAY 20 (continued)
The Choir of St. Mark's Church
accompanied
by organ and chamber orchestra
Vesperae Solenne de Confessore - Mozart
St. Cecilia Society
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1900 St. Paul Street
5:00 p.m.

"The King Shall Rejoice!"
Coronation anthems by Handel
Reception following
First & Franklin Street Presbyterian
Church
210 W. Madison Street
3:00 p.m.

Carol Lord Openhym, soprano
Nicole Swann Bowers, mezzo-soprano
Patrick Cook, tenor

SUNDAY, MAY 20 (continued)

Annual Youth Festival
musicians from Peabody, Baltimore
School for the Arts
Community Concerts at Second
4200 St. Paul Street
3:30 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 25

A Night at the Opera
Epiphany's Professional Quartet in
diverse program
Of opera arias and ensembles
Epiphany Episcopal Church
2216 Pot Spring Road, Timonium
6:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

"Jesu meine Freude"
Bach Concert Series

Michael Galizia, bass/baritone
Rebecca Jones Trout, piano
St. Matthew United Church of Christ
3400 Norman Ave.
4:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church
701 S. Charles St.
4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10
Theodore Feldmann, organ with
Czech Choir of Baltimore
St. Wenceslas Church
Ashland and Collington Aves
2:30 p.m.

Concert on the Green
Bring a picnic and enjoy some traditional
jazz
Community Concerts at Second
4200 St. Paul Street
3:30 p.m.