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MAKING MUSIC IN THE HEART OF THE TRIAD

LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Every year in January I spend time getting my family's papers together to do my taxes. The receipts have piled up, and the credit card statements have come in and, after a bit of sorting, I can confidently prove my income and my expenses. Sometime in the first six weeks of the year, my wife and I also take on that task of sorting out the closets and drawers in order to purge those things that we no longer need, and make room for those things that we actually use.

So it is that the Executive Board of the GGAGO has embarked on a process of reviewing our operating procedures. Our first task is writing the operating procedures and having them approved by National Headquarters. After we have squared those with the way we currently operate, we will review and see if there are changes that need to be made. A major development that has arisen in the recent past is the Mike Hill Scholarship Fund. Once disbursements from that fund begin, the structure of the Executive Board must be such that proper oversight of the money and the granting process is streamlined and complete.

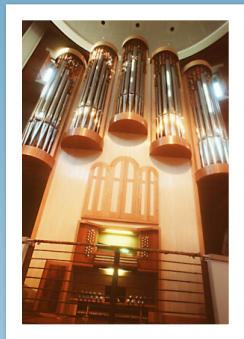
If you have any feedback about the operation of the Chapter, please let me or any of the other Board members know. In the meantime, please join us in any way that you can to make known the glory of "The King of Instruments."

Peace, *Michael Dougherty*

THE LEUPOLD HOUR

Wayne Leupold Editions now sponsors a one-hour radio program on an internet radio station www.organlive.com, that plays classical organ music 24/7. THE LEUPOLD HOUR consists exclusively of recordings of organ music published by Wayne Leupold Editions, Inc.

You can listen to THE LEUPOLD HOUR each day Monday through Saturday from 2 pm to 3 pm eastern time.



UNCG
STUDENT
RECITAL

FEB 12

3:30 pm

Our next chapter-sponsored event is a student recital featuring organ majors at UNCG. This concert is open to the public and admission is free.

The School of Music is located at the corner of Market & McIver streets in downtown Greensboro.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12 - 4:00 pm

R. Monty Bennett, organist

Organist Monty Bennett presents a concert of music by African, African-American and Afro-British composers in honor of African-American History month. This exciting program will feature music by Fela Sowande, Calvin Taylor, Florence Beatrice Price, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor... W. C. Handy, Billy Strayhorn and others. Come hear arrangements of favorite spirituals, Victorian gems, and even jazz on the pipe organ! You won't want to miss this program as we celebrate the important mark that people of African heritage have left on the pipe organ world.

First Presbyterian Church
308 West Fisher Street
Salisbury, NC

February 17 - 7:30pm

St. Stephen's Concert Series

Todd Wilson, organ

Director. Of Music and Worship, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Cleveland, OH
Head of Organ Department., Cleveland Institute of Music
Curator of E.M. Skinner Pipe organ, Severance Hall, Home of The Cleveland Orchestra
House Organist, Aeolian organ , Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Akron, OH
**Adult Tickets available at the door, \$20.
18 and under, Free.**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
82 Kimberly Drive
Durham, NC

A Service of Vespers

a GGAGO sponsored event

featuring the combined choirs of
First Presbyterian & Front Street United Methodist
lead by Organist-Choirmasters
Patrick J. Murphy & David Ratchford

March 25, 7:30 pm

Front Street United Methodist Church
136 South Fisher Street
Burlington, NC

COMPETITION FOR PRE-COLLEGE ORGANISTS

April 19-22, 2012

The East Carolina University Young Artist Competition for Pre-College Organists is an innovative outreach program designed to inspire young musicians in our region to strive for the highest level of musicianship and technical accomplishment in organ performance. The competition is open to any pre-college student in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Florida. In addition to generous monetary prizes, the competitors will also compete for the two additional prizes in Hymn playing and Bach interpretation. The competition will be staged in two rounds. From the recorded application round three finalists will be chosen to compete live on April 21, 2012. All three will receive prizes and will be considered for the two special prizes mentioned above: The Bach Prize and the Hymn-Playing Prize.

Organists chosen for the Final Round arrive for practice on Thursday and/or Friday, and attend the 7:30 p.m. recital by the competition judge, Dr. Joby Bell, from Appalachian State University.

The organ competition will take place in the afternoon of Saturday the 21st, on the Perkins and Wells Memorial Organ, C.B. Fisk, Opus 126, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which borders the ECU campus. The competition will conclude with the awarding of prizes; however competitors are encouraged to remain in Greenville for Sunday (April 22) services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist) as well as Monday (April 23) when they are invited to observe sacred music lessons and classes.

All recitals, masterclasses, and the competition itself are free and open to the public.

Full organ competition details can be found here:

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cfac/music/organsacredmusic/youngartistscompetition.cfm>

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NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE, TN

February 14, 2012 is the deadline for early registration to the 2012 AGO Nashville Convention. The week-long program is truly exceptional, and the whole conference is going to be magnificent.

Here's the link to the home page of the Nashville Convention's Web site:

<http://www.ago2012.org/>

This is the link to the online registration form:

<http://www.ago2012.org/registration/convention-registration-online.html>

Regular members along with their partners or spouses who register early will save \$60 compared to the regular registration fee. Senior members (age 65 and over) will save \$75 by registering early.

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