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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear AGO Members and Friends,

Now that the first cool breezes have begun to find their way to North Florida, we turn our attention to what has become an annual event for the Tallahassee Chapter of the AGO—the sixth annual Halloween Spooktacular, to be held on Friday, Oct. 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street. If you would like to play, there's still room on the program for a spooky selection or two; contact Dean Joe Kraus by Friday, October 17th with the details. Or just come to the recital (in costume—if you dare!) and cheer on your colleagues. We're also looking forward to hearing from student member Gray Hodsdon about his pilgrimage on the Compostela Trail in Spain this past summer; he'll be speaking about the Spanish organs he encountered on Sunday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cobb Library at St. John's Episcopal Church. The fall season is upon us, and we hope that your calendar of events will include the AGO!

All the best,

Joe Kraus, Dean

Tallahassee Chapter of the AGO

A REMINDER: if you haven't yet paid your AGO Membership Dues for the coming year, *now is the time* to access the ONCARD system to pay electronically or to download a membership form and pay by postal snail mail. (To access ONCARD, go to the AGO website at www.agohq.org.) Please take care of this as soon as you can, so that we can continue to receive our chapter's portion of the funds from National.



"The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of every month!"

Visit your chapter website: <http://www.tallahasseeago.org/>

UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

October 24th - SIXTH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
(Children and Costumes Encouraged)

Coordinator: Joseph Kraus (jkraus@fsu.edu);

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church (corner Call and Monroe Streets)

Time: 7:00 p.m. (No board meeting beforehand)

Reception following the concert.

(Members wishing to play on this concert should contact Dean Joe Kraus no later than Friday, Oct. 17th)

Sunday, November 16th – PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN: RETRACING THE COMPOSTELA TRAIL

Presenter: Gray Hodsdon

Location: Cobb Library at St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Gray will tell us about his pilgrimage on the Compostela Trail during the Summer of 2014, and about the pipe organs he encountered in various churches along the way.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

ORGANISTS ALERT! OPENING NIGHTS (formerly Seven Days of Opening Nights) is presenting on February 11, 2015 a concert by the fabulous organist CAMERON CARPENTER, the first organist ever nominated for a Grammy Award for a solo album. He will be performing on his new international digital touring organ, built by Marshall & Ogletree of Needham, MA. He says “my vision is to keep the best of the classical organ—its emotional magnitude, its sonic range, its coloristic drama—but to liberate these from the pipe organ’s immobility, its moving parts, its cost, its institutionality...to combine with its counterpart, the cinema organ, in a single instrument. It has to have the cathedral organ’s expansiveness, and the Wurlitzer’s rapidity and authenticity.” This performance, the touring organ’s Florida debut, will be in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall at 7:30 PM. Get your tickets SOON—they won’t last. (Tickets went on sale to the public on Tuesday, September 16th. Go online to openingnights@fsu.edu, telephone (850) 644-6500, or visit the FSU Fine Arts Ticket Office at 530 West Call Street in the lobby of the FSU Fine Arts Building.) See you there!

Sunday evenings from September 7th through December 21st – St. John’s Episcopal Church presents a weekly Service of Compline from 8:00-8:30 p.m. This ancient monastic service includes beautiful chants by the all-male choir, interspersed with scripture. Membership in the Compline Choir is open to any interested male singer—contact Mike Norris at morris.mr@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 12th - St. John’s Episcopal Church presents A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG by the choirs of St. John’s at 3:30 p.m. As a prelude to the service, there will be a recital by The Capitol Bells, organized in 2009 and comprised of members from seven local handbell choirs. Admission is free; childcare provided.

Sunday, October 12th - The Artist Series presents The DORIAN WIND QUINTET in concert at 4:00 p.m. in Opperman Music Hall on the FSU campus. “One of chamber music’s most sparkling and eloquent ensembles (*TIME Magazine*), the Dorian Wind Quintet is recognized worldwide by professional musicians and audiences for its uniquely polished and passionate performances. Every member of the Dorian is a virtuoso in his or her own right, as well as a dedicated chamber player. For more information and to purchase tickets, go online to theartistseries.org, by phone (850) 224-9934, or visit Beethoven & Company.

Sunday, October 19th - The Seven Hills Guitar Series presents YURI LIBERZON, guest artist, in concert at 3:00 p.m. at St John’s Episcopal Church. Born in Russia and raised in Israel, Mr. Liberzon was granted Alien of Extraordinary Ability United States Permanent Residency based on his musical achievements. He received a full scholarship to Peabody Conservatory where he completed his bachelor’s degree and a graduate performance diploma, and a full scholarship to the Yale University School of Music from which he earned his master’s degree. Admission is free, donations accepted.

Sunday, October 19th - The Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra presents POWER AND PROWESS In its season opener at 3:00 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall, the TSO features music by two musical powerhouses, the Russians Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev. Pianist Katherine Chi, winner of the prestigious Honens Piano Competition, will perform Rachmaninoff’s *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*, followed by the orchestra’s performance of Prokofiev’s *Fifth Symphony*. For tickets and more information, call the TSO box office at (850) 224-0461 ext. 83, or visit their website at tallahasseesympphony.org.

Sunday, November 2nd – Organ Recital by Ron Hlebinsky at Trinity United Methodist Church The first half of this recital, at 2:00 p.m., will feature traditional organ music, including works by J. S. Bach, Franz Liszt, and Louis Vierne. The second half will explore the organ as a one-man orchestra, with modern arrangements of well-known orchestral pieces, including Beethoven’s *Fifth Symphony*, as well as music from popular films such as *Star Wars*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Frozen*. Mr. Hlebinsky served as organist at TUMC from January 2009 until January 2011. He is currently living in Michigan and serving as organist at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, MI. Admission is free; an offering will be taken to benefit Trinity’s music ministry.

Sunday, November 16th – the Tallahassee Community Chorus presents Leonard Bernstein’s *Mass* at 4:00 p.m in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the chorus website at www.tcchorus.org.

Friday, November 21st – the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra presents a family concert entitled *SPACEMAN INVADES SYMPHONY* at 7:00 p.m. in the Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on the FSU campus. There will be a special discounted ticket price of \$7.00 per person for this concert. For tickets and more information, call the TSO box office at (850) 224-0461 or visit their website at www.tallahasseesymphony.org.

Sunday, November 23rd - the Tallahassee Bach Parley presents *Bach to Bach: C.P.E. Bach at 200* at 3:00 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street. Admission is free; \$10 donation is suggested.

Wednesday, December 3rd - the FSU College of Music presents a recital by students from the organ studio of Dr. Iain Quinn at 8:00 p.m. in Opperman Music Hall on the FSU campus. This concert is given as part of the 150 for 150 Challenge sponsored by the Royal College of Organists in celebration of their 150th anniversary in 2014. One hundred fifty performances are taking place around the world to mark the college’s distinguished history.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Friday, October 31st – UF-AGO Halloween Extravaganza at the University of Florida Auditorium in Gainesville, Florida.

Saturday, November 8th – the Greater Columbia (S.C.) AGO Chapter presents a Master Class For High School Organists, with Dr. Jared Johnson as clinician. The class will be at 10:00 a.m. in the University of South Carolina School of Music Recital Hall, 813 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC.

Saturday, November 8th – the Greater Columbia (S.C.) AGO Chapter presents a recital by ALDEN WRIGHT, Winner of the 2014 Young Organist Competition. The 2:00 p.m. recital will take place in the Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine Street in Columbia, South Carolina.

MEMBER NEWS

Margaret-Mary Owens is now the regular organist at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More on West Tennessee Street in Tallahassee.

Marissa Hall and Gray Hodsdon are the Sacred Music Interns at St. John's Episcopal Church

Enjoy organ music in its infinite variety each week with *PIPEDREAMS* from American Public Media, each Sunday 7:00-9:00 p.m. on WFSQ (91.5 FM) and on the internet at any time (24/7) at www.pipedreams.org.

October 12 –Some Anniversaries...a selective collection of organ works by composers with significant birthdays observed during this year (Richard Straus, Franz Tunder, Giacomo Meyerbeer, and Jean-Philippe Rameau, among others)

October 19–From Darkness to Light...music of contrast and contradiction, a progression of mood and spirit leading to revelation.

October 26–At Saint Paul, in Saint Paul's... recordings on the 1927 Skinner and 1963 Aeolian-Skinner organs in the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Saint Paul in Minnesota's capital city.

November 2–Verizon Hall Spotlight...select solos and works for organ and orchestra, featuring the Fred J. Cooper Memorial Pipe Organ (by Dobson) at Philadelphia's Kimmel Center.

ADD YOUR VOICE

If you have information about any upcoming events, news about chapter members, information about open choral or organ positions, corrections to previous newsletters that you'd like to share, or anything else of musical interest, please e-mail these items to the newsletter editor at pherrington@fsu.edu.

Of special interest for the November and December newsletters would be any programs for the Advent and Christmas season that your church or other organization might be planning to present.

Thanks.