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May 2016

Dear Dallas Chapter,

Well, it's time for my "Closing Voluntary" as Dean. I've decided to share some parting reflections on what I've learned in my four terms as dean (two of them served way back in 1983-85). The two periods of time served were during very different eras, with only a few of the same members present. It is hard for me to believe that I have been Dean during two such extraordinarily contrasting periods. And yet they are in some ways remarkably similar. And the important reflections I take away from both these times are very much the same. And they could apply to most leadership positions, I suppose:

Being Dean is not about being the Authority on all things A.G.O. or all things "organ-istic."

It is about knowing one's own strengths and limitations and celebrating the knowledge and experience of others.

It is about "growing in wisdom and understanding" by practicing the art of listening and by always remembering that my days as Dean are "numbered."

It is exercising organization and efficiency skills to counteract and keep up with onslaughts of numerous committee details!

It is sifting through many opinions about how something should be done and facilitating the search for consensus.

It is compassion and caring for the membership both as professionals and as persons.

It is the courage to be vulnerable in front of others and admit making mistakes, but not to be defeated by such.

It is knowing that a sense of humor is vital.

It is seeing the big picture of where things are and creatively helping to construct a path forward.



Many, many thanks to all of the members of our Chapter, for the opportunity of being your Dean for two wonderful years, and to two outstanding Executive Committees who have served with me. I will sadly be unable to be present at our closing banquet and recital, as a vital meeting has been called at my church regarding worship and music which I must attend. But I will look forward to seeing many of you at the convention in Houston and look forward to next fall, when we begin anew under the capable leadership of our new Dean, Michael Shake!

Kathy Johnson, Dean

Chapter Events 2015-2016

Final Event of the Year

10 May, Tuesday

End of Year Banquet *and* RTA Recital: Jan Kraybill, Organist

St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 5801 W. Plano Parkway, Plano TX 75093

Kraybill is Principal Organist for the Dome and Spire Organ Foundation, an affiliate of the international headquarters of Community of Christ in Independence, Missouri, and Organ Conservator at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City.

Recalling the outstanding recital played in 2009 by Jan Kraybill, the Robert T. Anderson Recital Series Committee invited her to make a return appearance on the 2015-16 series. She will play on Tuesday evening, May 10, on the large Letourneau organ at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Plano.

Ms. Kraybill's varied program will include the "Prelude & Chromatic Fugue" by Reznicek; a transcription of the "Chaconne" from Holst's First Suite for Military Band, which many of us who played in bands will remember from earlier years; her arrangement of a by Dave Brubeck; and two movements from Vierne's 4th Symphony.

6:00 pm - Social Hour

6:30 pm - Dinner (\$20 –reservations required)

7:30 pm - Recital

The Blue Mesa Fajita Grill Party Dinner is at 6:30 serving the following:

- Rainbow Chips, Fire Roasted Salsa, Red Salsa, Guacamole, and Classic Queso
- Southwestern Caesar Salad
- Grilled Chicken and Steak Fajitas with onions, peppers, cheese etc.
- Blue Corn Cheese Enchiladas
- Ginger Rice
- Smoky Black Beans
- Sweet Corn Cake
- Seasoned Mini Flan
- Cinnamon Coffee
- Passion Fruit Iced Tea



You definitely want to be at this party and you can if you **make your reservation by Thursday, May 5 by noon.**

Either call Charlene Dorsey at 817.277.2859 or email her at <mailto:dorseycpd11@msn.com> giving your name and number of reservations. The cost for this dinner is \$20 per person.

Let's give a SPECIAL THANKS to Françoise Webb for constructing and maintaining a comprehensive DFW Metroplex Events list for use during the year.

This is a link to Google Docs that will let you view what's going on in the area very easily!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NkBADsRWvnhCC7FAwXivc_tKt_WCZHCOyWHJz3yUD9o/edit?usp=sharing

If you have anything you wish to add to this list, please contact Françoise at: francoisewebb@yahoo.com

Robert T. Anderson Recital Series for 2015-2016



A Smashing Success!

7:30 p.m. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015
PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In co-operation with Park Cities Presbyterian Church, 4125 Oak Lawn Avenue in Dallas, the RTA Series presents **Simon Johnson**, Organist & Assistant Director of Music at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, since 2008. In addition to the daily round of services at St. Paul's, he also plays for all the important national services and events which take place there. A review in *Gramophone* called him "a brilliant and sensitive musician...achieving greatness through his calm demeanor." PCPC's large 2007 Schoenstein organ will serve as the vehicle for Mr. Johnson's recital. A reception for Patrons of the RTA Series will be held at a nearby residence following this concert.



Another Smashing Success!!!

7:30 p.m. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016
CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our second recital of the season will present concert organist **Vincent Dubois** on the new Juget-Sinclair organ at Christ the King Catholic Church, 8017 Preston Road, Dallas. In 2002, he won two major organ competitions: the Recital Gold Medal at the Calgary International Organ Competition, and the Grand Prize at the International competition of Toulouse, France. His performances have included numerous international music festivals and guest soloist appearances with orchestras in Europe, Asia, and North America. He was recently appointed Continuing Guest Artist at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he will have regular teaching residencies.



7:30 p.m. TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016
ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PLANO

Our final event of the season will be a return engagement of **Jan Kraybill**, whose 2009 Dallas recital electrified the audience. She is Principal Organist for the Dome and Spire Organ Foundation, an affiliate of the international headquarters of Community of Christ in Independence, MO, and Organ Conservator at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City. She regularly plays and oversees the care of the three largest pipe organs in the Kansas City metro area. In addition to her organ work, she is also a member of *Mensa*, and enjoys riding her Harley-Davidson with her husband. She will perform on the large Letourneau organ at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano, 5801 W. Plano Parkway, just

Regional AGO Convention in Dallas June 12-15, 2017

The Dallas Chapter of the AGO is pleased and excited to host the 2017 Southwest Regional Convention. With a population of over a million, and located in the fourth largest metroplex in the nation, Dallas continues its vibrant growth. It has become an important arts center and a hub for the organ world. Since the Regional Convention was held in Dallas in 2007, there have been over 10 new instruments that have been constructed or expanded.

The Dallas Chapter has had a long history of hosting successful conventions: the National Conventions of 1972 and 1994, and the Regional Conventions of 1977, and 2007. The 2017 Steering Committee has been hard at work and in future articles, we will be showcasing artists, presenters, workshop venues, and volunteer opportunities. Mark June 12-June 15, 2017 on your calendars! - René Schmidt

Commission from Dallas AGO Member to be Performed in Houston

Anne Bowman of the Dallas AGO has commissioned a piece, "Lenten Mourning Tears" for organ and viola, by her life-long friend, Dr. Adolphus C. Hailstork. It will be premiered at the AGO National Convention in Houston at 2pm and 4pm on Tuesday, June 21 at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Performers are Catherine Rodland, organ professor at St. Olaf College, and her sister, Carol Rodland, who teaches viola at Eastman.

Upcoming Local Events

Please see the flyers and posters attached to the Crescendo email

7 May, Saturday at 7:30 pm

Bradley Welch, organist

First United Methodist Church of Richardson, 503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, Tx. 75080

Bradley Welch Organ Recital, including First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir performing Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* with organ, harp & percussion.

Admission is free and a reception will follow.

13 May, Friday from 12:20-1:00 pm

Bach's Lunch - Dr. JuYeon J. Lee, Organ

First Presbyterian Church Longview, 301 N. Center St, Longview TX 75606

Free and open recital during lunchtime to the community sponsored by Longview Symphony orchestra.

Dr. JuYeon J. Lee, Organist/ Artist in Residence, Assistant Professor of Music, Wiley College

<http://www.longviewsymphony.org/bach-s-lunch-concert-series>

13 May, Friday at 7:30 pm

Silent Movie - Benjamin Kolodziej, organ

St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 6525 Inwood Road, Dallas TX 75209

Benjamin Kolodziej will accompany Harold Lloyd's last independent moving picture "Speedy"

15 May, Sunday at 5:00 pm

Armonia Celeste

Christ the King Catholic Church, 8017 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX 75225

The ensemble Armonia Celeste (Italian for "heavenly harmony") brings the music of the Italian Renaissance and Baroque eras vividly to life for audiences across America. With three distinct and beautiful female voices singing in close harmony accompanied by plucked-string period instruments, the musicians of Armonia Celeste infuse their historically informed performances with unforgettable passion and joy.

Free admission and parking, donations accepted

2 June, Thursday at Noon

Grady Coyle, organist

Christ the King Catholic Church, 8017 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX 75225

"Pange Lingua" by DeGringy and "Grand Piece Symphonique" by Franck followed by lunch in the Parish Center

7 June, Tuesday at 7:00 pm

The Quinta Essentia Recorder Quartet from Brazil

Christ the King Catholic Church, 8017 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX 75225

Four members and only one instrument. The Quinta Essentia recorder quartet is one of the main chamber music groups in Brazil and one of the few in the world spreading the recorder in different musical universes. Since 2006, the year of its formation, the group is considered the main representative of the Brazilian recorder practice.

Free admission and parking, donations accepted

10-11 June, Friday and Saturday

Church Music Institute Workshop

Zion Lutheran Church 6121 E. Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75214

Join CMI for its annual two-day Sacred Music & Worship Summer Workshop, "Music in Christian Worship: Forming Hearts and Habits of Faithfulness" at Zion Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX. Clinicians include Rev. Dr. Fred Anderson, Dr. Andrew Henderson, Mary W. Huff of Madison Avenue Presbyterian, NYC, and Dr. Christopher Aspaas of TCU. See the detailed schedule and register today! Early Registration Now Open at www.churchmusicinstitute.org or call (214) 751-7669

University Events

UNT Organ News

June 26, 2016: David Summers, Senior Recital, Winspear Hall, 3:30 pm
Works of Buxtehude, Bach, Franck, Messiaen, Vierne

June 30, 2016: Yangsum Yu (Sunny), DMA III Recital, Winspear, 6:30 pm
Works of Bach, Reger, Liszt, and Dupre

July 1, 2016: Alex Gilson, Senior Recital, Winspear Hall, 5:00 pm
Works of Bach, Franck, Dupre and others

Auditors welcome for Dr. Charles Brown's Fall 2016 course:

Ritual and Ritualizing Musical Instruments. *An investigation of the ritual worship properties of the organ and other musical instruments both in metaphor and practice. The course will explore the ritual properties of appropriate repertoire and improvisation techniques for the organ and other instruments.*

The time is Friday, 1:00-3:50 pm. The place is Music Building 253 (Organ Recital Hall)

Handbells for Sale

A complete 3-octave set (C4 – C7) of Schulmerich Handbells with original cases for sale. This sale will include 7 tables, 7 foam pads (4") and zippered carrying bags, 7 pinwale corduroy table covers in "Lush Red" for performance venues, mallets, bell tools, 7 music binder/stands and assorted HB gloves in both black and white. Played only by adult ringers on a limited basis. Bells purchased in 1993. Original bill of sale available to qualified buyer. All-black handles with "Quick-Adjust" clapperheads. Sale-priced currently at \$7280.00; this transaction will be exempt from sales tax. Owner prepared to answer questions and provide opportunity to view and play bells. Interested parties may contact Mark Unkenholz, Choirmaster/Organist at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Phone: 214.797.0991 or email: mark.unkenholz@ascensiondallas.org

Church Music Institute Workshop June 10-11

SACRED MUSIC & WORSHIP SUMMER WORKSHOP "Music in Christian Worship: Forming Hearts and Habits of Faithfulness" A Workshop for Clergy, Musicians, and Lay Persons presented by Church Music Institute in partnership with Brite Divinity School on Friday-Saturday, June 10-11, 2016.

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Fred Anderson, Dr. Andrew Henderson, and Mary Huff (Madison Avenue Presbyterian, NYC), Dr. Christopher Aspaas (TCU), and Rev. Dr. Robert Preece and Sam Eatherton, (Zion Lutheran Church)

Zion Lutheran Church 6121 E. Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75214

Early Registration Now Open at www.churchmusicinstitute.org or call (214) 751-7669

Register for Houston National AGO Convention before May 15th - Prices go UP then!

<http://agohouston2016.com/>

Right now the Dallas Chapter channels of *communication* and opportunities for *community* include:

communications@dallasago.org – WRITE DOWN YOUR THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS for consideration in our programming!

www.dallasago.com – CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE! KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

Facebook page: Dallas Chapter-American Guild of Organists – SHARE YOUR IDEAS ONLINE!

Various flyers and publicity notices we send out through your own contributions – SEND NOTICES, FLYERS and ARTICLES TO dallas.crescendo@gmail.com!

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Newsletter Submissions

Please email your submissions to dallas.crescendo@gmail.com and be sure to include all pertinent information. Pictures and email links are highly desirable. It is *most* helpful if you will include the address of upcoming events as well as any pertinent contact information. Your editor will be most grateful since these must be researched if not included!

**Submission deadline is by the
20th of May
to be in the May issue.**

If you know of someone who has changed email address recently, please have them *send the new email address to:*

communications@dallasago.org



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