

Newsletter

American Guild of Organists
Utah Valley Chapter
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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.

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Dean's Message

Welcome back! I hope your summer break was enjoyable, or at least that it had a few bright spots in it. Summer is my favorite season, and it seems I am not ready to say goodbye to the warmth and get into the fall routine quite yet. Oh well, hopefully our schedule of AGO meetings will help me find some pleasure in the shorter, cooler days ahead.

Our board has met together over the summer to plan the 2011-12 AGO calendar. It is very gratifying to work with such a fine group of people. They are awesome! I love the way each person does what they can with a spirit of willingness and cooperation. We have worked together to create a calendar of events that I feel supports the purpose of the AGO and meets the needs of our chapter members. I invite you to come to as many of the chapter activities as suits your needs and interests at this time.

"Small and Simple Things" continues as my theme for our chapter this year. We need not be individually amazing to have an amazing year together. There is no need for any one person to 'wear him- or herself out' for the cause of the chapter. On the other hand, if you have a desire to contribute, but feel underused and underwhelmed, *please let me know!* I'll do my best to help you get past those feelings very quickly!!!

Thanks for deciding to be a part of the chapter this coming year. I look forward to meeting together as friends and fellow organists in the coming months.

—Florence

Upcoming Events

- Sep. 2 James Welch Organ Recital, Friday, 7:30 p.m., Salt Lake Tabernacle - will be performing two major works by Jean Berveiller and Charles Widor (see email sent 8/30/11)
- Sep. 17 Opening Utah Valley Chapter Event - "Pedals, Pipes & Pizza," Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Provo Central Stake Center, 12th W. 5th N.
- Sep. 28 Neil Thornock, composer and organist, organ recital featuring works by Utah composers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall, BYU
- Sep. 30 Ceri Benson Graduate Recital (student of Don Cook), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC
- Oct. 6 The 21st Century Member Recital and Don Cook Recognition (see below)
- Oct. 16 Haruhito Miyago All-Liszt Organ Recital, Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Libby Gardner Hall, University of Utah (celebrating the 200th birthday of Franz Liszt)

"Pedals, Pipes & Pizza," Chapter Opening Event, Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Provo Central Stake Center, 12th W. 5th N.

In an email sent August 23, you were asked to print off the flyer prepared by Miranda Wilcox; and in addition to posting it in your chapels, invite youth pianists in your congregations to attend this event. Let them know they will be welcome to play a piano piece or hymn on the Bigelow mechanical action pipe organ.

Please make sure that any youth you invite have a ride to the event (either you, their parents, or their piano teacher). Contact Susan Morris (email on front page) with the number of youth and escorts who will be attending (by 9/14/11), so that she may make sure there will be enough pizza on hand to satisfy all who come.

New BYU Student Representative

We would like to welcome Sheri Peterson, a student of Dr. Cook's, as our new student representative on the Board (Felipe and his family have moved to Washington, DC for graduate work). Sheri has helped with proof-reading of the newsletter and recipes all last year. This year she will be even more actively involved, and we welcome her talents and gifts!

October Chapter Meeting - "The 21st Century Member Recital"

In addition to having an evening to honor Dr. Cook, our Dean, Florence, would like a program of organ pieces from you to illustrate what the organ means to each of us in the 21st century. She is hoping for a broad spectrum of composers/time periods. So pull out a favorite piece or start practicing a new one. The recital will be in Spanish Fork, on the first Thursday in October (the 6th), at 7:30 p.m. The address of the church, and practice times on the organ will be forthcoming. If interested in performing, please contact Sheri Peterson via email (find on front page of this newsletter).

Douglas E. Bush of our Chapter receives *Alumni Professorship Award*

On August 23, Brigham Young University President Cecil O. Samuelson welcomed faculty and staff members back to campus for the 2011-2012 academic year during the Annual University Conference Opening Session, where several outstanding members of the BYU community were honored. Our own Douglas Bush received the *Alumni Professorship Award*. One of these awards is given each year and honors a faculty member for teaching excellence and carries a three-year stipend made possible by the generosity of the BYU Alumni Association.

The meeting program included the following:

"Douglas E. Bush has an insatiable appetite for the organ—particularly for its place in history. His long list of performances spans the globe and includes playing organs from nearly every historical style and period. He has drawn much attention to BYU through his many collaborations. Reflective of his passion are his co-editorship of the monumental volume *The Organ: An Encyclopedia* and his community involvement, which includes all-Bach recitals and work with the American Guild of Organists. Among Douglas' great contributions is his success in inspiring students to develop and nurture their own passion for the organ, which provides a source of joy in their lives and in the lives of those whom they serve as church organists and teachers. Professor Bush is a model of professionalism, scholarship, and friendship."

Congratulations, Doug! We are very proud of you.

Eighteenth Annual Eccles Organ Festival begins September 11, sponsored by The Cathedral of the Madeleine, 331 E. South Temple, SLC

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| Sep. 11 | Bálint Karosi, Hungary |
| Sep. 25 | Ines Maidre, Estonia |
| Oct. 9 | Janette Fishell, Indiana University |
| Oct. 23 | Andrew Unsworth, Mormon Tabernacle |
| Nov. 6 | Chelsea Chen, New York City |

All recitals take place Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and are free of charge (although donations are gratefully accepted) and are open to the public.

The Eastman School of Music announces the tenth annual Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI) Festival presented in conjunction with the 6th Annual AGO Conference on Organ Pedagogy

This year's Festival (made possible with support from the Westfield Center) will present the topic of organ improvisation through a variety of compositional techniques and styles. The conference will alternate master classes featuring students at a variety of levels, panel discussions addressing the teaching of improvisation, and sessions that will provide attendees with resource material in the pedagogy of improvisation.

For more information and registration, go to:
www.esm.rochester.edu/eroi/festival-2011.php

**There will be no "Informal"
for September.**

Year-End Appeal for Contributions to the Annual Fund.

You all just received an email about contributing to the annual fund by August 31 in order to get your name into the December issue of *The American Organist*. There are many of you who couldn't care less about getting your name into the TAO but can still budget \$100 or less for the Annual Fund before the end of year.

This is a worthy cause. Happy budgeting!!!!!!

Important Websites:

David Chamberlin's music:
www.chamberlinmusic.com

Source of music for the LDS Organist:
www.wardorganist.com

Free music for the LDS Organist:
www.ldsorganist.org

Utah Valley Chapter AGO website:
www.uvago.org

BYU organ information
(including off-campus program):
www.organ.byu.edu

Salt lake Chapter AGO website:
www.slicago.org

Region IX Blog address:
www.agor9.blogspot.com

National AGO website:
www.agohq.org

Recipe of the Month

Grandma's Zucchini Casserole (submitted by Sheri Peterson)

1 ½ lb. zucchini
1 lb. ground beef
1 chopped onion
1 tsp. oregano
1 tsp. garlic salt
1 cup cooked rice (or 1 cup uncooked instant rice)
2 cups cottage cheese
1 can cream of mushroom soup
mushrooms, optional
1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Slice zucchini into 1/4 inch slices. Cook, drain, and set aside. Brown ground beef and onion. Add seasonings and rice. Layer in baking dish placing one half of the cooked zucchini, meat mixture, cottage cheese, and remaining zucchini. Pour cream of mushroom soup on top and spread around (mushrooms may be added). Sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake uncovered one hour at 350 degrees.