



American Guild of
ORGANISTS
Central Arkansas Chapter

THE CLARION

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Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music; inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors; provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support; nurture future generations of organists; promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

2023-2024 Officers

Jason Saugey, *dean*
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Colin MacKnight (2024)
John Alec Briggs (2025)
Patrick Jennings (2026)

From the Dean

Greetings, Friends!

I hope all of your December celebrations ran smoothly and that those whom you serve were inspired and edified by the message of the music you, your choirs, and ensembles offered to mark the miracle of Bethlehem. And I also hope that in these twelve days of Christmas you will have had a chance to celebrate too, apart from your duties as church musicians. Self-care is important in these busy times of the year, especially for musicians, to find peace and calm in the silence.

Instead of a business meeting and a program this month, we will gather after the Feast of the Epiphany to build community among us, to get to know each other better. It is also an opportunity to share our community with colleagues and friends—both musicians and non-musicians alike. Be sure to take note of the date and time,

and to invite friends of music to attend with you. Friends of music include your choir singers, ensemble musicians who serve with you, your clergy, your students, supporters of your various music programs, and anyone engaged in church music and/or the arts.

I look forward to seeing and greeting you all this January and to meeting new friends and prospective members, as we look forward to a wonderful series of spring programs, thrilling concerts, and educational and teaching opportunities for all ages. Let's make 2024 a year of outreach, welcoming, relationship-building, and growth.

Christ's Peace,
Jason Saugey, CAGO

Upcoming Newsletter

The February 2024 *Clarion* will be published Monday, January 29. If you have any items to submit (news, events, announcements, job postings, personal ads, opinion pieces, prayer requests) please send them to adam@cacago.org. The deadline is Friday, January 26.

Upcoming CACAGO Programs

Friday, February 9, 7:30 P.M.
Benjamin LaPrairie, organist
Cathedral of Saint Andrew
617 S. Louisiana St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, April 12, 7:30 P.M.
The Twentieth Annual Concert
Celebrating the Life of
Robert Young Ellis
Adam Chlebek, organist
Christ Episcopal Church
509 Scott St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

JANUARY GATHERING

CACAGO Post-Holiday Drop-in

☉ **Friday, January 12, 2024**
5:00-8:00 P.M.

📍 **Home of Bob Bidewell**
7 Edenfield Cove
Little Rock, Arkansas

Casual attire, Cocktails/Wine and Hors d'oeuvres

RSVP: There is no cost to attend the party. To RSVP, contact James Stanley via e-mail (dinner@cacago.org), or voice/text (229) 561-1177.

RSVP by noon, Wednesday, January 10!

Organ Substitutes Needed!

We all need subs regularly—at least those of us who need to be away on vacation from time to time or for whatever reason. There're also those instances when others might contact us for leads on someone we know who might be available to play a wedding or a funeral. Often when those calls come, it's difficult to brainstorm names on the spot. In the past, the Chapter has maintained a current listing of colleagues willing to serve as subs or play weddings and funerals at various other venues other than one's own. We're currently in the process of revitalizing this list. If you are available as a Sunday sub, a holy day sub, or just for weddings and funerals, please contact John Alec Briggs, who will be compiling the list. You may contact him by email: jbriggs@stmargaretschurch.org.

Madrigal Dinner

Friday, January 5 • 6:00 P.M.

Cathedral of Saint Andrew
617 Louisiana St
Little Rock, AR 72201-4203

This will be a multi course dinner prepared by Fr. Shaun Welsey. Tickets are on sale by contacting Beau Baldwin, Cathedral Organist, (501) 374-2794 or music@csalr.org.

Twelfth Night: Epiphany Lessons and Carols

Sunday, January 7 • 4:00 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
310 W 17th St
Little Rock, AR 72206-1461

If you are sad that the Christmas season is concluding, fear not! On January 7, Trinity will have *Twelfth Night*, a service of Epiphany lessons and carols featuring beloved hymns and choral music for the season of Epiphany. Following the service, there will be burning of the greens and a s'mores reception.

Colin MacKnight Organ Recital

Friday, February 2 • 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
310 W 17th St
Little Rock, AR 72206-1461

Colin MacKnight will perform an organ recital on Trinity's Muller organ. The program will include Colin's transcription of Bach's Chaconne, arguably the pinnacle of the solo violin repertoire. After the recital, join us for a reception in Morrison Hall.

Treasurer's Report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
REVENUE		ADMINISTRATIVE	
Dues	\$2,385.00	Dues to National	
Ad Sales		Catering/Reception	\$1,338.56
Meals	\$985.00	Marketing/Public Relations	
Carry Over (FY23)	\$4,614.91	Remaining Expenses	\$176.00
Other/Mail			\$1,514.56
	<u>\$7,984.91</u>		
SUPPORT		ARTISTIC	
Individuals	\$2,650.00	Artist Fees/Housing	\$5,138.91
Corporate/Church	\$1,500.00	Remaining Expenses (ACH)	
Endowment	\$1,304.03	Tech/Production	
	<u>\$5,454.03</u>		<u>\$5,138.91</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,438.94	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,653.47
		BALANCE	\$6,785.47

Arts Calendar

Friday, January 5 – 6:00 P.M.

Madrigal Dinner
Cathedral of Saint Andrew the Apostle
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, January 7 – 4:00 P.M.

Twelfth Night: Epiphany Lessons and Carols
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
Little Rock, AR

Tuesday, January 16 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Rochberg & Khachaturian
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, January 27 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Saint-Saens Organ Symphony
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, January 28 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Saint-Saens Organ Symphony
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Friday, February 2 – 7:00 P.M.

Colin MacKnight Organ Recital
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
Little Rock, AR

Friday, February 9 – 7:30 P.M.

CACAGO: Benjamin LaPrairie, organist
Cathedral of Saint Andrew the Apostle
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, February 10 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Bond & Beyond
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, February 11 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Pops: Bond & Beyond
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, February 22 – 7:30 P.M.

LR Winds: Hobbits and Sax
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, February 24 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Beethoven
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, February 25 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Beethoven
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Tuesday, February 27 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Schubert & Pejacevic
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, March 9 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Capathia Jenkins
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, March 10 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Pops: Capathia Jenkins
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, March 14 – 7:30 P.M.

LR Winds: Music of the Winds
UA-Pulaski Tech CHARTS Theater
North Little Rock, AR

Saturday, April 6 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: The Planets
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, April 7 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: The Planets
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Friday, April 12 – 7:30 P.M.

CACAGO: Adam Chlebek, organist
Christ Episcopal Church
Little Rock, AR

Tuesday, April 16 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Larsen & Moszkowski
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, April 25 – 7:30 P.M.

CMSLR: Ariana Kim, violin
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, April 25 – 7:30 P.M.

LR Winds: Gershwin, Porgy, and More
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, AR