



Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

The
Clarion
March 2023

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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.

2022-2023 Officers

Bob Bidewell, *dean*
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Executive Committee

Karen Horton (2023)
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John Briggs (2025)

From the Dean

I hope everyone is having a meaningful beginning to the Lenten season. The hymns, anthems, and service music for this penitential segment of the liturgical calendar are some of my favorites.

Due to a theatre conflict, I was unable to attend the Hymn Festival and Organ Workshop by guest artist David Cherwien. I'm so sorry that I had to miss these amazing events! I am so thankful for host musician Jacquelyn Magnuson and the folks at Grace Lutheran Church/Little Rock for hosting. And, thankful for our board members who carried on in my absence. I understand Mr. Cherwien was an exceptional organist and clinician.

Looking ahead, we welcome Damin Spritzer back to Little Rock with a concert at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church on Friday, March 3. Her program looks amazing, and I can't wait to hear her artistry. Her program here a few years back will always remain as one of my favorites. I love that she programs works that might not be familiar but are accessible to all. And, I've asked that she program some works by

women composers in honor of Women's History Month. I hope you will join us for our Chapter punchbowl and dinner before the recital and a festive reception afterward! More information may be found below.

I would like to welcome several new members to our Chapter: Ian Aipperspach, John Parrack, and Frode Gunderson. We are so honored to have you as part of our flock!

Betty Cohen and her committee are finalizing the officer slate for 2023-2024 and will present that in April. We will vote for that slate in May. I'm so appreciative of this committee.

I'm writing this on Thursday evening, February 23. This morning, the Christ Church Choir sang for a funeral of a long-time parishioner and choir member. I was reminded that, even in death, there is life. The music was uplifting, fitting, and proper for the service. May your Lenten Season be one of inward hope and care. Let us all look forward to Easter!

Peace, my friends,
Bob

Upcoming Newsletter

The April 2023 *Clarion* will be published Monday, April 3. 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, March 31.

MARCH MEETING

Organ Concert
Damin Spritzer, *organist*

☉ Friday, March 3, 2023

6:00 P.M. – Punchbowl

6:30 P.M. – Dinner & Meeting

7:30 P.M. – Concert

📍 Pulaski Heights UMC

4823 Woodlawn Dr.

Little Rock, Arkansas

DINNER RESERVATIONS: The cost for dinner is \$20.00. For dinner reservations, contact Dr. Jane Gamble via e-mail (dinner@cacago.org), or voice/text (901) 827-7909, or complete the dinner reservation form on the chapter website. *Please provide the names of your guests so that nametags may be printed for them.*

**Dinner reservations are due by
noon, Wednesday, March 1!**

Upcoming CACAGO Programs

Friday, March 3, 7:30 P.M.

Damin Spritzer, *organist*

Pulaski Heights UMC

4823 Woodlawn Dr.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

The 19th Annual Concert

Celebrating the Life of

Robert Young Ellis

Andrew Van Varick, *organist*

Cathedral of Saint Andrew

617 S. Louisiana St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, March 11

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

The Pipes, Pedal, and Pizza event initially scheduled for March has been postponed, due to scheduling conflicts. The board will work to include it next year's schedule of events.

Friday, May 5, 7:30 P.M.

Fred Teardo, *organist*

First Presbyterian Church

800 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Biography of Damin Spritzer

Dr. Damin Spritzer is Area Chair and Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Oklahoma and holds degrees from the University of North Texas, the Eastman School of Music, and the Oberlin Conservatory.

She has performed at historic churches and instruments in Iceland, Germany, France, England, Brazil, Israel, Italy, and Norway, and been honored to contribute to convention performances and lectures for the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, and the Anglican Association of Musicians. Spritzer's acclaimed fifth CD, recorded in England, as the first American and first woman to record at Hereford Cathedral. It received five stars from Organists Review, which said, "Damin Spritzer's

performance is spellbinding – and her wide-ranging program notes are fascinating...on so many levels this CD impresses as a serious undertaking." Her sixth CD, recorded in England, will be released this fall.

Alsation-American composer René Louis Becker (1882-1956) was the topic of her doctoral research, leading to three world premier recordings of Becker's music in France at Saint-Salomon-Saint-Gregoire, Pithiviers, the Cathédrale Sainte-Croix, Orléans, and the Kimball organ of St. John's Cathedral, Denver. The fourth CD, "Fantasia," was a collaborative project with trombone. Future recording projects are planned in France and the United States.

March Program

Damin Spritzer, *organist*

Fantasia und Fuge über Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johann Senfter (1879-1961)

Meditation (from In the Bottoms)

Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

arr. G. B. Nevin

Elegy

Mary Howe (1882-1964)

Triptyque

Meditation

Extase

Joie

Germaine Labole (1896-1942)

Bach's Memento: Miserere Mei, Domine

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

arr. Charles-Marie Widor

Chaconne in d minor, BWV 1004

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

arr. H. Messerer

English Pastoral

Freda Swain (1902-1985)

Caprice (from Two Monologues)

Harvey Grace (1874-1944)

Rhapsody IV Bene psallite in vociferatione (Psalm 33, v. 3)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Noonday Prayer
Fridays in Lent

February 24 – March 31 • 12:10 P.M.

First United Methodist Church
1610 Prince St
Conway, AR 72034-3935

First United Methodist Church, Conway, will offer Noonday Prayer on Fridays in Lent. Each week, besides customary seasonal prayers for Noonday, these 30-40 minute services will feature a different organist from Central Arkansas who will offer three works from the repertoire as a vehicle for meditation and introspection. First United Methodist Church invites the community to these weekly opportunities for an alternative noon-time activity fostering calm, quiet, and reflection. For more information regarding Noonday Prayer at FUMC, Conway, please contact Director of Music Jason Saugey (jason@conwayfumc.org).

James O'Donnell In Residence

Friday, March 10 • 7:00 P.M.
Lecture with James O'Donnell

Sunday, March 12 • 10:30 A.M. & 4:00 P.M.
James O'Donnell Conducts Choral Eucharist & Evensong

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

James O'Donnell will present a lecture Friday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. A free reception will follow. 5:30 p.m. pre-lecture wine reception with Mr. O'Donnell and reserved priority seating during the lecture for \$150.

James O'Donnell will conduct Choral Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. and Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. A reception will follow Evensong.

University Central Arkansas Choir
Dr. Paul Mayhew, director

Sunday, March 5 • 3:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church
1610 Prince St
Conway, AR 72034-3935

The concert is free and open to the public.

Concordia College Choir

Wednesday, March 8 • 7:30 P.M.

St. James United Methodist Church
321 Pleasant Valley Dr
Little Rock, AR 72212-3157

The Concordia College Choir from Moorhead, MN will present a concert at St. James UMC. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite.

Organ Concert
Jane Gamble, organist

Thursday, March 9 • 7:00 P.M.

Christ Episcopal Church
509 Scott St
Little Rock, AR 72201-3807

The program will include music by Guilfant, Howells, Bach, Jongen, and Paulus, and is part of the Arts@ChristChurch concert series.

Lent Concert

Monday, March 13 • 7:00 P.M.

Trinity United Methodist Church
1101 N Mississippi St
Little Rock, AR 72207-5903

Tchaikovsky Piano Trio: Geoffrey Robson, violin; David Gerstein, cello; Hee-Kyung Juhn, piano. Free admission.

Piano Dedication Concert

Sunday, March 26 • 3:00 P.M.

Trinity United Methodist Church
1101 N Mississippi St
Little Rock, AR 72207-5903

Free admission.

Treasurer's Report

INCOME	EXPENSES
<p>REVENUE</p> <p>Dues \$2,466.00</p> <p>Ad Sales</p> <p>Meals \$1,100.00</p> <p>Carry Over (FY22) \$3,789.82</p> <p>Other/Mail</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$7,355.82</p> <p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Individuals \$3,065.14</p> <p>Corporate/Church \$3,580.00</p> <p>Endowment \$1,312.18</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$7,957.32</p> <p>TOTAL INCOME \$15,313.14</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>Dues to National \$40.00</p> <p>Catering/Reception \$2,580.00</p> <p>Marketing/Public Relations</p> <p>Remaining Expenses \$592.46</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$3,212.46</p> <p>ARTISTIC</p> <p>Artist Fees/Housing \$5,421.54</p> <p>Remaining Expenses (ACH)</p> <p>Tech/Production</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$5,421.54</p> <p>TOTAL EXPENSES \$8,634.00</p> <p>BALANCE \$6,479.14</p>

Position Available

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Position: Part-time Organist

Compensation: \$34,000-\$36,000

Job Description: We are seeking an organist who demonstrates significant performance skill and professional experience both in worship and concert settings. This person should exhibit a passion for the organ: 1) with an interest in a diverse range of organ literature; 2) through an ability to bring the liturgy to life; 3) by demonstrating excellence as an accompanist and ensemble member; and 4) by effectively building appreciation and understanding of the organ within our community. This person must also demonstrate command of the piano as an accompanying instrument within a variety of musical styles and settings.

Please send applications to: Angelyn Dale, angelyndale@bostonavenue.org

Arts Calendar

Friday, March 3 – 7:30 P.M.

CACAGO: Damin Spritzer, organist
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, March 5 – 3:00 P.M.

UCA Choir Concert
First United Methodist Church
Conway, AR

Sunday, March 5 – 3:00 P.M.

Arkansas Chamber Singers
St. Edward Catholic Church
Little Rock, AR

Wednesday, March 8 – 7:30 P.M.

Concordia College Choir
St. James United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, March 9 – 7:00 P.M.

Jane Gamble, organist
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Little Rock, AR

Saturday, March 11 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Jurassic Park
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

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Little Rock, AR

Sunday, March 26 – 3:00 P.M.

Piano Dedication Concert
Trinity United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, April 1 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Zuill Bailey Plays Dvorak
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, April 2 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Zuill Bailey Plays Dvorak
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Tuesday, April 4 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Zuill Bailey
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, April 16 – 2:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Monday, April 17 – 7:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, April 20 – 7:30 P.M.

CMSLR: Jeremy Crosmer, cello
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, April 20 – 7:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Friday, April 21 – 7:30 P.M.

CACAGO: Andrew Van Varick, organist
Cathedral of Saint Andrew the Apostle
Little Rock, AR

Tuesday, April 25 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Moncayo, Damase, Franck
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, April 27 – 7:30 P.M.

Little Rock Winds: Tradition & Temptation
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, AR

Friday, May 5 – 7:30 P.M.

CACAGO: Fred Teardo, organist
First Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, May 6 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Symphonie Fantastique
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, May 7 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Symphonie Fantastique
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR