

THE CLARION

October 2008

"Hear Ye! Hear Ye!"

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Proclamation

**Know Ye All People
By These Presents
Greetings:**

WHEREAS, the American Guild of Organists, (AGO) is the world's largest and foremost professional association of organists, has declared July 2008 through June 2009 as the International Year of the Organ; and

WHEREAS, the AGO was founded in 1896 as an educational and service organization and is organizing one of the largest global music celebrations of its kind this year; and

WHEREAS, the AGO's mission is to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, as well as promote the organ and provide a forum for education and inspiration for its members; and

WHEREAS, the international Year of the Organ will feature numerous events worldwide including concerts, recitals, organ-building workshop, organ music appreciation classes for students; and

WHEREAS, the 18,000 members of the AGO in the United States and abroad will celebrate the "King of Instruments" its colorful history, and its contributions to the universal language of music throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Central Arkansas Chapter, a regional chapter of the American Guild of Organists established in 1929 as the Arkansas Chapter and re-chartered in 1957 as the Central Arkansas Chapter will officially commence observance of the International Year of the Organ with a concert featuring acclaimed young organist Ms. Chelsea Chen; and

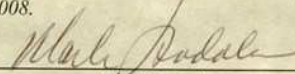
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Stodola, Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2008 as

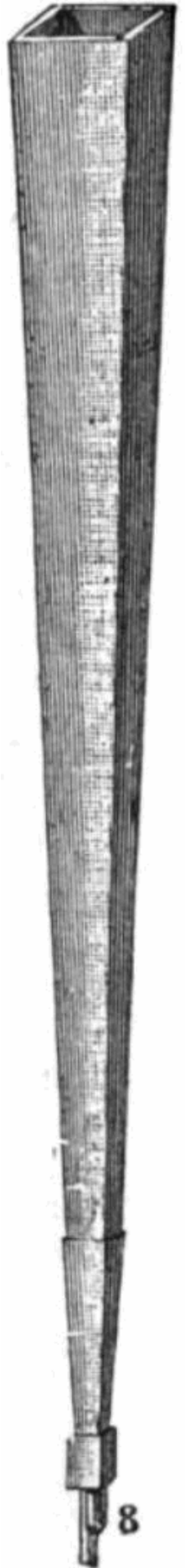
"International Year of the Organ Day"

and urge all citizens of Little Rock to join me.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Little Rock to be affixed on this 24th day of October in the year of our Lord, 2008.


Mark Stodola
Mayor



About the CACAGO Members Meeting and Recital

Friday October 24, 2008

Christ Episcopal Church

5th and Scott Streets, Little Rock

Punchbowl: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Concert: 8:00 PM

Dinner reservations may be placed via-email to dinner@cacago.org. Marian Berry is accepting reservations through wed, Oct. 22nd. You should place any reservation directly with her via the email address or her phone of 501-663-1693. This is a special meeting celebrating the International Year of the Organ; we look forward to seeing you there!

"An Autumnal Feast" Catered By "Anne and Sylvia"

Glazed Ham

Southern Sweet Potato Casserole

Green Beans

Rolls

Pumpkin Bars

Please tell Marian Berry which meal you would like to enjoy for our dinner meeting upon making your reservation!

Our 08/09 Yearbooks will also be distributed at this meeting make sure you get one!

Vegetarian Alternative Available:

Fall Salad, and steamed Vegetables

From The Dean:

October is upon us and we are all in the midst of fall music preparations and activities. For some it is preparing seasonal programs such as November "Saints" events, Advent programming, hanging of the greens, selling greenery, booking musicians for special events.

It is easy to become so mired in the mundane, non-musical aspects of music programming that we forget the primary music of the organ and its leadership role in animating people of a faith; to create an energy, an accompaniment, to define a mood, to underscore an activity.

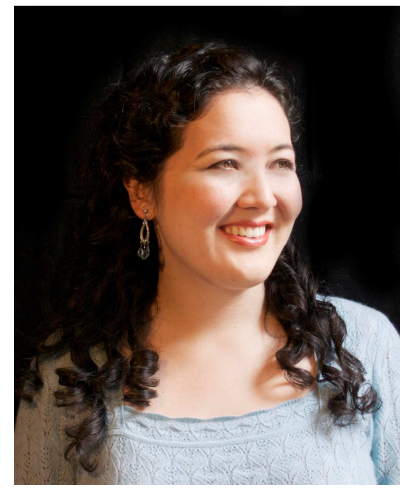
The INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN will officially be celebrated in the third week of this month. We in the CACAGO will kick off our participation in this global festivity with a concert by a young, up and coming woman organist, Chelsea Chen. See her biographical information later in the Clarion.

As our chapter last month began our season with the delightful offerings of our young members, it is a great thrill to have another young professional organist of top caliber providing all of us with inspiring playing.

Throughout the whole of 2008-2009 we will have programming to herald the International Year of the Organ. We have already received an official Mayoral proclamation from Mark Stodola pronouncing October 24th as the International year of the Organ Day in Little Rock. May I suggest we talk up this unique event, the kick off concert, and our visiting artist to as many of our music loving and church music-making friends as possible.

Regards,

Phil Bordeleau
Dean: CACAGO



Chelsea Chen: Our Artist

www.chelseachen.com

Her Programme:

Dupre: 1st movement from the passion symphony

Hindemith: Sonata No.1

Chelsea Chen: Taiwanese Suite (I. Hills in the Spring time, II. Moonlight Blue, III. Mountain of Youth)

Intermission

Durufle: Prelude and Fugue on Alain

Vierne: Naides

Reger: Chorale-Fantasy on "Hallelujah! Gott zu loben"

Chelsea in Brief: Originally from San Diego, California, Ms. Chen studied piano from a young age with Jane Bastien and Lori Bastien Vickers. At fifteen she began organ lessons with Leslie Robb, and later with Monte Maxwell. She then went on to study with John Weaver and Paul Jacobs at Juilliard, receiving her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. From 2003-06 she was organist at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Manhattan and a leader of the Juilliard Christian Fellowship. In 2006-2007 she composed and performed in Taiwan as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar. Currently she is in the Artist Diploma program at Yale studying with Thomas Murray.



MISCELLANEOUS PIPING

This section of the Clarion is devoted to misc information or events. If you have anything you would like posted please send that to Editor@cacago.org.

MINUTES OF CACAGO MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008
LAKEWOOD UMC, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
HOST--BARBARA LUSK

The meeting was called to order.

The hosts and chefs were thanked for the delicious meal. The five recitalists were introduced-- Jonathan Merritt, Conner McMains, Rees Roberts, Jackson Berry, and Adam Savacool. The parents of Rees and Jackson were also introduced. Guests were acknowledged. Three birthday people were serenaded. Betty Deislinger gave the treasurer's report. Our finances are in good order; Phil, our dean, did make a plea for donations to cover completely the cost of programming this year. He also discussed the programs for the year, including the January organ-orchestra gala and the one in November at First Presbyterian in Little Rock with the reception afterward at the Masonic temple next door. The November program will give CACAGO members an opportunity to again give to Arkansas Children's Charities that is a part of Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Phil, Carol Majors, Jess Anthony, Nathan Beethe, and Bob Bidewell announced coming events at their respective churches and in the community.

The meeting adjourned, and we went to the sanctuary to hear our "Young and Rising Stars" concert.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Anderson, secretary

There will be a reception honoring Mr. Lyndon Finney, in celebration of his 35th anniversary as Organist at Immanuel Baptist Church. The reception will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Horne Hall.

Immanuel Baptist Church

501 N. Shackelford Road
Little Rock, AR. The public is invited to attend.

Sunday, November 2nd
6:00 p.m.
An All Saints' Day Remembrance
Featuring

"The Mass of the Celtic Saints"

Performed by:

St. Paul's Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, oboist Shannon Clardy.

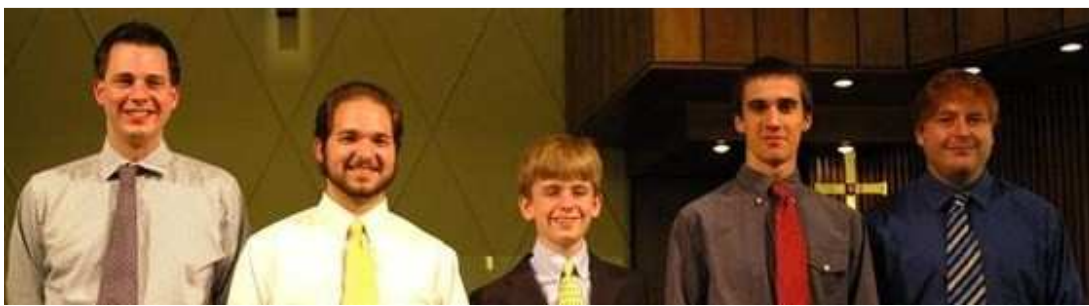
At

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2223 Durwood Road, Little Rock.

The program is free and open to all. For more information: contact

Bob Bidewell: Organist/ Choir Master

bbidewell@sbcglobal.net



Jonathan Merritt, Conner McMains, Reese Roberts, Jackson Berry, & Adam Savacool.

Nov 28th Ken Cowan, Organist / Lisa Shehoten, Violinist

In a Concert Benefiting the Pediatric Injury Prevention Program Arkansas Children's Hospital

Presented By:

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas Free and Accepted Masons

Dr. James Graham, Grand Master

And

Nichols & Simpson, Inc., Organbuilders

First Presbyterian Church Little Rock

Dinner Meeting – 6:00 pm

Concert – 8:00 pm

Gala Reception to follow at the Albert Pike Masonic Temple

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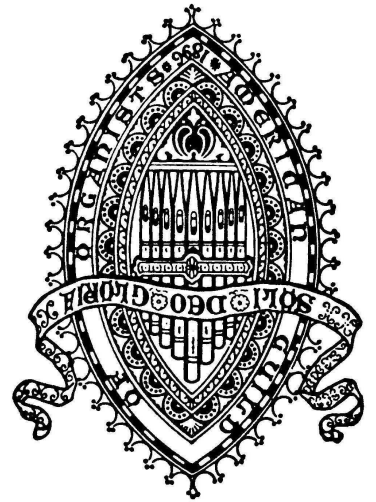


Monday, November 10th
7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Andrew
Annual "Requiem"
program of remembrance
Puccini "Requiem",
Durufle, "Messe CUM JUBILO"
for male chorus and orchestra,
Creston, "Psalm 23" and Hallock,
"Pheonix" for Choir, cello and harp.

Phil Bordeleau, Director.

For additional information call
501-374-2794 ext 228.



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THE 08 /09 SEASON

October 08

24th- Chelsea Chen: Christ Episcopal Little Rock.
www.chelseachen.com Dinner 6:00 pm Concert 8:00pm

November 08

28th- Ken Cowan and Lisa Shehoten: First Presbyterian Little Rock.
6:00pm Concert 8pm

December 08

5th- Annual Christmas Party at Bob Bidewell's home in North Little Rock. 7:00pm – 9:00pm

January 09

23rd- Organ and Orchestra at Cathedral St. Andrew Little Rock
6:00pm - Concert 8pm

February 09

27th- Jeffery Blersch playing a program of hymns and recital pieces at Grace Lutheran, Little Rock. Dinner 6:00pm - Concert 8pm

28th- Jeffery Blersch on service playing and worship at Grace Lutheran. 10:00am – Noon.

March 09

20th- Artist and Location To Be Announced

April 09

17th- first of two concerts for the 6th Annual Organ Recital series celebrating the life of Robert Ellis

the first recital will be at First Presbyterian in Little Rock.

Nathan Laube from The Curtis Institute will be performing.

6:00pm - Concert 8pm

19th- second of two concerts for the 6th Annual Organ Recital series celebrating the life of Robert Ellis

the second recital will feature Nathan Laube at FUMC Arkadelphia.

Concert 4:00pm

May 09

15th- Laura Ellis at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Little Rock.

Dinner 6:00pm - Concert 8pm

