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**Birmingham Chapter of
The American Guild of Organists
October 2012**



Charles Kennedy, Dean

A WORD FROM THE DEAN

Greetings! I am very pleased to report that the chapter approved, unanimously, its new Chapter Operating Procedures at its most recent business meeting on September 10. The new operating procedures will do much to clarify and streamline the way we do business. In a similar vein, we have now before us a set a revised Chapter Bylaws, which have been approved by the Executive Committee for a vote by the full chapter. The plan (pending final approval of the Executive Committee) is to conduct the vote by mail, mailing the ballots to chapter members on November 1. Included with the ballots will be an explanation of the purpose of the mailing, the procedure to follow, a copy of the proposed Revised Bylaws, a stamped return envelope marked "ballot" with the respective chapter member's name handwritten on it, and a ballot to mark "approve" or "disapprove." Ballots must be received by December 1 in order to

be counted. *Your vote is very important. We need for every chapter member to participate.* Approved Revised Bylaws will be posted on the chapter website with the Chapter Operating Procedures. If they are not approved, we will ask members to submit changes. Approved Revised Bylaws and Chapter Operating Procedures will be sent to the Regional Councillor and National Vice President for approval.

I am pleased to announce the arrival, as of the first of November, of Dr. Frederick T. Teardo as Director of Music and Organist at the Cathedral Church of the Advent. His wife Leslie will begin her duties at the same time as Music Associate at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Fred has held positions as Assistant Organist and Associate Organist at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, in New York City for the past six years, and Leslie has served as Director of Music and Liturgical Arts at First United Methodist Church in Westport, Connecticut for the past four years. Leslie is also a current AGO Chapter Dean. Both Fred and Leslie look forward to their work here in Birmingham, serving the community, and being active members of the Birmingham AGO Chapter. Additionally, we will have the opportunity to hear Fred in his debut Birmingham organ recital on Sunday, December 2, 4:00 p.m. at

the Cathedral Church of the Advent. Let us welcome Fred and Leslie to Birmingham with great enthusiasm!

Charles M. Kennedy
Dean



Dan Lawhon, Sub Dean

Greetings,
We started our year at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham on Monday, September 10th with Laura Ellis, the AGO Area IV Councilor. Laura shared with us some of the changes that are occurring at the national level. Our 2012 POE/POEA Scholarship recipients also shared their exciting POE/POEA experiences this summer. We had a strong attendance and good spirit.

As you know, Christian Lane will lead a Masterclass Saturday, October 27th in Reid Chapel at 10:30 a.m. He will also present a recital Sunday, October 28th in Reid Chapel at 2:30 p.m. The AGO will host a reception for Christian following his recital. We hope that you will make plans to attend both of these events.

Jeff Johnson has opened his home for our dinner with Peter Dubois on Saturday, November 17th at 5 p.m. It will be catered by O'Carr's of Homewood. Please go to the website to make a reservation for that evening of fellowship and great food. Also, James Dorroh, has agreed to host our

Epiphany party, scheduled for Friday, January 4th at 6 p.m. You will need to sign up for the Epiphany party, as well.

Remember other upcoming chapter events for next year:

February 11th—Choral and Organ Reading Session at Shades Valley Lutheran

March 11th—Fritz Noack speaking on the Art of Organ Building at Baptist Church of the Covenant

April 8th—Student Recital at Independent Presbyterian

May 13th—Hymn Festival led by Scott Elsholz at Sixth Avenue Baptist

Check your AGO website for the listing of many fine choral and organ events and put them on your personal schedule so that you will not miss them. There will be more to come later on the exciting programs for the spring.

Sincerely,
Dan Lawhon
Sub-Dean

Birmingham Chapter 2012-2013 Calendar of Events

October
Masterclass with Christian Lane
Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, 10:30 a.m.
Reid Chapel, Samford University

Recital by Christian Lane, followed by reception
Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
Reid Chapel, Samford University

November
Dinner with Peter Dubois
Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
Home of Jeff Johnson

January
Epiphany Party
Friday, January 4, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Home of James Dorroh

February

Lois Fyfe Music: Choral and Organ Music Reading Session

Monday, Feb. 11, 2013
Shades Valley Lutheran Church
Dinner 6:00 p.m.; Business meeting 6:30 p.m.;
Program 7:00 p.m.

March

Fritz Noack: The Art of Organ Building

Monday, March 11, 2013
Baptist Church of the Covenant
Dinner 6:00 p.m.; Business meeting 6:30 p.m.;
Program 7:00 p.m.

April

Student Recital

Monday, April 8, 2013
Independent Presbyterian Church
Dinner 6:00 p.m.; Business meeting 6:30 p.m.; Program
7:00 p.m.

Boyd Jones: The Art of Registration Adaptation

Saturday, April 20, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Baptist Church of the Covenant

May

Hymn Festival with Scott Elsholz; Installation of New Executive Committee Class

Monday, May 13, 2013
Sixth Avenue Baptist Church
Dinner 6:00 p.m.; Business meeting 6:30 p.m.; Program
7:00 p.m.

From the Chapter Online Calendar

October 26, 2012: 12:30 PM

Mid-Day Musical Menu in Clingman Commons
The LeBaron Trio - Melanie Williams, soprano; Lori
Ardivino, clarinet and saxophone; Laurie Midduagh, piano
Cathedral Church of the Advent, 2017 Sixth Avenue North,
Birmingham, AL 35203

October 28, 2012: 4:00 PM

Service of Choral Evensong
IPC Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis – Roland Martin, African
Versicles and Response – Barry Rose, Keep Watch, Dear
Lord – Craig Phillips, Abide with Me – Richard Webster,
voluntaries by Vierre
Independent Presbyterian Church

October 28, 2012: 7:30 PM

POULENC FOR ORGAN, CHOIR, AND ORCHESTRA: AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

James Cook, organ soloist; BSC Concert Choir and
Canterbury UMC, Lester Seigel, conductor
Commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Canterbury
Canterbury United Methodist Church, 350 Overbrook
Road, Mt Brook, AL

October 31, 2012: 9:30 PM

Organ Spooktacular
Lester Seigel, Jim Cook, and BSC Students and alumni
J.S. Bach, C-M Widor, G. Thalben-Ball, and others
"Organists behaving badly"
Hill Recital Hall, BSC Campus

November 4, 2012: 4:00 PM

November Organ Recital Series
Vincent Dubois
Independent Presbyterian Church

November 9, 2012: 8:00 PM

ASO, Sursum Corda in Concert
The Alabama Symphony Orchestra, soloists, and Sursum
Corda, with Justin Brown conducting
Works by Thomas Ades and Henry Purcell, including a
complete performance of "Dido and Aeneas"
Jemison Concert Hall, Alys Stephens Center, UAB

November 11, 2012: 4:00 PM

November Organ Recital Series
Nathan Laube
Independent Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2012: 00:00 AM

2013 UA Organ Scholarship Competition: Recorded Round Competition is in partial celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Holtkamp Concert Hall organ

November 16, 2012: 12:30 PM

Mid-Day Musical Menu

John Deaver, organ

John Deaver is Organist-Choirmaster of Trinity Episcopal Church in Covington, Kentucky.

Cathedral Church of the Advent, 2017 Sixth Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203

November 18, 2012: 4:00 PM

November Organ Recital Series

Peter Dubois

Independent Presbyterian Church

November 25, 2012: 4:00 PM

November Organ Recital Series

Peter Sykes

Independent Presbyterian Church

November 30, 2012: 7:30 PM

BSC ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

The Choirs of Birmingham-Southern College Department of Music

A variety of carols and motets from all styles for the season

This is the 76th annual carol service of the BSC Concert Choir, Southern Chorale and Alumni Choir

Canterbury United Methodist Church, 350 Overbrook Road, Mt Brook, AL