

THE BIRMINGHAM CHIFF

...off the old blockflute



Birmingham Chapter of The American Guild of Organists October 1, 2010



Jamie McLemore, Dean

November 2010 – Turkey - almost!

Dear Chapter Members,
Mid-terms have come and gone and here we are in the two busiest months of the year in both the church and school calendar. Do take time to get some rest - if at all possible.

I have heard great comments about the October program with Dale Adelman. I am sorry that I had to be out of town and miss his program. Many have said that the recording he played from his choir was stunning and that his comments were very informative. I expect him to have a very long and successful career in Atlanta.

Our next event will NOT be a regular meeting but a chance to hear students in a master class with a master teacher. Please read about this in Charles' column.

The POE committee is off and running and according to the handbook, a little ahead of planning for this. We all agreed that we would rather be early with what is ahead of us rather than behind - especially when

dealing with teenagers! Our POE is scheduled for June 12-17, 2011 and we will house the students in the dorms at Samford. We have planned a trip to the Alabama Theater to hear the Mighty Wurlitzer, a trip to Tuscaloosa, a swim and cook-out party.....the list goes on. I am very pleased to announce that both Trinity UMC and South Highland Presbyterian have graciously donated \$400 each for a scholarship. Our chapter will also award the Warren Hutton POE Scholarship, which we continually support each year. Your church members or choir members can support this worthy cause by giving to the POE Scholarship Fund or the Warren Hutton POE Scholarship. A few chapter members have already donated to this very worthy cause. If you need more information about this, please contact Greg Roberson, our chapter treasurer. These kids are our future and need all the help and support that we can give them. I will have more about the POE in the next several newsletters.

Our December newsletter will be very abridged. This will have info about the Epiphany Party which is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2011. Enjoy all the turkey and trimmings, the shopping, the football, and the very quick respite because Advent I is that Sunday!!!! Safe travels for those who will be away during the holiday.

Cheers!
Jamie



Dear Members,

I am pleased to announce that for our November program, the distinguished German organist, Ludger Lohmann, will be presenting a masterclass for our chapter on Saturday the 6th at 4:00 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Vestavia Hills (1921 Canyon Road). The winner of several international organ competitions, including the ARD International Music Competition (Association of German Broadcasting Corporations) in Munich 1979 and Grand Prix de Chartres in 1982, Mr. Lohmann is Professor of Organ at Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst and organist at St. Eberhard Catholic Cathedral, Stuttgart, and is in constant demand as a juror in international organ competitions and as a teacher of master classes. He will be performing in recital at Independent Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m.

As we are going to press, four people have signed up to play in the masterclass. We still have room for one or two more people to play, depending on the length of the composition. I urge chapter members who are teachers to encourage their students to attend and participate as desired. Furthermore, the masterclass is open to all chapter members, not just students. Playing for

another person in a public setting, particularly for someone of Mr. Lohmann's stature and artistry, can be a very rewarding and valuable experience. It is my hope that we have a robust level of participation, both from those who would like to play and those who would like to listen. Practice time can be easily arranged during any day of the week leading up to the masterclass, with the exception of Monday, November 1 (when there will be an evening service for All Saints Day). Anyone who would like to play in the masterclass for Mr. Lohmann should to contact me at kenedy@cathedraladvent.com, by no later than 12 noon on Friday, November 5. Please note that we will not be able to accommodate more than five or six players (again, depending on composition length), as the masterclass will last for up to 2 hours.

Please note that there will be no business meeting in November, and there will be no program or business meeting in December. I hope to see many of you on Saturday, November 6 at Ludger Lohmann's masterclass!

Charles M. Kennedy
Sub Dean

IPC November Organ Recital Series

The forty-sixth annual November Organ Recital Series will celebrate the final season of the Aeolian-Skinner organ. More than 150 artists representing the finest talent from the United States and Europe have performed on IPC's organ over the past 45 years. All recitals are free and offered as a gift to the community. The series is partially funded by the generosity of the late Mrs. Myrtle Jones Steele to the greater glory of

God and in loving memory of her husband, Mr. William Calvin Steele, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace Jones.

The 2011 November Organ Recital Series will take place off campus at The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, St. Mary's on the Highlands Episcopal Church, and Reid Chapel at Samford University. During this time, the new Dobson organ will be in the process of being installed. Watch for future information about the dedication services and recitals in 2012.

November 7, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Ludger Lohmann of the University of Stuttgart, Germany will perform a program of German music, including Schumann fugues on BACH, the Mendelssohn 6th Sonata and the Liszt *Ad Nos ad salutarem Undam*.

November 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Jeff McLelland and the IPC Choir will be performing two works commissioned for the occasion based on Psalm 94. Thomas Trogger of Yale University has written a hymn text "God of Judgement, We Implore You" to be sung to the tune MICHAEL and British composer Grayston Ives has written a 14-minute anthem "The Lord is my refuge" in honor of the 85 years of service of the organ, and in celebration of the 10th year as Director of Music and Fine Arts by Dr. Jeff McLelland. Dr. McLelland will close the recital with the "Sonata on the 94th Psalm" by Julius Reubke.

November 21, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Alan Morrison of the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, PA will close the series with works by Henri Mulet, JC Bach, Harold Stover, and Louis Vierne.

For more information, check the church's website www.ipc-usa.org

Meetings, Programs and Events

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Masterclass with Ludger Lohmann

4:00 p.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension
1921 Canyon Road, Vestavia Hills, AL

December – No Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2011

Epiphany Party

Location to be announced

6:00 p.m.

January 28-22, 2011

University of Alabama

Church Music Workshop

Pamela Decker, Guest Clinician

Sunday, February 13, 2011

Recital: Raymond and Elizabeth Chenault

Cathedral Church of the Advent

Recital 4:00 p.m., Reception Following

Monday, March 14, 2011

A Memorial Tribute to H. Edward Tibbs,
featuring his former students.

Dinner 6:00 p.m., Business Meeting 6:30

Program 7:00 p.m.

Southside Baptist Church

Monday, April 11, 2011

Student Recital and Installation of Officers

Dinner 6:00 p.m., Business Meeting 6:30

p.m., Program 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Cathedral

Monday, May 9, 2011

Work Session for Pipe Organ Encounters

Dinner 6:00 p.m., Business Meeting 6:30

p.m., Work Session 7:00 p.m.

October 31, 2010: 2:30 PM

Organ Recital
John Schwandt
Secular and sacred works for Hal-
lowe'en, Reformation Sunday, and
All Saints' Day ; Classical music, or-
chestral transcriptions, and even a
bit of theater organ music.
East lake United Methodist Church

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October 31, 2010: 9:00 PM

BSC's Annual Organ Spooktacular
Faculty, students and Alumni of Bir-
mingham-Southern College; Organ-
ists behaving badly -- and having lots
of fun
Hill Recital Hall, BSC Campus

For further information:
jhcook@bsc.edu

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Ludger Lohmann
Professor, University of Stuttgart,
Germany
Independent Presbyterian Church

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Grayston Ives (World Premiere)

Independent Presbyterian Church

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November 19, 2010: 12:30 PM

Mid-Day Musical Menu
The Hilltop Singers of Birmingham-
Southern College, Lester Seigel, Di-
rector
Cathedral Church of the Advent,
2017 Sixth Avenue North, Birming-
ham, AL

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Alan Morrison, Curtis Institute of Mu-
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Independent Presbyterian Church

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