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"The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of every month!"

ASHLEY PIATEK- NEWSLETTER EDITOR

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

Dear Colleagues:

It was great to see so many of you at the kick-off potluck last month! Many thanks to Roger for hosting a fun evening for us all. We had lots of returning members, and even welcomed a few new ones!

I'll look forward to seeing all of you at the end of this month at our two David Higgs events. Even those who aren't participating in the masterclass will want to come see one of the country's great organ teachers at work. Then, on Sunday, invite a friend to come hear the recital!

So many people (non-organists) have the perception that organ recitals are dull and stuffy, so take this opportunity to change someone's mind!

Elizabeth LaJeunesse, dean

Visit your chapter website: <http://www.tallahasseeago.org/>

WEB NEWS: Websites of interest to Organists

Surf's up! These internet web sites abound with helpful information and downloads.

www.cyberbass.com : This website contains free midi files of single voice parts from movements of major choral works to assist choristers in their home practice.

<http://www.atos.org>: The official website of the American Theater Organ Society, containing a calendar of Theater Organ recitals and live accompanied movies listed by state.

just for fun.....

www.melodyhound.com: You've heard of Google, AskJeeves, and Yahoo information searches, but here is a *Melody* search! By using the website's virtual keyboard, or opting to hum or whistle a tune into a microphone, the search will retrieve pages of matches that contain the pitch intervals and rhythms you entered.

<http://theatreorgans.com/movies.htm>: A comprehensive list of movies that feature theater or pipe organs in their plots, or merely include scenes where an organ is part of the set. Carnival of Souls, a light horror film whose heroin is an organist, is a must see!

NATIONAL NEWS

From the National AGO Website: www.agohq.org

The AGO Website Launches New Donation Pogram: AmiGOs

A new feature on the AGO national website, www.agohq.org, features a new way to donate to the Guild. The program is named "AmiGos", for non-AGO members who, according to the website, "love the organ and its repertoire, attend organ recitals, and listen to recordings and broadcasts of organ music." AmiGOs are the equivalent to a local chapter friend, but on a national scale.

AmiGOs donations are shared equally by the national organization and participating chapters, through an AmiGOs online contribution form. If you know of any Tallahassee "AmiGOs", please have them contact Betsy Calhoun to ask how they can become a friend of our chapter.

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TALLAHASSEE AGO EVENTS 2009-2010



| <u>Day/Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Venue</u> |
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| Friday, August 28 6:00 p.m. | Kick-off pot-luck dinner | Roger Ponder's home 1703 Semalachee Dr. |
| Saturday, September 26 10:00 a.m. – 12:00n | David Higgs master class | Trinity United Methodist Church |
| Sunday, September 27 4:00 p.m. | David Higgs Recital | Trinity |
| Friday, October 30 7:30 p.m. | Silent Movie Night | Fellowship Presbyterian Church |
| Tuesday, November 17 7:30 p.m. | Mendelssohn and the Organ Presentation by Douglass Seaton | First Presbyterian Church |
| Friday, January 8, 2010 6:30 p.m. | Epiphany Party | Fred Boska's home 1441 E. Indianhead Dr. |
| Sunday, February 14 3:00 p.m. | Member Recital | Faith Presbyterian Church (tentative) |
| Sunday, March 14 3:00 p.m. | William Porter Recital Tallahassee Bach Parley | First Presbyterian Church |
| Tuesday, April 27 6:30 p.m. | Chapter Banquet | Kim King's home 3097 Kilteman Dr. |

September Concerts & Musical Events

September 18th Sacred Harp Singing

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

A Sacred Harp Sing is held every Friday before the third Sunday in each month, except June, at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2015 Fleischmann Rd, Tallahassee. Please call to verify, as there are rare changes in location. Info: Alice and Tor Bejnar (850)-656-2027, atbejnar@earthlink.net . Visitors are welcome.

September 20th A Trumpet and Organ Recital

Trinity United Methodist Church

Rob Hlebnsky and Randall Haynes present an organ and trumpet recital as part of the celebration of Trinity's 185th anniversary. The concert will start at approximately 1:15pm in the sanctuary.

September 26th



AGO EVENT

David Higgs Master Class

Trinity United Methodist Church

David Higgs, professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY will present a master class from 10 am to 12 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church, located at 120 West Park Avenue in Tallahassee, to celebrate the church's 185th anniversary.

September 27th



AGO EVENT

David Higgs Recital

Trinity United Methodist Church

David Higgs, professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY will present a recital at 4pm at Trinity United Methodist Church, located at 120 West Park Avenue in Tallahassee, to celebrate the church's 185th anniversary.

September 27th An Afro-Centric Evensong

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

The choir of St. Michael and All Angels Church, under the direction of DL LaSeur and other area church choirs present Afro-centric liturgical music settings with composer/pianist/organist Carl Maultsby.

For more information, call (850)-681-0844 or visit www.stmichaelandallangels.org



Don't see YOUR recital or concert listing?

Be wise, advertise by sending the date, time, location and description of your musical event to Ashley Piatek at apiatek@jpiichs.org . Plan ahead-- the deadline for submissions is the **25th** of each month.