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A mixture of news, history, and happenings of interest to the Northeast Tennessee-Southwest Virginia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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Greetings!

I know that this is a very busy time for many of our members, and I certainly do apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter out to folks.

Our April social is coming up fast. In place of the scheduled meeting earlier this month, we will be gathering at the Peerless Restaurant, 2531 North Roan Street, Johnson City on Tuesday, April 18th. We will gather at 6 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to get together following the Lenten / Easter rush, and have a time to rest and renew ourselves as we socialize and enjoy our time together.

It's hard for me to believe, but our final meeting of the 2016 - 2017 season is fast approaching. On Tuesday, May 16th we will be gathering at Seeger Chapel on the Milligan College Campus for a member recital. The theme is "Songs for Summer." David Runner is our host for that evening, and he will be organizing our program. If you would like to be a part of that program, and I encourage you to take part, please contact David to let him know your favorite "Song for Summer." There will be more information coming in the May newsletter regarding our May meeting.

There are exciting things happening in the YOC, so be sure to check out not only the article on the next page, but the materials included with this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of you on April 18th

Blessings!

Larry

Ideas for 2017-2018?

In just a few months, the Executive Committee will be busy planning our programs for the 2017-2018 season. We heard from some of you and we certainly appreciate your input. But, we're pretty sure there are more of you with ideas for programs next year. Please let us know. We'd love to hear your ideas.

New AGO Dues Structure

Be sure to check out the article in the April TAO regarding the dues structure for new and renewing members.

We Are On The Web!

Have you checked out the new webpage? Be sure to check us out at www.netnswvaago.org. We have had to rebuild the page recently, but be sure to keep checking back to see what new things are happening within the guild.

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Joan Keith—(423) 652-7868

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Vaughn Mauren, Organist in Concert at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Vaughn Mauren, organist will be in concert at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 19th at 7 pm as Holy Trinity celebrates their Centennial and the forty-fifth anniversary of the installation of their tracker organ.

Vaughn Mauren was named Organist and Choirmaster at St. James' Episcopal Church. Vaughn is passionate and deeply committed to the vocal and musical training of youth, and dedicated to finding new ways for the choir and music program to broaden its role in the greater community. Be sure to mark your calendar for this important celebration concert. Suggested Donation: \$5; Students Free.

FPC, Bristol Concludes 2016-17 Concert Series

On Sunday, May 14th at 3:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church of Bristol will host Sara Diehl, oboist and Kevin Clark, Trumpeter under the accompaniment of Vicki Fey.

Dr. Diehl is an international performer and active freelance oboist. She is currently second obo and English horn with the Atlantic Classical Orchestra.

Trumpeter Kevin D. Clark is an active freelance musician, educator, and clinician. An international performer, he brings with him a vast variety of musical experiences. Suggested Donation: \$10 - Adults; \$5 - Students.

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 18
Member Social
Peerless Restaurant
2531 North Roan Street
Johnson City, TN 37601
Dinner - 6 pm

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 18 - Member Social - 6:00 pm

Peerless Restaurant
2531 North Roan Street, Johnson City, TN

Sunday, April 23 - ETSU Choir Concert - 3:00 pm

Rhapsodic Melodies
First Presbyterian Church
201 South Boone Street, Johnson City, TN
Suggested Donation: \$5 - Students; \$10 - Adult

Sunday, May 1 - YOC Applications Are Due

Sunday, May 7 - Civic Chorale Concert - 3:00 pm

*Featuring Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes and the
Faure' Requiem.*
First Presbyterian Church
201 South Boone Street, Johnson City, TN
Suggested Donation: \$10

Saturday, May 13 - MECCA Concert

First Presbyterian Church
201 South Boone Street, Johnson City, TN

Sunday, May 14 -

Oboist Sara Diehl and Trumpeter Kevin Clark

First Presbyterian Church
701 Florida Avenue, Bristol, TN
Suggested Donation: \$5 - Students, \$10 - Adults

Tuesday, May 18 - Member Recital

Songs of Summer
Seeger Chapel, Milligan College
Milligan College, TN

Wednesday, May 19 - Vaughn Mauren, Organist

45th Anniversary Celebration
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
800 Broad Street, Kingsport, TN
Suggested Donation: \$10

Friday, May 19 - Appalachian Men's Ensemble

Merry Month of May
Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church
201 South Roan Street, Johnson City, TN
Suggested Donation: \$5 - Student; \$10 - Adult

Sunday, May 21 - Appalachian Men's Ensemble

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Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church
201 South Roan Street, Johnson City, TN
Suggested Donation: \$5 - Student; \$10 - Adult

YOC Auditions for 2017 - 2018

The Young Organist Collaborative is currently accepting applications for prospective students to participate in organ lessons during the 2017-2018 season. Included in this newsletter is the information sheet regarding the YOC, as well as an application and letter regarding opportunities for financial support to the YOC.

We need you assistance. If you know of a piano student that meets the requirements on the information sheet, please share this information with them. We need to be proactive as we grow the next generation of organists. In addition, share this information with piano and organ teachers in the area. We need to get this information out to the community.

We will be accepting student applications through Monday, May 1, 2017. Applicants may use the attached application or may complete the application online at <http://www.netnswvaago.org> and following the links to the YOC. Applications being submitted through the USPS should be sent to NE TN/SW VA AGO; P.O. Box 1235; Milligan College, TN 37682.

Auditions for prospective students will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in Seeger Chapel on the Milligan College Campus. We will need assistance that morning to greet students and to provide support for the information session. If you are interested in assisting, please let Bob Greene or Larry Dodd know.

In addition, if you or someone you might want to provide financial support to the YOC, please share the financial letter that is included in this newsletter. All donations are tax deductible.

This is an exciting time, and this is an important venture. Please do all you can to assure its success.

Treasurer's Report - March 21, 2017

Total Balance on hand	\$ 3,968.82
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 1,619.50
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Minus Memorial Fund	\$ 1,619.50
Operating Balance	\$ 2,349.32

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YOUTH IN NE TENNESSEE and SW VIRGINIA: SCHOLARSHIPS for ORGAN LESSONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) serving NE Tennessee and SW Virginia and its Young Organist Collaborative (YOC) encourages and supports young people in learning to play the pipe organ. We are seeking music students, ages 10 -16, who are interested in studying with a qualified local organist. These lessons will be provided at no cost to first year students.

Requirements:

- Applicants should be between the ages of 10 and 16 as of 9/1/17 and have had at least 2 years of piano keyboard study, in addition to any other instrument played. Applicants will be expected to read music and play piano equally in both hands.
- Applicants need to be able to study with organists in or near the area served by the AGO of NE/TN and SW/VA.
- Completed applications are due by May 1, 2017. Paper applications (forms attached to this flyer) may be sent to the address below. The application form may also be downloaded from www.NETNSWVAAGO/YOC.org and submitted by uploading or via e-mail to the same website.
- Each student's application must be accompanied by a written recommendation from a music teacher. Recommendations may be sent to the address below or submitted electronically as noted just above. Recommendations are also due by May 1, 2017.
- Applicants will be expected to participate in a kick-off event on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 10 A. M. at Milligan College in Elizabethton, TN., which will include a student audition to sight read and play a short piece on the piano, a demonstration/explanation of pipe organ mechanics, and a question and answer period.
- Scholarship winners will be expected to attend 16 lessons (1 every other week from September 2017 - May 2018) with a qualified organist at the organist's studio/church.
- Students will be expected to practice at least two or three days on an organ a week.
- Students will be expected to participate in an organ recital on Tuesday evening, May 15, 2018, at a location to be announced.



THE YOC will provide stipends to organ instructors for 16 lessons. Each student will be assigned an adult mentor to assist in the YOC experience.

Mailing Address: Young Organist Collaborative, P. O. Box 1235,
Milligan College, TN 37682.

Questions? Call Robert Greene, YOC Chair, at 423-341-0378, or
e-mail at bobthecomposer@gmail.com



NE TN / SW VA AGO

Young Organist Collaborative

Name* _____ Nickname* _____ M/F* _____

Address* _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone* _____ Cell Phone* _____ Email Address* _____

Birthdate* _____ Age* _____ School* _____ Grade* _____

Other Interests / Activities* _____

Instrument #1 _____ Years of Study _____

Teacher's Name and Telephone _____

Instrument #2 _____ Years of Study _____

Teacher's Name and Telephone _____

How did you hear about the Young Organist Collaborative?* _____

Why do you want to study the organ?* _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent / Guardian Names* _____

Home / Cellphone #1* _____ Email Address #1* _____

Home / Cellphone #2 _____ Email Address #2 _____

* Indicates that the item is required.

Applications must be received by Monday, May 1, 2017, and include a written recommendation from a music teacher which may



Dear Musicians and Friends of the Tri-Cities Musical Community,

There is a new opportunity for student musicians in the Tri-Cities region. Beginning with the 2017 - 2018 school year, the Young Organist Collaborative (YOC) will begin growing the next generation of organists, and we need your assistance.

Your support will enable current piano students to experience the organ as they take their first year of organ lessons, enjoy field trips, and attend master classes. Yes, you read that right. These students will be given a year of organ lessons free, at no charge to them. Over the course of the school year they will take lessons every other week, and practice diligently in between lessons to make the most of their experiences. We plan to take them on a fall field trip, and in the spring, have a group lesson with a Master Teacher.

In the Fall of 2015, a fund was formed in memory of Randy Farley, a beloved member of the NE TN / SW VA Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). The AGO Executive Committee immediately began discussion on how best to utilize the gifts in memory of Mr. Farley.

Information regarding the YOC sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, NH came to the attention of the committee. The decision was made to follow the model of the YOC in NH, and begin a similar program in the Tri-Cities.

All proceeds directly benefit our students. All the work is done by our volunteer committee, and the only expenses outside of providing free lessons are the printing and postage to keep you informed of what we are doing.

Your tax-deductible donation will help us to determine how many new students will be accepted for lessons, starting this coming September.

Please consider any size gift this year as we embark on the adventure of introducing the pipe organ to a new generation. Enclosed is a card that may be used to make your donation.

Applications for the 2017-2018 program year are due on May 1st. Auditions for new applicants are being held on May 20th at Seeger Chapel on the Milligan College campus.

We thank you in advance for any contributions you are able to give at this time. Your generosity will allow us to further enrich the musical life of these young musicians, and increase the number of students we will be able to accept.

Sincerely,

Robert Greene, Jr.
Chair, YOC

Larry D. Dodd
Dean, NE TN/ SW VA AGO