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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, and welcome to another year of gathering together as the Northeast Tennessee / Southwest Virginia Chapter of the AGO. Your Executive Board has been busy at work developing an exciting and varied year of programs and social events.

We will begin our year on Tuesday, September 19th at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (700 Cumberland Street, Bristol, VA). We will come together at 6 pm for our dinner and business meeting, and at 7:30 pm we will move to the Sanctuary for our opening Convocation. The Rev. Joe K. Dunagan will bring us our message for the evening. Reservations are required for the dinner. *Please email your reservations to larry@fpcjc.org or call Larry at 423-737-3464 with your reservation by noon on Friday, September 15th.* If I don't answer, please leave a message.

Following are the events that we have scheduled for the 2016—2017 season, and we hope that you will mark your calendars and invite your friends and colleagues to come and join us. These are wonderful opportunities for us to “grow the Chapter.”

- Tuesday, September 20-Dinner 6/Convocation 7:30 pm
Opening Convocation
Emmanuel Episcopal Church - Bristol, VA
- Tuesday, October 17-Dinner 6 / Program 7:30 pm
Member Halloween Themed Recital
St. John's Episcopal Church - Johnson City, TN
- Friday, November 17-Dinner 6 / Recital 7:30 pm
Kimberly Marshal - Organ
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Kingsport, TN
- Saturday, November 18 - 10:00 am
Master Class With Kimberly Marshal
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Kingsport, TN
- Tuesday, January 16-Dinner - 6 pm
Annual Winter Gathering
Chop House Restaurant - Kingsport, TN
- February 21-*Still to be announced*
- Monday, March 19-Dinner 6 / Recital 7:30 pm
Carolyn Craig - Rising Star Organist
Emory and Henry College - Emory, VA
- Tuesday, April 17-Dinner 6 / Recital 7:30 pm
Organ Plus Member Recital
First Presbyterian Church - Kingsport, TN
- Monday, May 14-Dinner 6 / Recital 7:30 pm
YOC Student Recital and New Officer Installation
Milligan College - Seeger Chapel - Milligan, TN

It promises to be an informative, and entertaining year. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend as much as your schedule will allow.

I encourage you to stay in touch, and will be happy to receive your emails or phone calls. Feel free to contact me at any time.

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Calendar At A Glance

- Friday, September 15 - 7:30 pm
Brevard-Davidson Presbyterian Church
249 East Main Street, Brevard, NC
Organ Concert by Ken Cowan
- Tuesday, September 19 - 12:30 pm
Executive Committee Meeting
Bob Evan's Restaurant - Boones Creek
- Tuesday, September 19 - 6:00 pm
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
700 Cumberland Street, Bristol, VA
AGO Dinner / Opening Convocation

Welcome to These New and Returning Members

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September Meeting

Tuesday, September 19
Opening Convocation
Dinner—6 pm, Convocation—7:30 pm

Menu—\$15.00

Smoked Pork Loin with Pineapple Chutney
Mashed Potatoes
Sautéed Vegetable Medley
Toasted Baguette Slices
Sweet & Unsweet Tea, Bottled Water
Various Desserts

Deadline for Reservations 9/15/2017 – Noon
Larry@fpcjc.org or call (423) 737-3464

Ken Cowan In Concert

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, 249 East Main Street, Brevard, NC, will present the highly acclaimed organist Ken Cowan in concert on Friday, September 15th at 7:30 PM. Admission to the concert is free of charge; an offering will be taken for the Music Fund, which helps make possible special concerts and events. Ten-percent of the monies will go to the local Christian ministry, The Sharing House.

Recent performances by Mr. Cowan have included appearances at Philadelphia's Verizon Hall with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa California, Maison Symphonique in Montreal, Spivey Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall, as well as concerts in Germany and Korea. In addition, Mr. Cowan has been a featured artist in recent years at the national conventions of the American Guild of Organists held in Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and Houston. He has performed at many regional conventions of the AGO, and has been featured at several conventions of the Organ Historical Society and the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

Numerous critically acclaimed compact disc recordings are available by Mr. Cowan. His most recent releases include *Dynamic Duo*, (Pro Organo), featuring Mr. Cowan and Bradley Welch in a program of original works and transcriptions for duo organists, performed on the monumental Casavant organ at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth; *Ken Cowan plays The Great Organ* (on the Pro Organo Label) which was recorded on the newly-restored organ at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, *Works of Franz Liszt* (on the JAV label), which was recorded on the Michael Quimby organ at First Baptist church in Jackson Mississippi, and *Ken Cowan Plays Romantic Masterworks* (on the Raven label), which was recorded on the 110-rank Schoenstein organ at First Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. In addition to his solo recordings, Mr. Cowan also joined organist Justin Bischof in the 1999 world premiere recording of American composer Aaron Miller's *Double Concerto* for organ, recorded with the Zurich Symphony Orchestra on the organ in the Tonhalle, Zurich, Switzerland (Ethereal Recordings). Many of Mr. Cowan's recordings and live performances are regularly featured on the nationally distributed radio show PIPEDREAMS from American Public Media.

A native of Thorold, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Cowan received the Master's degree and Artist Diploma from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, studying organ with Thomas Murray. Prior to attending Yale, he graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia where he studied with John Weaver. Following initial studies with his father, David, his principal teacher during his high school years was James Bigham,

Music Director at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo, NY.

In 2012 Mr. Cowan joined the keyboard faculty of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University as Associate Professor and head of the organ program. In addition, he is Organist and Artist-in-Residence a Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, TX. Previous positions have included Associate Professor of Organ at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, NJ, where he was awarded the 2008 Rider University Distinguished Teaching Award, and Associate Organist and Artist in Residence at Saint Bartholomew's Church in New York City.

For additional information about the concert, contact Charlie Steele at 828.884.2645, ext. 31, or at bdrpcmusic@comporium.net.

Introducing YOC Student: Lindsey V. Edwards

My name is Lindsey Virginia Edwards. I am sixteen and a Junior at University High School. I am a cheerleader at UH. I have taken piano lessons for four-and-a-half years, and I have loved every minute of it. I also enjoy horseback riding. I attend church at Munsey Memorial UMC, and am very active in the your group and handbell ministry. I also play the keyboard for the praise team.

We welcome Lindsey to the Chapter, and she has already begun lessons with Dr. David Runner.

The R.A. Colby Organ Builders would like to welcome Nick Andrews to the R.A.Colby, Inc. team. He has degree in sacred music from Lenoir Rhyne and is a proficient organist! He will primarily involved in doing customer interaction and brand development.

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