

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Les Bois Chapter

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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music and to support and inspire each other.

Coming events

April 8, 6:30 p.m. **Progressive dinner** at Jewett Auditorium (The College of Idaho) and Boone Presbyterian Memorial in Caldwell. Appetizers at 6:00 p.m. in the Jewett Auditorium lobby, followed by a recital. A catered dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Simplot Dining Hall. The second recital will begin at 8:30 p.m. at Boone Presbyterian, followed by dessert. Recitalists will be: Robert Schmidt, Ilo Schmid, Sylvia Hunt, Sean Rogers, and Michael Boney. Cost is \$20/person. Please RSVP by April 4 to Kirk Higginson, 841-2622, or lkhiggy@cablone.net. You can also pay through Paypal via the website, www.agoboise.org.

Saturday, April 9, 2:00 p.m., St. John's Cathedral. **Prelude to Mount Angel.** Aage Nielsen and guests will be performing music from the medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque periods. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted at the door. Please visit www.agoboise.org/local_events for full details.

May 13 at 6:30 p.m., St. John's Cathedral. **Member recital.** All levels of experience are encouraged to play, so please consider signing up. Contact Robyn Henrie at 375-9866 or robyn@henrie.org. All are invited to attend. The informal evening will begin with an organ crawl, followed by a history of the church and the organ, and a demonstration of the instrument by Ray Morvant, cathedral organist. The recital is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. Gather with other musicians and organ aficionados to hear, play and discuss organ music.

From the Dean

Greetings,

July and the AGO Convention are just around the corner. What a great opportunity to experience such wonderful organists right in our own neighborhood! We are all very excited at the opportunity to have Dr. Eileen Guenther, the National AGO President, as our banquet speaker. Many thanks to Sam Porter for having lined this up, and to our neighbor chapter in Seattle for allocating funds to get her here. Our convention steering committee is doing exceptional work in planning and preparing for this monumental event. Les Bois is blessed.

The blessings of our chapter are further exemplified in the upcoming Progressive Dinner (April 8). This is a good opportunity to hear (and network with) some of the quality musicians in our area and enjoy dinner.

~ Ray Morvant

“The Messiness of Music”

Thank you to Tom Harris for presenting this workshop in February. There was great support from the chapter with approximately 25 members attending. Tom did a fantastic job of showing us how one composer's musical ideas can be found restated in another, and how there can be 'a wrong note in the right place'. He gave many examples of musical influences, curiosities and relationships. He enlarged our understanding of the art of composition. The workshop was entertaining, educational, edifying and enjoyable. We will hope for “Messiness II.”

Convention Update:

Have you heard? The National AGO President, Dr. Eileen Guenter, will be coming to Boise during the convention to be our keynote speaker at the banquet! The steering committee is extremely excited for this opportunity.

Be sure to mark July 3-7 on your calendars to take advantage of the numerous recitals, workshops and activities. The Richard Elliott concert, silent movie with live accompaniment, and the daytime recitals are all open to the public. Spread the word to your family, friends, colleges, associates, acquaintances, neighbors, and strangers. Visit the convention website for details.
<http://convention.agoboise.org>

Numerous volunteers will be needed in a variety of capacities to ensure a successful convention. If you would like to volunteer, contact Carolyn Panko at 343-0482 or jandcpanko@cableone.net. Let her know how much, or how little, you would like volunteer.

Opportunities for exhibit space and sponsoring events are available. Contact Michael Civiello at 345-3441 x113. Contact Kirk Higginson at 841-2622 for advertising opportunities. General donations are welcome and appreciated. Contact A.J. Balukoff at 345-5553.

There is an error on the registration form that was included in the Registration Booklet that recently went out to the region. There is not a line for a Les Bois Chapter Member. You may still use the form, but add the line. Registration fee is \$225 by March 31, 2011, or \$250 April 1 and later. Go to <http://convention.agoboise.org> to register online, or to download a corrected form.

For Sale

Sam Porter has written a composition, and it is available at <http://www.adoromusicpub.com/>.

Job Postings

Svetlana Maddox is available for substituting in Boise area churches, including Liturgical services. She can be reached at 695-3454.

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