Welcome to the newsletter of the Bloomington American Guild of Organists chapter, a publication intended for your perusal, edification, entertainment, and everything in between! Please submit any and all news you wish to see in the upcoming December/January newsletter by Friday, November 28 to Editor Katie Timm at katimm@umail.iu.edu.

ChoralFest 2015
We can’t wait to hear your ideas!
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MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS/PERFORMANCES

National Council Performance
IU undergraduates Nick Quardokus, Michael Gebhart, Katie Minion, and Carolyn Craig performed for the National Council of the AGO on October 3rd at Trinity United Methodist Church (David Lamb, music director) in New Albany, IN. The students enjoyed dinner with the council, everyone played well, and the performance was well received.

Minion at Piedmont
Katie Minion performed a solo recital on Sept. 21st at Piedmont College in Demorest, GA, as part of the college's SuperNova series.

Minion with Dr. James Mellichamp, president of Piedmont and alumnus of IU

Craig Joins the Force
Carolyn Craig has been appointed to the AGO Task Force for Young Organists. This is an exciting new AGO initiative that seeks to promote the king of the instruments among young people. Carolyn has chosen to collaborate with the Committee for Conventions as part of her responsibilities within the task force, although her actions and input are not limited to this committee. If you have any suggestions or questions concerning young people's involvement in the organ, please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn at craigcaa@umail.iu.edu.

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Andrews Concert Tour
Adjunct and AGO chapter faculty advisor Professor Colin Andrews completed a 10 concert tour of the UK & Russia in October. Highlights included Truro & Salisbury Cathedrals, UK, the opening recital following the rebuild of the organ in the Ekaterinburg Philharmonic Hall, Siberia, & various other concert halls in Siberia & the Ural mountain region of Russia. Mr. Andrews also gave a recital & workshop for the Indianapolis chapter of the AGO.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS/PERFORMANCES, CONT’D

Price at Canadian Competition

Congratulations to Stephen Price, doctoral student of Janette Fishell, who recently competed in the 2014 Canadian International Organ Competition in Montreal, Canada. Stephen advanced to the semi-finals along with nine other candidates. The competition commenced with a preliminary round that required the applicants to submit a CD of three imposed contrasting works, two recommendation letters, and a resume. Forty-two applicants submitted their materials, but only sixteen were invited to compete in Montreal, with representation from: Canada, England, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, South Korea, Russia, and the United States. Candidates were allowed to choose their desired program based on the guidelines for each round, which took place at local area churches. The jury included: John Grew, Jacques Boucher, James David Christie, Stefan Engels, Janette Fishell, Marnie Giesbrecht, Olivier Latry, Pier Damiano Peretti, and Dame Gillian Weir. The next competition is scheduled to take place in the fall of 2017.

EVENT REPORTS

Spooktacular

Chapter and community members enjoyed a night of spooky organ music at the AGO Bloomington Chapter’s annual Halloween concert, Pipes Spooktacular at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. Though many time-honored traditions continued – including the “tag team Toccata in D Minor” and singing the pumpkin carols – this year also saw many fun original transcriptions by performers and a vast array of costumes: from Darth Vader to Dracula and more! Thanks to St. Thomas Lutheran Church, all of our Spooktacular committee members, and our performers for making this event a success.

October Recitals/Masterclasses

The Jacobs School of Music organ department enjoyed two guest masterclasses and recitalists in the month of October. Robert Poovey focused on Leo Sowerby’s concerto for organ and Ulrike Wegele taught us about music from the generation after Bach. We appreciate all of the work and insights of these wonderful lecturers and performers.

Kokomo Halloween Recital

Patrick Kronner, Kartika Putri, and Brian McNulty played a Halloween Recital at Christ Lutheran Church in Kokomo, IN on Oct. 31. They made spooky and not-so-spooky arrangements for organ and percussion of pieces such as Ride of the Valkyries, the Alfred Hitchcock theme, William Albright’s Sweet Sixteenths, and more! The program also featured the famed Pumpkin Carols.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Timm Sacred Music Project
Katie Timm will present her doctoral sacred music project entitled “Evening and Morning: Mediations on the King and Queen of Chorales” on Friday, November 7 at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. This program consists of reflections on the music and themes of Philip Nicolai’s two great hymns “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” and “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright.” Written in the 14th century, these hymns examine the themes of the end times and the heavenly afterlife in the midst of trial and adversity. Nicolai included them as part of a devotional book for his congregation in Westphalia, which was suffering severely from the black plague. These texts give a testament to and encourage their hope and their faith, even in tragedy. The program will consist of choir, organ, and handbell music by Bach, Brahms, Fred Gramann, Andre Thomas, Mendelssohn, Walter, Wood, and Distler.

CCC Lunchtime Recitals: Student Opportunity
Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis is scheduling Friday lunchtime recitals for January and February. Recitals begin at 12:30 pm and programs can be about 30 minutes long. The cathedral has two organs, an excellent Taylor and Boody in the west end gallery and a large romantic organ in the quire. A small honorarium of $50 is available to help with travel expenses. Contact Matthew Middleton at MatthewM@ccindy.org if you would like to play.

ODDS AND ENDS

Promoting Choral Singing
Encourage people to join your church choir: check out this TED Talk on the benefits of choral singing! The link can be found in your email with this month’s newsletter: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBbj2wtjLpE

Get your name out there!
Contact Katie Timm (katimm@umail.iu.edu) or David Harrison (dh26@umail.iu.edu) if you would like to advertise your availability as a substitute organist, accompanist, choral singer, or any other musical service.
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<td>Chere Ko, doctoral organ recital, Auer Hall, IU</td>
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<td>Choral Reading Session, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bloomington</td>
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<td>Sunday, November 16, 4:00pm</td>
<td>Benefit Concert for the Interfaith Winter Shelter, Marilyn Keiser (organ), Esther Kim (violin) Joe Kaizer (cello), Curtis Smith (piano) Trinity Episcopal Church, Bloomington</td>
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<td>David Briggs accompanies Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, IMU Alumni Hall, IU</td>
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<td>St Paul Concert Series: Katie Timm, organ recital, St Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus</td>
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