



# Principal Pipings

Vol. 69, Issue 1 September, 2013

## Greetings from the dean

Hello AGO Friends!

I hope everyone had a pleasant summer filled with the leisure pursuits you enjoy. Now that back-to-school time has arrived, it's also time for Lexington AGO to gear up! We're kicking off the 2013-14 season with perennial favorite Bruce Neswick in a Friday evening recital and Saturday morning master class on creative hymn playing and improvisation. Mark your calendars now for September 13-14 at Cathedral of Christ the King because you won't want to miss either of these events. Check this newsletter for all the details, as well as a complete line-up of the year's programs. There is something for everyone!



Huge thank-yous go to our Yearbook Committee: Brian Hunt, Kate Covington, Kathy Egner, and Larry Sharp. Our yearbooks will be available for everyone at the September programs, or later by mail. And if you haven't yet paid your dues, you may still do that by sending your check to Kate Covington, 736 Widener Court, Lexington 40504. If you need a membership form please let Kate or me know and we will send one to you.

Your Executive Committee is pleased to announce a new initiative for recruiting more student members. Local organ teachers have the opportunity to nominate one of their students to receive a scholarship towards the student's AGO membership. We have already had several teachers take advantage of this new program. We hope it will lead to more participation by the next generation of organists.

You can also help build our chapter membership! If you know a student who may not have transportation, why not offer him or her a ride to the September meeting? And remember that we have a "Friends" membership category, so if you know someone who enjoys the organ invite that person to one of our concerts. Ability to play the organ is not a prerequisite for membership. We encourage participation regardless of skill level.

Speaking of skill, I am excited to report that several of our members are now working towards the Service Playing Certificate and the Colleague certification! Education is a primary mission of AGO, and your Executive Committee has planned many of this year's programs for our members who want to keep on learning. So come out to as many meetings as you can, and don't forget to bring a friend!

I will be traveling this month and will have to miss our September programs, but I will be there in spirit. I'm so happy to be serving as your dean in this, our chapter's 68th year!

Jane

# 2013-14 Programs

## **Bruce Neswick**

*Organ Recital - Friday, September 13, 7:30 pm*

*Workshop - Saturday, September 14, 9:00 am - noon*

*“Creative Hymn Playing and Beginning  
Improvisation Technique”*

*Co-sponsored with Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington*

## **Jan-Piet Knijff Master Class on Dutch Organists**

*Saturday, October 19, 9:30 am*

*The Presbyterian Church, Danville*

## **David Briggs “King of Kings” silent film accompaniment**

*Friday, November 8, 7:30 pm*

*First Presbyterian Church*

## **Reading Session & Social**

*Friday & Saturday, January 17-18*

*Tates Creek Christian Church*

## **Pedals, Pipes & Pizza**

*A Saturday morning in Feb., location TBA*

## **Olivier Latry, Organ Recital**

*Friday, February 28, 7:00 pm*

*Church of the Good Shepherd*

## **Bach Marathon**

*Saturday, March 22, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm*

*Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church & Faith Lutheran Church*

## **Exploring the Music of Gethsemani**

*Saturday, May 17*

*The Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani*

# Executive Committee

## **Jane Johnson**

Dean

## **Bonnie Harstad**

Sub-Dean

## **Brian Hunt**

Treasurer

## **Larry Sharp**

Secretary & Publicity

## **Kate Covington**

Registrar

## **Lisa Hall**

## **Ted Gentry**

## **Glenna Metcalfe**

At-Large

## **Larry Sivis**

Chaplain

## **Schuyler Robinson**

Professional Concerns &  
Placement

## **Brian Hunt**

Yearbook

## **Scott Heydinger**

Newsletter Editor &  
Webmaster

## Members in the News

We wish **Amy Roth** continued healing. She was hospitalized for several weeks following an infection and amputation of her lower left leg. Amy is currently the Kentucky District Convener. You can send a note or card to her at Four Seasons - Room 211/1841 Taylor Rd/Columbus IN 47203 or amyroth@insightbb.com.

Lexington AGO member **Arin Ray Miskel** (1947-2013) died April 2, 2013, at VAMC in Lexington, KY. He was an army veteran and retired in 2007 following 20 years in the army reserves. He also served as chaplain for the VA hospital. He earned the BA degree from Asbury University in 1979 and the MDiv from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1983. He was survived by his mother Rita. Services were held at St. James Place on April 5, 2013 and burial was at Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

## Reflections on Preparing for the Service Playing Exam

Hello, everyone. My name is **Kathy Egner**. I have been a member of the Lexington Chapter of the AGO since 2000, but many of you don't know me because I have been pretty quiet. My work as a Transy professor plus family and organist responsibilities have kept me pretty busy. Now, however, I am retired from Transy and am planning to take the Service Playing exam either this year or next.

I started seriously considering the possibility of taking this exam two years ago when I attended a workshop on preparing for the AGO exams at the Region V convention, where I learned two main things: (1) many people were just as scared of the exam as I was; (2) lots of support and plenty of materials were available for anyone who wished to pursue this goal.

Jane Johnson, our Dean, has been my primary supporter and encourager, and now she has asked me to write a brief "blog" each month to share my experiences as I make the journey. My first response was to say no, because I wanted to keep the fact that I was doing this a secret. You see, if only Jane and Kate and one or two other people knew, then if I failed, I wouldn't have such public shame! Well, I overcame my pride and here I am. Join me on this journey and share my progress as well as my frustrations in the months ahead. Perhaps I might encourage you to join me!

## Sponsors Needed

The chapter relies on sponsors to cover part of the costs of the yearbook and newsletter. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities contact Publicity Chair Larry Sharp, agolarry@att.net.

# September Area Events

---

**FRI / 09.13.13**

7.30p

**Bruce Neswick, Organ Recital**

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

**SAT / 09.14.13**

9.00a - noon

**Bruce Neswick, Improvisation Workshop**

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

**SUN / 09.15.13**

3.30p

**Jan-Piet Knijff, Organ Recital**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

**SUN / 09.15.13**

4.15p

**John Linker, Organ Recital**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

**TUE / 09.17.13**

12.10p - 12.40

**Gregory J. Schaffer, Organ Recital**

Hughes Auditorium, Asbury University, Wilmore

**TUE / 09.17.13**

12.20p - 12.50

**Wesley Roberts, Organ Recital**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Campbellsville University

**SUN / 09.22.13**

4.15p

**Organ Recital by Participants of Choir Reunion Weekend**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

**SUN / 09.29.13**

4.15p

**Schuyler Robinson, Organ Recital**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

## Job Openings

See the website for additional listings and details.

### **Director of Music Ministry**

Hunter Presbyterian Church, Lexington

### **Organist**

Trinity Hill United Methodist Church, Lexington

### **Organist/Pianist/Choir Director**

Campbellsburg Christian Church, Henry County

### **Interim Organist and Choirmaster**

Trinity Episcopal Church, Danville

**Principal Pipings** is published ten times annually by the Lexington, KY AGO Chapter. The chapter also maintains the web site [www.agolexington.org](http://www.agolexington.org).

Deadline for submission of articles is the 1st of each month. Address editorial correspondence and requests for changes to [www.agolexington.org](http://www.agolexington.org) to:

Scott Heydinger  
[sheydinger@yahoo.com](mailto:sheydinger@yahoo.com)

# Bruce Neswick, Recital and Workshop

by **Brian Hunt**

Bruce Neswick, nationally known organist, composer, clinician, and church musician, will perform in an organ recital on Friday Sep. 13, 2013, 7:30 pm - at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 299 Colony Blvd., Lexington. This will be the final recital in the organ dedication series of recitals on the new 3 manual 43 rank instrument by Randall Dyer and Associates. The program will include works by Franck, Bach, Howells, Sowerby, Brahms, Mathias, and two submitted themes for improvisations. Please come and enjoy a very exciting and varied program!

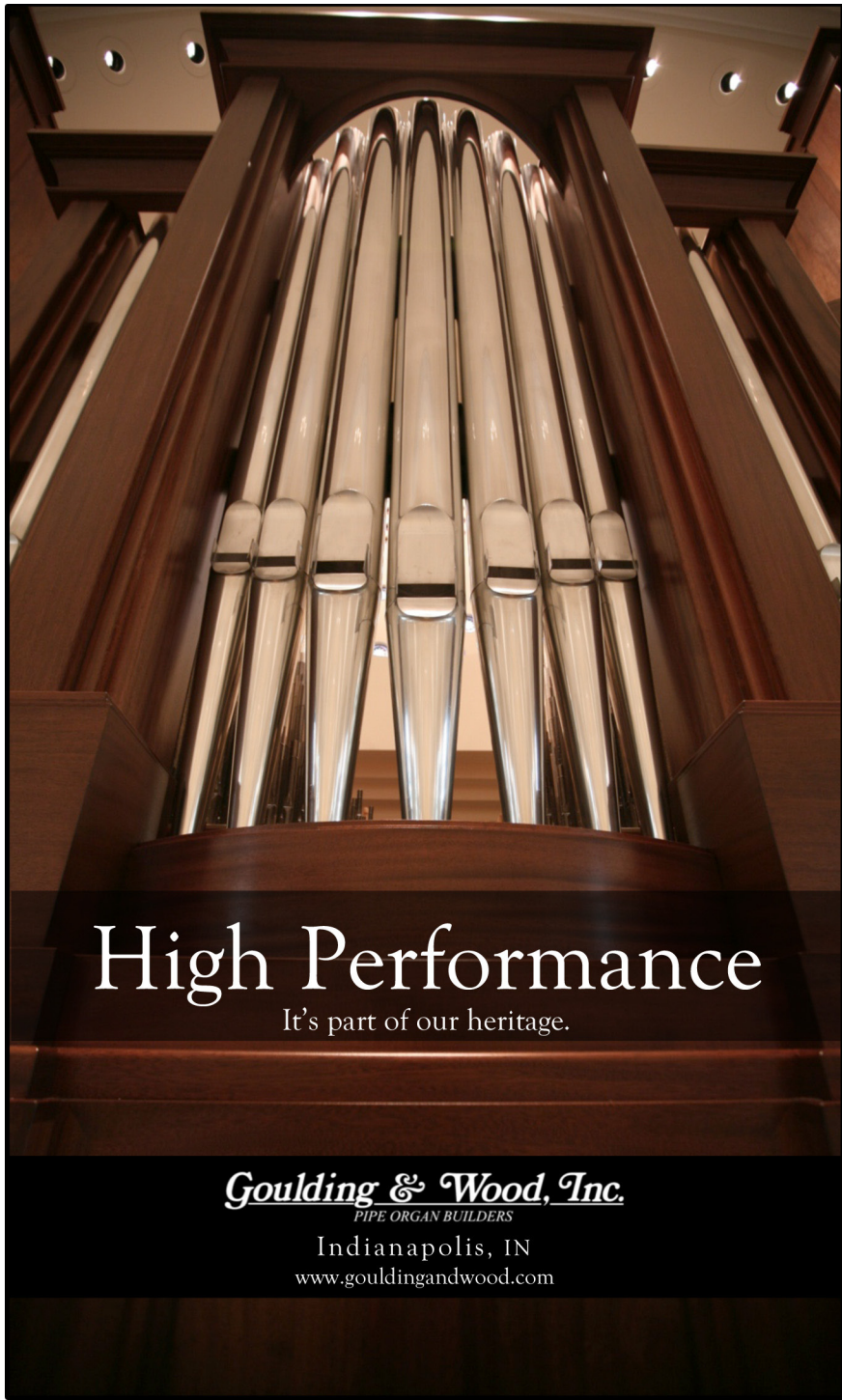
On Saturday Sep. 14 from 9 - 11:30 am Bruce Neswick will lead a workshop on Creative Hymn Playing and Beginning Improvisation for church organists. This will take place in the choir at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Refreshments will be available beginning at 8:30 am. If you are planning to attend, please send a confirmation email to Brian Hunt at - [bhunt@cdlex.org](mailto:bhunt@cdlex.org) so that we may plan accurately for refreshments and seating for the workshop!

Parking will be available in the rear of the cathedral and you can enter the building through the two sets of double doors near our Hehman Hall (fellowship hall). On the outside it says Cathedral Center near that entrance! We look forward to seeing many of our AGO members there!

## Jan-Piet Knijff Master Class on Dutch Organists

For the October meeting (Oct. 19, 9:30 am), we would like to invite our members to play some literature for comments by Dr. Knijff. His organ teachers at the Conservatory of Amsterdam included world renowned organists Piet Kee, Ewald Kooiman, and Bernard Bartelink (who performed here at UK back in 1989). The topic for this master class is Dutch composers.

If you would like to perform a work by any composers of this school on the Taylor and Boody mechanical action organ at The Presbyterian Church, Danville, please send your suggested title(s) to Schuyler Robinson at [swrobin@uky.edu](mailto:swrobin@uky.edu) no later than Wed. September 25 to assist us in assembling a program. Many of us may have works of Sweelinck, Andriessen, and Peeters, to name but a few. In addition, Dr. Knijff proposes short selections by Albert de Klerk, Henk Badings, Cor Kee (some of the best twelve-tone pieces ever written for organ!), and Aart de Kort. Here is a great opportunity to revive or expand our repertoire of this important organ school of composition.



# High Performance

It's part of our heritage.

*Goulding & Wood, Inc.*

PIPE ORGAN BUILDERS

Indianapolis, IN

[www.gouldingandwood.com](http://www.gouldingandwood.com)