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Spring seems to have finally arrived and with it several exciting events are blossoming on the horizon.

Movie Night

The movie night in February was a great success! Over 30 people came to each showings of the BBC documentary “Music and Monarchy”. Everyone was effusive about the film and were thrilled with what they had seen and heard in this stunning film. It was filled with exciting performances of British music performed in historic British churches and castles. It was a pleasure filled educational event. And the treats that members and guests brought were quite tasty!

Cavaille-Coll Documentary on April 21st.

Don't forget about the upcoming AGO event on April 21st. This event will be hosted by the Allen Organ Company and Northwest Organ and co-sponsored by your Chapter. Bruce Roerbach, from Allen, will be in town and will present a

documentary program on the French organ builder, Cavaille-Coll. The documentary DVD, *The Genius of Cavaillé-Coll*, “celebrates the life and work of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll (1811 – 1899), the great French organ builder whose work inspired the magnificent compositions of the French Romantic Organ School – Franck, Widor, and Guilmant.” (Cited from liner notes) This event will be at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, 6906 N. Country Homes Boulevard, at 7:00pm. It’s my understanding that portions of the documentary will be played through St. Matthew’s Allen using the Cavaille-Coll stop list. Sounds very exciting.

Organ Concerts Highlighting “The Year of the Organ”

Starting this fall and continuing through the winter and fall of 2016, your chapter has planned to bring three exciting organists to Spokane as part of the Year of the Organ program. First on the schedule will be Andrew Unsworth, followed by Christopher Houlihan. We are still in early conversation to bring Todd Wilson in the fall of 2016. We should know something definitive about Todd Wilson in a few weeks.

Andrew Unsworth

St. John’s Cathedral

Concert, October 11th, 2015, 4:00pm

Master Class, October 10th, 10:00am



Andrew Unsworth, a Tabernacle organist since 2007, was raised in Potsdam, New York, in a family of musicians. He received a bachelor of music degree in organ performance and pedagogy from Brigham Young University and went on to receive master’s and doctoral degrees in performance practice from Duke University.

Andrew has served as music director at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Durham, North Carolina, organist and assistant director of music at the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City, and assistant professor of music history and organ at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. He was a featured soloist at the Organ Historical Society and the American Guild of Organists in 2003

Christopher Houlihan

St. John's Cathedral

February 14th, 2016,

4:00pm



Christopher Houlihan, a young American musician, is widely acknowledged as one of the brightest stars in the new generation of organists, praised by the media as “gifted” (New York Times), “dazzling” (Wall Street Journal), and “eloquent” (Los Angeles Times). Still in his 20's, Houlihan's international performing career is well underway, having performed in celebrated venues in major cities across North America and Europe, as well as at numerous conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society.

Houlihan studied with Grammy Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs at The Juilliard School, where he earned a master's degree, and with John Rose at Trinity College (Hartford). During a year in France, he studied with Jean-Baptiste Robin at the Versailles Conservatory earning the "Prix de Perfectionnement," an award equivalent to a university artist diploma. While abroad he performed for the then President and First Lady of the United States, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bush at the American Cathedral in Paris.

Todd Wilson

St. John's Cathedral

September 25th, 2:00 (tentative)



Todd Wilson is regarded across America and around the world as one of today's finest organists. Todd Wilson is head of the Organ Department at The Cleveland Institute of Music, and Director of Music and Worship at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Wilson received his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, where he studied organ with Wayne Fisher and piano with John Quincy Bass.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 21, 2015	Northwest organ; St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, 6905 N. Country Homes Blvd, 7:00pm.
May 12, 2015	Music Fest, Organ Division; Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 9:00am
June 14, 2015	Picnic at Floyd Czoski's, 4802 W. Shawnee Ave. 3:00pm
October 10, 2015	Organ Master Class by Andrew Unsworth, 9:00am St. John's
October 11, 2015	Andrew Unsworth Organ Concert, Cathedral of St. John's the Evangelist, 4:00pm
December, 2015	Second Annual Christmas Carol [not yet scheduled]
February 14, 2016	Christopher Houlian, Organ Concert, St. John's Cathedral, 2:00pm

Minutes of the February 14th, 2015 Board Meeting

SPOKANE AGO MINUTES, 2/14/15

Present: Janet Ahrend, Robert Carr, Byrl Cinnamon, Jim Holmes, Chris Nelson, Carolyn Payne, Ty Petersen, Vince Roland, Jim Wallrabenstein

Chris reminded the board of the Spokane AGO Facebook page and that he posts photos of our activities. He would ask the members to "like" photographs if they so choose.

The chapter's web page has not been updated recently. It was noted that the person who has done this in the past has not renewed membership.

The board agreed to pay student memberships for Richard Grablin, student of John Bodinger, and Taylor Giese, student of Janet Ahrend. These are to be reviewed on a yearly basis.

The recent Movie Night was well received and had an attendance of about 30. Everyone is looking forward to the next one on February 20.

UNSWORTH CONCERT: Andrew has been scheduled for a 10/10/15 masterclass and the 10/11/15 concert at St. John's. Organ specs have been sent to him, but Jim is to make sure they are the current specs. Kent Brocklebank requested, since he is underwriting Unsworth's airfare, lodging, and meals, that we not charge for the event to encourage more LDS people (particularly families) to attend. The board decided to have offering plates at the door with a request for a \$10 donation. Attendees can give (or not) as they are so moved. Jim H. will talk to Tim Westerhaus about what percentage of the door receipts will go to St. John's.

Suggested masterclass participants: Robert Carr, Chris Nelson, Richard Grablin, possible student of Kraig Scott, possible student of John Bodinger, Taylor Giese, possible U of I student (contact Susan Billin), possible WSU student (contact Jill Schneider).

PUBLICITY FOR UPCOMING CONCERTS: Jim W. suggested the board compile a data base of publicity information so that we don't have to reinvent the wheel every time we need to get publicity out. The board agreed. The following board members are assigned to provide to Jim H. e-mail addresses, name of contact persons, phone numbers, and mailing addresses for particular groups:

- Vince: deans of surrounding AGO chapters and Anglican Churches
- Byrl: colleges and universities
- Jim H.: Episcopal churches
- Carolyn: Lutheran churches
- Ty: NIC
- Kent: LDS wards
- Robert: Catholic churches

Chris will handle information to "The American Organist." all this publicity information is to be to Jim H. by February 28. This data base will be kept on more than just Jim W.'s computer.

HOULIHAN CONCERT: The board has chosen February 14, 2016, as a tentative working date. Janet will contact someone about dates for the Bach Festival so there won't be a conflict. The chapter is responsible for his fee and hotel . He is charging half of his usual fee, however. Airfare I have a question mark. Jim H. will ask his management about a publicity package and will arrange for practice time on the organ. It was decided that Tickets West would be the most convenient way to handle tickets and that the Spokane Club is a good hotel that meets the requirements of recitalists.

TODD WILSON CONCERT: Jim H. and Vince met with Tom Jefferson. Tom has agreed to pay half the fees and costs. Fall, 2016, is the time we're looking at, possibly October 23 or November 6. Jim H. will check with St. John's calendar. Fee is \$3,600, and he pays for his airfare. We are to provide hotel and local transportation.

Janet continues to work with Verne Windham about getting "Organ Loft" on the radio here.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vince reported \$12,006 in our CD account and \$8,775.63 in the bank account. He continues to look for a better investment for at least part of the funds. AGO headquarters and Scottrade had a disconnect; so he is looking at Vanguard. We have a total of 47 paid-up members, and AGO headquarters returned \$1,351 to us for that. Rates for membership are going up \$3 in each membership category. Regular membership will be \$100.

Carolyn has agreed to be a welcome person for new chapter members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Byrl Cinnamon

