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Newletter of the
Spokane Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

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It's the merry month of May and I'm sure we are all looking forward to beautiful weather and beautiful music!

Members are always encouraged to send in notices of musical events that you, your churches, or organizations are presenting. You may send them to me at jimkholmes@comcast.net.

Following are a few updates and reminders of upcoming events.

Summer Picnic



The Czoskis, sadly, will be unable to host the summer picnic this year on June 14th.

In lieu of that, we will have a picnic and a general membership meeting that same date at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 3:00pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together, share good food, and discuss AGO Chapter issues.

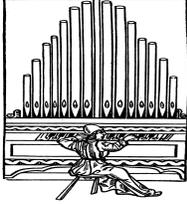
The purpose of the picnic/membership meeting will be, first, to socialize, then to review the past year, outline what events are already planned for the upcoming year, hear reports from the Board, solicit ideas from membership for programs for the coming year, and have a general discussion of concerns. It will be a time for you to share your ideas about the future of the Chapter!

A committee, consisting of Janet Ahrend, Nisha Coulter, and Carolyn Payne, has been formed to present a slate of candidates for next year's Board. The candidates will be presented at the June 14 picnic and membership will be asked to vote. Of course, nominations can be presented from the floor. It is important that we have a large turnout for the election.

Everyone should plan on bringing a dish to share.

A reminder will be sent out closer to the date, but put it on your calendars now.

Spokane Musicfest's Organ Division



A reminder about Musicfest coming up next week!

Spokane Musicfest's Organ Division will take place on May 12, 2015 at St. John's Cathedral beginning at 9:30 a.m. This year's adjudicator will be Mel Butler from Seattle, WA.

Mel Butler will give a workshop beginning at approximately 11 a.m. for about an hour on Hymn Playing. Many AGO members have come to Musicfest's Organ Division in the past, and we again, would love to have representation in the audience from Spokane AGO members...should their time permit. Also, any AGO member would be welcome to attend the workshop to be given by Mel Butler.

There will be a no-host luncheon following the workshop!

Should you have any questions, please call Sally Dotson, chairperson, at 448-8726 or mailed at: sldjed@q.com.

Thank you your continued support of Musicfest Northwest's Organ Division!!!

Sally Dotson
Organ Division Chairman - Musicfest Northwest

The Joy of Bach: A Spring Concert

You are cordially invited to attend a musical event at St. John's on May 31, 3:00pm.



The Cathedral Choir, Kantorei Choir, and
Cathedral Chamber Orchestra present an
afternoon spring concert of joyful works by J. S.
Bach:

Brandenburg Concerto no. 2
Jesu, meine Freude, Motet
Cantata 147: Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben

Timothy Westerhaus, conductor & harpsichord
Sunday, May 31, 3:00 pm
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

The concert is free, and donations are welcome.

Chapter Website

Many thanks to Bob Collins for maintaining our Chapter website, which you can visit at <http://www.spokaneago.org/>

A lot of interesting information is there, so take a bit of time and have a look.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Spokane Chapter website. At the top, there is a logo for the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and the text "American Guild of Organists Spokane Chapter". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: HOME, EVENTS, MEMBERSHIP, PERSONNEL, RECORDINGS, AREA ORGANS, CLASSIFIEDS, NATL NEWS, and LINKS. The main content area features a red heading "WELCOME TO THE SPOKANE AGO" followed by a paragraph of text: "Welcome to the Web Site for the Spokane Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We are a chapter of approximately 60 members located in Spokane, Washington. We serve the greater Spokane area including Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and the Pullman-Moscow area. In addition to programs for organ, we also feature programs for choral directors and choirs as well as hand bells. [more...](#)". To the right of the text is a photograph of a large, ornate pipe organ. At the bottom of the page, there is a section for social media with the text "Visit us on Facebook at:" and a Facebook icon, followed by the URL "facebook.com/spokaneago". To the right of this section are two email addresses: "info@spokaneago.org" and "webmaster@spokaneago.org". At the very bottom center, there is a copyright notice: "©Copyright 2013, Spokane AGO".

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Organ Concerts Highlighting “The Year of the Organ”

A continuing reminder about upcoming organ concerts planned for the coming year. What a treat to be able to hear these two artists.

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 American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society. at numerous conventions of the 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.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 12, 2015	Music Fest, Organ Division; Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 9:00am
May 31, 2015	The Joy of Bach: A Spring Concert, St. John the Evangelist, 3:00pm
June 14, 2015	Picnic and general membership meeting; St. Mark's Lutheran, 3-6pm
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 Houlihan, Organ Concert, St. John's Cathedral, 4:00pm