

Mildred Flood Mahoney Organ Recital Douglas Leightenheimer, organist

Sunday, April 27, 2014 · Holsclaw Hall, 7:00 p.m.



Douglas Leightenheimer

Program

Johann Sebastian Bach Prelude and Fugue in E minor (BWV 548)

Felix Mendelssohn Sonata Op. 65 No. 4 in B-flat Major

Marcel Dupré Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Op. 7 No. 3

> *and works by* Walond, Biery and Blair

FREE ADMISSION

June Chapter Events

SHIMMERING SUMMER SOCIAL

Sunday, June 1, 4:00 p.m.

At the beautiful Colonia Verde club house 2700 N. Camino Valle Verde

See page 7 for details.

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Saturday, June 7, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join your friends and colleagues from the Central Arizona and Southern Arizona Chapters for a fun day to see, hear and play six exciting pipe organs in Tucson. This will be an exciting end-of-season event that will include short demonstrations of the organs followed by an opportunity to try out the instruments.

A noon lunch will be served at Catalina United Methodist church, followed by a recital on the new Quimby organ by Jeffrey Campbell. Other venues and hosts will be announced shortly.

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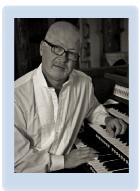
So that we might keep our members informed of our special musical events, we invite you to include notice of your events in future issues of *The CYPHER*.

If you have programs you would like to include, please send program descriptions, along with pertinent information—title, date, location, time, brief description, cost, and photos—to Dusty Johnson newly elected, *CYPHER* editor. The information will appear in the print edition as well as in the online edition. Material may be edited as needed.

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message from the dean...

Greetings!

Last Friday, I heard the words "it is finished" more than once. At two o'clock in the afternoon, after playing the first service of Good Friday, I received the long-awaited news that the new organ for my church was

finally ready for me to begin preparations for dress rehearsals on Saturday morning. The dedication of the organ was the following day... Easter Day! Whew! It is finished indeed!

Admittedly, these words were lifelines at this very moment. We often take for granted the craftsmen and technicians that create, provide and care for the instruments we are blessed to play. They are our partners to be sure and we owe them our gratitude.

Recently, I have been reminded, of the tremendous talents of the artisans and colleagues that we depend upon as we serve our churches and synagogues though our music-making. They are indeed our partners! This partnership theme resounds in our announcement of the unanimous vote for our new board members, the class of 2014-2016! Thank you to the nominating committee for their outstanding work in securing the talents and energy of every new board member! The details of the recent ballot are contained in this newsletter.

We will be honoring the retiring board members at our closing summer social event. We hope that you can be present to show your appreciation for all that they have done to create a vibrant chapter; one that is recognized in our community for its excellence in assuring that fine organ and choral music remains a vital part of our arts community.

There is much work to be done, more organs to be funded, choirs to be supported, organists to be encouraged, and certainly more to celebrate. My sincere congratulations to the new board members for giving us hope for a bright future!

On a personal note, please see the wonderful article on the new Quimby organ appearing on Easter Day in azstarnet.com announcing the arrival of the newest addition to our community. I warmly invite each of you to Catalina to meet "Sister Hannah", as she is affectionately known. The inaugural recital will be presented by renowned organist, Ken Cowan on Friday, May 2, 2014. The concert, beginning at 7pm is free of charge. There will be a reception following. Please bring your family, friends and especially your enthusiasm as we celebrate renewal, and partnerships, in the arrival of this glorious instrument.

Dennis

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza Event was a Huge Success!

"Thank you for presenting this event for young people."

"Eager to study the organ."

"I had a great time, it was a fantastic event!"

"Everyone had a blast!"

"What a great event!"

"Everyone - students and adults - had a fine time!"

These are some of the comments that we heard after hosting Pedals, Pipes & Pizza on March 29, at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church.



The purpose of the event was to stimulate interest in the pipe organ among young musicians. There were 11 students who participated, ranging in age from middle school through community college (one



student from Pima). Raymond Ryder began by giving a short demonstration of the various sound colors of the Schantz organ. Dave Horr then talked about pipes and blowers and the organ chambers, and let the students peek into the organ chambers. Dave gave each student an organ pipe from his personal collection (not pulled from the St. Mark's organ chests)! Special guests Janet Tolman and John Neve performed the "rap" demonstration piece by Daniel Burton, *Rex, the King of Instruments*, complete with crowns for everyone.

Joyce Swinehart brought in pizza for lunch on the patio. You can imagine that the pizza was popular! Following lunch, two concurrent sessions were held. While half of the students were given brief individualized instruction by Woosug Kang, the other students viewed clips from the video *Pulling Out All the Stops*. The day wrapped up with a mini-recital presented by the students.



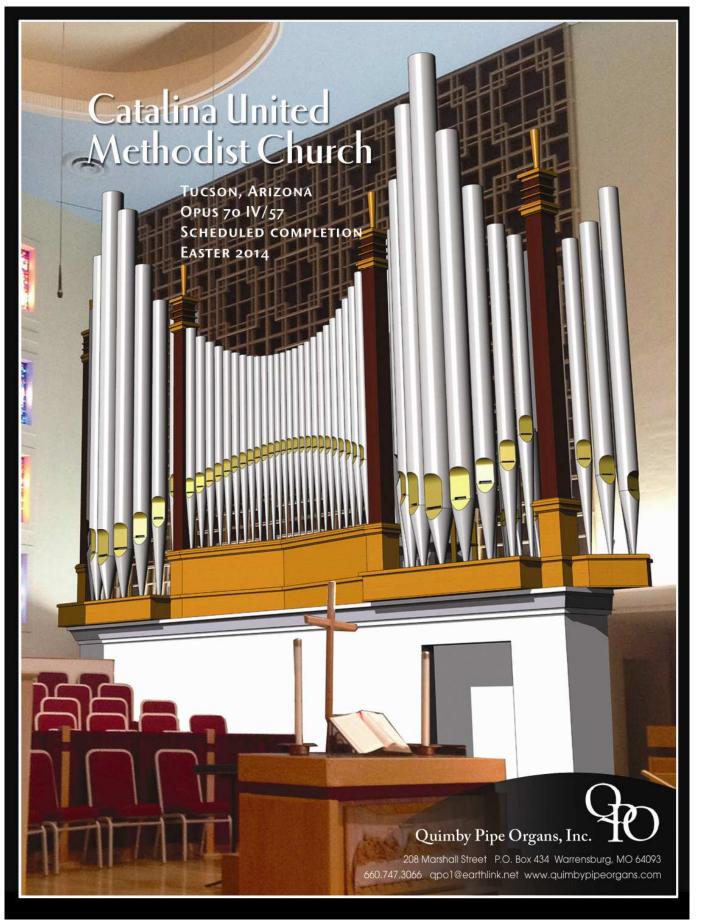


Raymond Ryder, chair Kathryn Snodgrass Dave Horr Fern Hieb

In addition to an organ pipe, we gave each of the students 2 organ books, a list of organ teachers in the Tucson area and scholarship applications for organ study.

Thanks to all the AGO members who participated or visited. The planning committee is pleased about all the enthusiasm generated by the event.

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2014-2015

Organ Dedication: Quimby Pipe Organ Opus 70:IV/57 with the Catalina Brass and Sanctuary Choir Easter Day, April 20, 2014, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Jonathon Ng Director of Music Catalina UMC



Dennis Grannon Principal Organist Festival Director, Catalina UMC

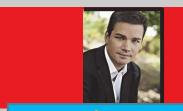
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Organ Dedicatory Concert with guest artist Ken Cowan



May 2, 2014, 7:00 p.m.



July 5.

Decker August 2, 2014

Festival Concert Series Fridays at 7:00 p.m.



Dennis Grannan Resident Organist September 26, 2014



Isabelle Demers Guest Artist January 23, 2015

Christopher Houlihan Guest Artist April 10,2015

www.catalinamethodist.org/organfestival Catalina United Methodist Church (520) 327-4296 2700 East Speedway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85716



Chapter Election Results

We are pleased to report the following individuals have been elected to serve as Chapter officers for the 2014-2016 term:

> DEAN: Dennis Grannan SUB-DEAN/PROGRAM CHAIR: Woosug Kang SECRETARY/TREASURER: David Horr MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Michael Koss PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS: Douglas Leightenheimer

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The Board also wishes to extend to those members who will be retiring from the Board our deepest thanks for their service to the Southern Arizona Chapter and its members:

Jeffrey Campbell Charlotte Cordes Robert Foltz David Gay Fern Hieb Derek Redmore

In Memoríam

Phyllis Wiley

Phyllis, a longtime member of the American Guild of Organists, Southern Arizona chapter, passed away on January 9, 2014, in Dallas. Phyllis and her late husband, Fred, were Tucson residents from 1977 until September 2013, when Phyllis moved to Dallas with her daughter. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 5, at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Dr. George L. Tolman

George L. Tolman, husband of former chapter dean, Janet Tolman, passed away on March 2, 2014. He was pastor of First Christian Church in Tucson from 1966-1987. He helped organize the Tucson Ecumenical Council and co-founded the Tucson affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 15 at First Christian Church.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Phyllis Wiley and George Tolman.

We're having a party

...and YOU'RE INVITED!

It's the Southern Arizona Chapter, AGO

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 4 P.M. 'TIL



At the beautiful club house at Colonia Verde (David Horr's community),

2700 N. Camino Valle Verde, off Sabino Canyon Road, north of Tanque Verde.

Come and enjoy visiting with your friends in the Chapter for a fun social get-together. Bring your favorite dish for the potluck supper, and, if you wish, your favorite organ CD to play during the evening.

Contact Joyce Swinehart, Tel. 207-0785, or E-mail her at **joyceehart@gmail.com**, **before May 25** to let her know what dish you'll be bringing. Utensils and soft drinks will be provided.

Colonia Verde Club House with Catalina Mountains in the background.

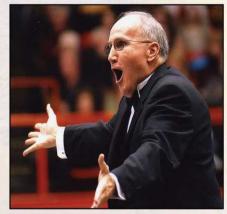


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Music in Worship Focus Day July 10, 2014

Camelback Bible Church 3900 E Stanford Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 (part of the AzACDA Summer Conference July 10-12, 2014)

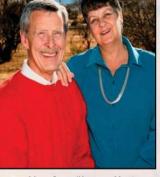
Featured Clinicians:



Dr. Galen Darrough (University of Northern Colorado)







Dave and Jean Perry (Heritage Music Press, Alfred Publishing, GlorySound, Shawnee Press)

- Interest Sessions on conducting technique, commissioning works for your choir, working with instrumentalists, rehearsal techniques for the mature choir
- Music in Worship Reading Session featuring works appropriate for a variety of choirs and occasions
- · Let's Talk Shop breakout discussion session on current topics in church music
- On-site discounts for music purchase from Music Mart
- All-conference hymn-sing led by William McConnell, Executive Director of Presbyterian Association of Musicians

Performance by Orpheus Male Chorus

Opportunities to meet and interact with other church musicians from throughout the SW Early-bird discount and guaranteed reading session packets for those registering by June 5 One-day early registration fee of \$75

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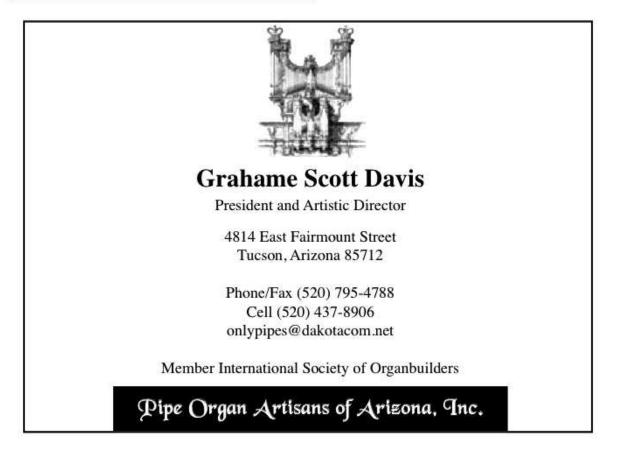
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