

Fall Programs at a glance—Mark your calendars

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St. Philip's in the Hills

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Mozart *Missa Brevis*
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Grace St Paul's Episcopal Church

December 15, about 4:30
Pamela Decker, organ
St. Philip's in the Hills

2013 OPENING EVENT FEATURES ORGANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Sunday, September 22, 4 p.m.
Tanque Verde Lutheran Church
8625 E Tanque Verde Rd.

David Gay, sub dean, presents the organs of Southern Arizona from the time of the Gadsden Purchase until now in a PowerPoint presentation that is sure to entertain as well as to increase our knowledge of the organs of our area from territory times. This promises to be a terrific program!

David has done considerable research on this project and unearthed organs many of us know nothing about. One of those featured will be the 1903 Murray Harris organ at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Bisbee. This instrument has recently been restored through the interest and support of the congregation and it may be the second pipe organ in Arizona. It was only electrified in 1948. See below for YouTube website where you can hear the organ.

In addition to photos of a variety of instruments, the presentation will be accompanied by some audio recordings. This is a program you won't want to miss.

Join us for refreshments at 4 p.m., catered dinner about 5 p.m. with the program to follow along with dessert.

\$5.00/person for dinner.

Reservations to Fern Hieb by Wednesday, September 18 (barryfern@cox.net; 321-4080).

Listen to Dr. Homer Ferguson performing on this lovely organ at this website:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQ2WpEcybR0>



Murray Harris Organ
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Bisbee, Arizona

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The CYPHER**

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 Derek Redmore, *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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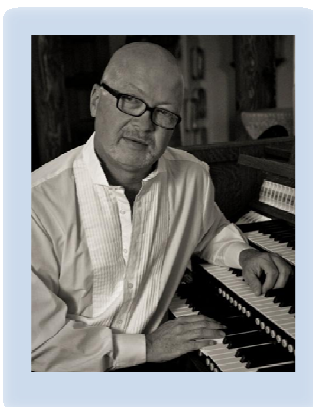
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message from the dean...

Greetings!

It is with great excitement that we announce an outstanding program of events this season! Beginning with our first gathering on Sunday afternoon, September 22, we learn about the amazing organs of the Gadsden Purchase; instruments of our territorial history in Southern Arizona. The crown jewel of this research is the restored Murray Harris organ located in the charming village of Bisbee. In addition, we have outstanding recitals, organ crawls with our friends from the Central Arizona Chapter, a city-wide hymn sing, a day entitled "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" designed for young musicians, and visits by esteemed colleagues from other areas of the country that will be performing recitals and presenting inspirational workshops. We also herald the arrival of a new organ for our community! You will find detailed information about these many offerings in this issue of the newsletter.

As one of the smaller AGO Chapters in our region, I am amazed at how much we are able to offer our members and community through our sponsorship of programs headed by so many talented local musicians. This energy is found throughout all of the AGO Regions, especially by some of the smaller chapters. I recently attended the Regional Convention hosted by the Bakersfield AGO chapter. The convention was tremendous....one of the best that I have attended...ever! With fewer than 20 people serving as a Convention Steering Committee, I was bowled-over with the care and attention to detail that was evident throughout the inspirational days in sunny California!

We can accomplish much throughout our community with your participation and attendance. Sharing these programs with friends and family is only the beginning of a rich cultural experience that is possible. We hope that you will volunteer at our events this year so that guests and attendees from our community feel welcomed and energized by our efforts.

Please reserve a seat at our opening dinner by Wednesday, September 18th with Fern Hieb (barryfern@cox.net; 321-4080). See the AGO Program 2013-2014 announcing the details.

Warmest Regards,

Dennis

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2013-2014 Programs—Save the dates!

Organs of Southern Arizona

Sunday, September 22, 4 p.m.

Tanque Verde Lutheran Church
8625 E Tanque Verde Rd.

See page 1 for details.

Phoenix Organ Crawl, Dinner at Organ Stop Pizza

Saturday, October 5, depart 8 a.m.

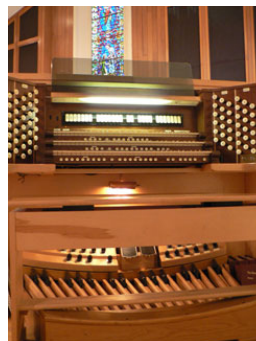
The Central Arizona Chapter has invited our chapter to an organ crawl to hear and play some significant instruments in the Phoenix area: the oldest Aeolian-Skinner in the Valley, the newest Schantz, ASU's Fritts and historic 1742 Traeri, a recently restored Bigelow and the Visser-Rowland at the church of our District Convener, Mark Ramsey. Lunch will be provided. The day will culminate with dinner in Mesa at Organ Stop Pizza (Organ Stop only accepts cash or check). We will car pool or use a church van for the day. Meet in the parking lot east of the sanctuary at Catalina United Methodist Church (2700 E. Speedway) by 8 a.m. Transportation costs will be shared. Contact Dennis Grannan (lucky2825@yahoo.com or 903-8052) by Saturday, Sept. 28, to reserve a space.



Showcase Recital

Sunday, November 24, 3 p.m.

Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church
2331 E. Adams St.



The Annual Showcase Recital will present performers playing the organ at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The organ, originally built in 1959 by David McDowell, was later rebuilt and enlarged by Pipe Organ Artisans of Arizona, Inc. (III/58). Dennis Grannan, Woosug Kang and Ji Sun Lee will perform. Dennis will play Pierre Cochereau's *Bolero* with percussionist, Barbara

Freischlad, a jazz prelude with drummer, Tyler Jones, and Grandjany's *Aria* for harp and organ. Ji Sun will perform on both piano and organ. Woosug will present *Pedal Variations on Paganini* by Thalben-Ball as well as the first movement from Widor's *Symphony no. 6*. Reception following. Suggested donation: \$10.

Jan Kraybill, Organ

Sunday, January 12, 3 p.m.

Northminster Presbyterian Church
2450 East Fort Lowell Rd.

Jan Kraybill is Principal Organist at Community of Christ International Headquarters in Independence, Missouri and Conservator of the Julia Irene Kauffman Casavant organ at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, Missouri. She performs regularly on the famous 113-rank Aeolian-Skinner (1959) Auditorium Organ and the Temple's magnificent 102-rank Casavant organ (1993), and oversees a staff of about thirty volunteer organists who, for fifty-two consecutive summers, have presented daily recitals on these instruments.
(funded in part by the Southern Arizona Chapter of the AGO)



Workshop & Hymn Festival

Led by Dr. David Cherwien

January 18 and January 19

Christ Church United Methodist
655 N Craycroft Rd.

The chapter will present both a community wide- hymn festival and Saturday workshop and panel discussion led by Dr. David Cherwien, music director of the National Lutheran Choir, nationally known conductor, composer and organist and frequent presenter of hymn festivals. Dr. Cherwien is also Director of Music at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. All choir members, directors, and accompanists are encouraged to participate in the festival choir.



Saturday, January 18, 1 p.m.

Workshop—The future of Church Music
Panel Discussion
Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19

Rehearsal, 2 p.m.
Hymn Festival, 4 p.m.

Plan now to attend this inspirational event. Watch for additional details in *The Cypher*.

Open Console

Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church
4440 North Campbell Avenue

Open console opportunity for members at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church. Sign up for a private half hour on your own with the instrument—a 1986 Holtkamp, Opus 2000, revised and enlarged by Hupalo & Repasky Pipe Organs, LLC, III/47. Have fun! Sign-up details will be published in *The Cypher*.

Renée Anne Louprette, Organ

23rd Annual Bach Marathon

Saturday, March 1, 1 p.m.

St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church
4440 North Campbell Avenue



The 23rd annual Bach Marathon featuring organist Renée Anne Louprette. Renée has established a formidable international career as organ recitalist, accompanist and conductor. Recently appointed Organist and Director of Music of the French parish of [L'Église de Notre Dame](#) on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, she presides over the church's 1924 Casavant organ and directs a choral program of singers recruited from the Columbia University community. Ms. Louprette was also recently appointed to the organ faculty of the Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Saturday, March 29

Our chapter is holding a **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza** event that introduces children and youth to the pipe organ with Raymond Ryder as chair. This is a wonderful opportunity to expose kids to the pipe organ, many of whom may never have seen or heard one. Watch for more details in future issues of *The Cypher*.

The Old Has Become New

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.

Catalina United Methodist Church
2700 E. Speedway Blvd.



Michael Quimby, president, Quimby Pipe Organs, and Eric Johnson, head reed voicer, QPO, will give a Power point presentation on the new Quimby organ at Catalina. Their presentation will also include their acclaimed restoration of

the organ at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City.

Shimmering Summer Social

Sunday, June 1, 4 p.m.

Colonia Verde Club House
2700 N. Camino Valle Verde

Our summer social is a great time to enjoy visiting with your friends in the chapter. Bring your favorite dish for the potluck supper. Reservations to Joyce Swinehart (joyceehart@gmail.com) by Wed., May 28.

Tucson Organ Crawl

Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.

Join us as we welcome the Central Arizona Chapter of the AGO, our colleagues from the Phoenix area, for a visit to hear and play various organs in our community. We have some outstanding instruments to show off, including organs by Fritts, Aeolian-Skinner, Quimby, Schoenstein, Walker and Holtkamp. We will get a chance to hear the newest organ in Tucson at Catalina United Methodist Church when Jeffrey Campbell is the first performer in a series of summer siesta concerts, "In from the heat"! Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the organ recital. The day begins at 10 a.m.

In Memoriam

Fred Fahrner (1930-2013)

A native Michigander and graduate of the University of Michigan in organ performance, Fred worked as an accompanist for the Detroit Public Schools. Over the course of 30 years, he played for over 7,000 weddings at the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, in the Martha Mary Chapel. Fred was a member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians, and a longtime dual member of the Detroit and Tucson AGO chapters. He was also a member of the Guild of Carilloneurs in North America. He is survived by Anne, his wife of 32 years.

Ken Josephson (1967-2013)

Son of longtime chapter members Chuck and Joan Josephson, Ken's life was cut short accidentally as he traveled home to visit his parents. He enjoyed music, traveling and working with his parents at their business, the Print Well. He was a caring, giving person who sought to bring joy to others.

Mundt, Willis Philip (1931-2013)

Willis, who served in the Marines in the Korean War and who practiced medicine in Nebraska until his retirement to Green Valley, was active as a musician, playing piano, organ and handbells and singing in the choir at the Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior in Green Valley. He was also a member of the Green Valley Community Chorus for 22 years.

Organ/Choral Programs—2013-2014

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Saturday, October 5, depart Tucson
8 a.m.

Halloween Spectacular!

Dorothy Papadakos improvises on
the classic 1922 film "Nosferatu"
October 19, 7 p.m.

Halloween reception follows
St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal
Church
General admission: \$25;
students: \$15; family of three: \$50;
family of four: \$60;
Premium seating: \$35

Pamela Decker, organ

Roy Johnson Organ Series
Sunday, October 20, 2:30 p.m.
Holsclaw Hall, University of Arizona
General admission: \$10

Robert Bates, organ

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Sunday, November 10, 3 p.m.

Mozart Missa Brevis

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Sunday, November 17, 5 p.m.

AGO Showcase Recital

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Sunday, November 24, 3 p.m.
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Robert Huw Morgan, organ

Roy Johnson Organ Series
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Holsclaw Hall, University of Arizona
General admission: \$10

Julia Brown, organ

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Sunday, February 16, 3 p.m.

Open Console

St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal
Church
Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m.

Renée Louprette, organ

Bach Marathon
St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal
Church
Saturday, March 1, 1 p.m.

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Saturday, March 29, TBA

Stephen Keyl, organ

Roy Johnson Organ Series
Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.
Holsclaw Hall, University of Arizona
General admission: \$10

Haydn Creation

Sunday, March 30, 5 p.m.
Northminster Presbyterian Church

Jeffri Sanders, organ

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Sunday, April 6, 3 p.m.

Douglas Leightenheimer, organ

Mildred Flood Mahoney Memorial
Organ Recital
Sunday, April 27, 7 p.m.
Holsclaw Hall, University of Arizona
Free Admission

Ken Cowan, organ

Dedication, Quimby Pipe Organ
Catalina United Methodist Church
Friday, May 2, 7 p.m.

The Old Has Become New— Catalina and Cathedral of St. John the Divine Organs

Michael Quimby, Eric Johnson
Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.
Catalina United Methodist Church

Shimmering Summer Social

Sunday, June 1, 4 p.m.
Colonia Verde Club House
2700 N. Camino Valle Verde

Jeffrey Campbell, organ

"In From the Heat!" Series
Saturday, June 7, after lunch
Catalina United Methodist Church

Tucson Organ Crawl with Central Arizona Chapter

Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.
First location TBA

St. Philip's Post-Evensong Organ Concerts

The following brief organ concerts—
all held at St. Philips—follow the third
Sunday Evensong service led by St.
Philip's Schola Cantorum.

Evensong, 4 p.m.
Free will offering

These concerts are held at St. Philip's in the Hills

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Jonathan Gregoire, organ
ASU DMA student

November 17
Emma Whitten, organ
ASU DMA student

December 15
Pamela Decker, organ
UA Professor of Organ

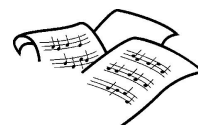
January 19
Chris Fresolone, organ
Casas Adobes Congregational
Church

February 16
Ashley Snavley, organ
ASU DMA student

March 16, Part I: Organ Music
Through Lenten Journey
March 27, Part 2
Woosug Kang, organ

April 20
Dennis Grannan, organ
Catalina United Methodist Church

May 18
Erik Goldstrom, organ
Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix





CATALINA ORGAN FESTIVAL

2014-2015

Dedicatory Festival Concert

Friday Evening, May 2, 2014 at 7pm

Ken Cowan, Guest Artist

"In from the heat!"

Summer Siesta Concerts

Featuring local guest artists

Lunch served at noon

Recitals immediately following

June 7, 2014

Jeffrey Campbell, St. Phillips in the Hills

July 5, 2014

David Horr, St. Marks Presbyterian

August 2, 2014

Pamela Decker, U of A, Grace- St. Pauls

Festival Concert

Friday Evening, September 26, 2014 at 7pm

Dennis Grannan, Catalina Organist

Festival Concert

January 2015, date TBD

Isabelle Demers, Guest Artist

Silent Film Festival

February 2015

with improvised organ accompaniment
dates, films and performers TBA

Gala Festival Concert

April 9, 2015

Christopher Houlihan, Guest Artist

*Quimby Pipe Organs, Opus 70
4 manuals, 58 ranks*

Festal Service & Organ Dedication

Easter Day, April 20, 2014

9:30 and 11:00am

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Jonathan Ng, Director of Music

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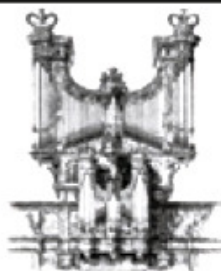
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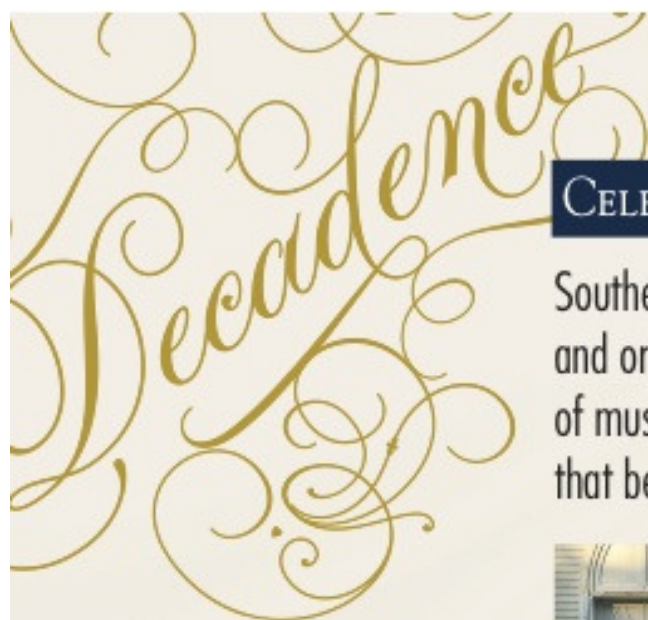
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November 2 & 3



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& Carols by Candlelight
December 6, 7 & 8



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Feb. 28, March 1 & 2



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