



En Chamade

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Orgiano Duo

Thursday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.

Central United Methodist, 6 W. Dickson St., Fayetteville

Frode Gundersen and **Scott Montgomery** have joined forces (and merged the names of their instruments) to form “Orgiano Duo”, a collaboration which presents keyboard duets in every possible combination of organ and piano. The Duo’s vast repertoire promises to satisfy multiple musical appetites with a buffet featuring full-length concertos, hymn-based works, and music from opera and Broadway. This event, a first unveiling of the Duo’s European tour program for this summer, marks the inauguration of John-Paul Buzard’s stunning Op. 46, installed at Central late last year. A free-will offering will be received, and child care will be available.

From the Sub-Dean...

Greetings, one and all!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Can you believe we are nearly to February? Where does the time go? Personally, I wasn't ready to let go of Christmas and it was only Monday (shamefully) that our extreme fire hazard of a tree came down. Twelve days of Christmas? Why not 28??

As we begin to regain steam after the holiday season, I would like to encourage you to reach out to the executive committee with suggestions for programs that may be of interest. Your officers have worked to assemble our winter/spring event lineup. We are looking forward to seeing each one of you regularly throughout the season.

Right now the priority is our first event: a “dare-not-miss” concert January 31 by our own Dean Scott Montgomery and his colleague Frode Gundersen. This outstanding merging of talent has crafted an enterprising and highly entertaining program ranging from church music to show tunes and opera, to Pietro Yon’s grand organ concerto. Start time is 7:00 p.m. at Central UMC, Fayetteville.

Other upcoming events include an all-things-hymn-related workshop at Springdale Methodist in February. This will be followed by a “Pipe Organ Encounter”-type event at the end of March, with locations and details still being shored up. The April event will be a little Post-Easter TLC in the form of a relaxed social, and then we’ll finish with a silent film workshop in mid-May. Stay tuned for more information!

Warmest regards,

Jack

Here’s a nice calendar-friendly summary:

January: “Orgiano Duo”. Thursday, January 31, 7:00pm. Central UMC, Fayetteville.

February: Hymn Playing Workshop. Saturday, February 23, 9:30-11:30am. First UMC, Springdale. Come and enjoy all things hymn related... from intros to interludes, creative reharmonizations, and ideas for spontaneous improvisation when a hymn suddenly must be extended to cover a too-long processional or offertory. Bring a favorite hymn accompaniment or two to share!

March: POE. Saturday, March 30. Time & Locations TBD.

April: Post-Easter Social. Weekend of April 26-27. Specifics TBD.

May: Silent Film Experience with William Roland. Saturday, May 18, 10:00—noon. Location TBD.