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MAY 13 PROGRAM

The **Southern Baptist Theological Seminary** (2825 Lexington Rd) is the scene of our **May 13** dinner and meeting. The election and installation of officers, a program by **Dr. Donald Hustad** on *Hymn Improvisation and Service Playing*, and a tour of the organs on campus will make it a busy and interesting evening. The menu for the dinner, which starts at **6:30**, is roast turkey with corn-bread stuffing, honey ham, mashed potatoes, country green beans, rolls, peach cobbler and ice tea or coffee. The cost is **\$14.25**. Anyone is welcome to come for dinner, but **ALL** must make a reservation by **noon on Tuesday, May 6** by contacting Rob Williamson at rob.williamson@insightbb.com or 261-1466. **Please make your reservations as soon as you receive this** – we want to have as many there as possible! (If you make a reservation and don't show up, you will be charged for your meal.) The **dinner will be held at 6:30** in the President's Reception Room in Honeycutt Hall. Dr. Hustad's **program will begin at 7:30** in Alumni Chapel. Following this, **Drs. Ron and Sandra Turner** and some of their students will take us on a tour of the other organs, where we can hear the organs and play them as time allows.

COMING ATTRACTIONS – 2008-2009 EDITION

Next year's planning is nearly complete, and it promises to be a great year. In addition to our annual events, *Pipes and Pumpkins* in October, and *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza* in January, we will have an organ crawl in the St. Matthews area, another trip to **Margaret and Melvin Dickinson's** Bachhaus, a program by **Robert Boozman** at Christ Church Cathedral, a recital and masterclass by Ken Cowan, and a recital by former Louisville organist John Cantrell at Walnut Street Baptist Church in celebration of the organ's 40th anniversary.

PILCHER ORGAN LIVES AGAIN

On Sunday, June 1, **Melvin Dickinson** will play a short recital to rededicate the organ at Louisville Church of Christ (1201 S. 4th St.). The organ, a 1911 Pilcher, was donated by Pat Updegraff's grandfather in honor of his daughter/Pat's mother, Elsa Ropke, who was an organist in Louisville for many years. (The church at that time was Fourth Avenue Baptist and has since closed, but the building still houses the organ and now belongs to Louisville Church of Christ.) The Pilcher had fallen onto hard times, but Gottfried Reck was persuaded to refurbish it, and we will get to hear a resurrected, historic organ on June 1 at 1:30!

PIPES SPECTACULAR ON JUNE 6

The rescheduled March program, *Pipes Spectacular* will be held on **Friday, June 6 beginning at 7:00 at St. John UCC** on East Market. In conjunction with the First Friday Trolley Hop, the program will feature a short recital every half hour or so by various AGO members: Theresa Bauer, Carol Cull, Tim Denton, Dan Stokes, and Ann Colbert Wade. Please help us publicize this event featuring our favorite instrument, and bring yourself and some friends. It is informal, and you can come and go if you don't want to be there for the entire evening.

CALENDAR

- Sundays *Pipedreams* on WUOL-FM 90.5. 7:00 a.m. For program listing: www.pipedreams.org
With Heart and Voice on WUOL-FM 90.5. 8:30 a.m.
- May 13 (Tu) Louisville Chapter meeting** – Dinner; election and installation of officers; Hymn Improvisation/Service Playing by **Dr. Donald Hustad**; organ tour at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. 6:30.
- May 23 (F) Newsletter deadline.** Contact Ann Colbert Wade at 241-4284 or annwade@iglou.com
- May 24 (Sa) The Cathedral (of the Assumption) Choir in Concert. 7:30.
- May 25 (Su) **Dr. Donald Hustad** retirement celebration at Trinity UMC/New Albany (2796 Charlestown Rd). Worship at 9:00 (Dr. Hustad playing) and retirement celebration at 2:00 featuring the Trinity Chancel Choir and Dr. Hustad, followed by a reception. 2:00.
- May 27 (Tu) Executive Committee meeting** at Christ Church United Methodist (4614 Brownsboro Rd). **All old and new EC members are strongly urged to attend. Note change of date/location. 7:30.**
- June 1 (Su) **Melvin Dickinson** organ recital at Louisville Church of Christ (1201 S. 4th St). 1:30.
- June 6 (Fri.) Pipes Spectacular** at St. John UCC. 7-9:30.
- June 22-26 National AGO Convention in Minneapolis.**
- Aug. 5 (Tu) Executive Committee meeting** at the home of Kay Shields Wilkinson.
- Aug. 17 (Su) Louisville Bach Society concert at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. **FREE.** 3:00.