

AST Happenings

February 19, 2009

CCEPA Just in Time Debate

Can we be good without God?

Date: Wednesday, February 25

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Scotiabank Theatre, Sobey School of Business, Saint Mary's University

Is religion foundational to our collective sense of right and wrong? Can a purely secular society maintain its moral grounding? Join panelists Eric Beresford, AST President, and Justin Trotter, Executive Director of the Centre for Inquiry Canada for what promises to be a spirited debate. Moderator is Kevin Kindred, Legal Counsel, Bell Aliant. All are welcome. For further information, please refer to the CCEPA web site <http://www.ccepa.ca>.

At the Gallery

Continuing to February 27—Mixed Blessings

An exhibition of recent works by Don and Louise Pentz

Time is running out! Make plans to see this exhibition before it closes. Further details are available on the AST web site <http://astheology.ns.ca/astarts/index.html>.

Children's Exhibition

Through the Eyes of a Child: How do I know God loves me?

March 21 to June 21, 2009

Submission Deadline: March 12, 2009

Children are naturally creative and expressive. Our hope is to stimulate young imaginations as children think about how they understand God from their own experience. The ecumenical nature of the project promises an exciting and informative exhibition. Help us fill the Gallery with works by our young people! Details and submission guidelines are all available online at <http://astheology.ns.ca/astarts/kids.html>. We hope that church leaders will encourage teachers to support children in their visual explorations, whatever direction they may take. Be as creative as you like! If your church would like to arrange a workshop related to this project, please contact us for information about costs and dates at artsandtheology@astheology.ns.ca.

Sanctuary Trio Makes Guest Appearance at AST

St. Columba Chapel

Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$20/\$10 available through JazzEast 492-2225

The Sanctuary Trio will make a guest appearance and perform a concert of contemplative music at the St. Columba Chapel on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. The Sanctuary Trio features Jeff Reilly (bass clarinet), Christoph Both (cello) and Peter Togni (organ). Tickets are available through JazzEast (492-2225) at \$20 (general admission) and \$10 (Seniors/Students).

AST welcomes musical addition

AST continues to explore a series of sacred concerts. Watch for more details in the coming months. In the meantime, we have taken delivery of a new Yamaha grand piano, which has been placed in St. Columba Chapel. Once tuned and voiced, we trust this beautiful instrument will greatly enrich worship and the performing arts at AST!

News from Soho Kitchen

Expanded hours of operation continue!

Soho Kitchen's expanded hours continue: **8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.**

Old-time jazz is back! The Chalmers Doane Trio is back for a return engagement and an evening of music and fun on **Thursday, March 12, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** in the AST cafeteria. Dinner will be available at reasonable prices (payment by cash or cheque only). Reservations are highly recommended – please call 423-8846. Some unfortunate jazz fans had to be turned away from the February show, so plan to attend—and make your reservations now!

Calling for Submissions

Lieutenant Governor's Faith in Action Award 2009

AST is now accepting nominations the Lieutenant Governor's *Faith in Action Award* 2009. This annual award continues Her Honour's deep commitment to community development, by providing recognition to those whose religious faith has motivated them to significantly enrich the lives of Nova Scotians from the wider community of which they are a part. The award is open to people from any religious tradition. Recipients will be selected by a committee that includes representatives from Atlantic School of Theology and the Nova Scotia Interfaith Council. The 2009 award will be presented at AST convocation on May 2, 2009.

More information about the award and how to nominate potential recipients can be found on the AST web site <http://astheology.ns.ca/News/>. All submissions must be postmarked by **March 9, 2009**.

Coming up

The Nicholson Lectures—April 28 to April 30—7:30 p.m.

Theme: Preaching Paul? Lessons from Ancient Corinth

Featuring The Rev. Dr. Michael Knowles, George Franklin Hurlburt Associate Professor of Preaching from McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario

Tuesday, April 28—The Afflictions of an Apostle (2 Corinthians 1:8-10)

Wednesday, April 29—Treasure in Clay Jars (2 Corinthians 4:7-12)

Thursday, April 30—A Hermeneutic of Hope (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

AST Happenings is an ad hoc e-news publication of the AST Communications Office. If you have information you'd like to share with the AST Community, or questions that you'd like answered, please let us know. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions via email advancement@astheology.ns.ca or via telephone (902) 496-7943.