



The American Guild of Organists

Cleveland Chapter

December 2009

FROM THE DEAN

For most of us, December is THE busiest month of the year—with church performances, school concerts, holiday programs, extra rehearsals, and preparations for the marathon Christmas Eve services. Whew! In the midst of this cacophony, I think it helps to stop and reflect quietly at every opportunity—even though it may be only 10 seconds at a time—on the JOY of music. Permit me to share with you a few sentences written with the aid of a friend, Sarah Cruise, that express my thoughts:

THE GIFT OF JOY I FIND IN MUSIC is at its greatest during the Holidays. The music we have enjoyed since childhood is like a precious thread that connects our hearts, our minds, and our memories of Holiday seasons past.

Holiday music is much more than the art and science of rhythms, notes and sounds... it is the comforting sound of a piano as you open the front door after a long journey home; it is a grandmother's gentle hum in a warm, fragrant kitchen; it is the song on the radio that accompanies the thrill of a first good night kiss in the falling snow; it is the sound of bells awakening generous spirits on a bustling street corner; it is the reverence of a single voice raised up to the winter's night sky in celebration, or the multitude voices and the magnificent sound of

the organ raised in praise of the season—in gratitude.... in joy!

Let us pass on the GIFT OF JOY to others. May the music that we share awaken joyful memories in all of us ...of our past, may it touch us in the present, and may it carry all of us into the future.

Happy Holidays and Musical blessings,

Marcia

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Monday, January 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church

3445 Warrensville Center Road

Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

(216) 991-3432

Don Jackson, host.

Next Chapter Meeting:

Saturday, January 23, 2010, at 9 AM - 12 NOON

Epworth-Euclid United Methodist Church

1919 E. 107th St.

Cleveland, Ohio 44106

(216) 421-1200

A MORNING OF WORKSHOPS

Eric Charnofsky, host

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FOR JANUARY 23

WORKSHOPS

Our next Chapter Program will be on Saturday morning, January 23, 2010, when we present a morning of workshops at Epworth-Euclid United Methodist Church in University Circle, with Eric Charnofsky, Director of Music at Epworth, as our host.

The morning will begin with some gathering and social time with coffee, tea, and breakfast goodies. The first workshop session will be Anne Wilson, Organist and Music Director at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights, along with global song specialist Amanda Powell presenting "It Takes A Village: Global Songs For Worship."

The second session is entitled, "Who's In Charge, Anyway?" presented by Nicole Keller, Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church Episcopal in Hudson, along with the rector from Christ Church, the Reverend Brian S. Suntken. This session is described as "an open conversation between clergy and musicians about the joys and perils of working together in the parish. AGO Chapter members who plan on attending are strongly encouraged to invite their respective clergy to join them for this workshop. We hope all will extend this special invitation and hope many of our area clergy will be able and choose to attend.

The morning will conclude with a scholarship winners' recital. The schedule is as follows:

- 9:00-9:40 Gathering/Social time
9:45-10:30 Session #1 – "It Takes A Village: Global Songs For Worship"
Anne Wilson, Amanda Powell, presenters
10:40-11:25 Session #2 – "Who's In Charge, Anyway?"
An open dialogue between clergy and musicians.
Nicole Keller, the Rev. Brian S. Suntken, presenters
11:30-12:00 Scholarship winners' recital

More details will appear in the January Newsletter, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

FYI:

You will be interested in knowing, in case you do not already know so, that PIPEDREAMS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE for the USA AND CANADA .. In case you miss the PIPEDREAMS on SUNDAY evening, you can LOG IN anytime to the PIPEDREAMS past performances .. I have speakers linked to my computer, and it is a joy to hear past pipe organ performances via PIPEDREAMS !

The PIPE ORGAN MARATHON PERFORMANCE on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (W.30th & Lorain, Cleveland) by Florence Mustric went very well.. There was a good turnout.

ROBERT FINN, former Plain Dealer music critic, gave an interesting lecture after Florence's first recital, about J.S. Bach and other early prolific composers...Florence gave this marathon for a kick - off for the attempt to raise \$ 300,000 for the next renovation work on the splendid R. Von Beckerath mechanical tracker here (the first Von Beckerath in the USA, over a half century year old)..

Best wishes,
Ginny Vigrass, member
AGO, Cleveland Chapter

CHAPTER CONCERNS:

Congratulations to Jonathon and Kaori Moyer on the birth of their son, Samuel, on October 30, 2009, at 10:55 a.m. Samuel weighed in at 8 lbs., 9 oz., and 20.5 inches.



ALLELUIA CORNER

“Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child, where misery cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild; where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door, the dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more.” – Phillips Brooks

The time for Christmas is coming. For a growing child, one of the challenges of life is becoming aware of the mystery of “time.” The dictionary also challenges adults as it reads:

TIME : “A nonspatial continuum in which events occur in apparently irreversible succession from the past to the present to the future.” This involves a strong acquaintance with mathematics in every field including music, plus learning to live through hours, days, months, years and time beyond time. This all involves the steady march of school, holidays, birthdays, plus family times. When reading the works of Albert Einstein for example, one becomes aware that his whole lifetime in science is wrapped up in one word, TIME. This includes the warping of space which reacts on our bodies when traveling in space. Space travel is a long desired aim of science preparing for when the earth is no longer inhabitable. Still in its infancy, science is looking ahead several thousand years, and like Ford and his first auto, space travel will eventually unravel the problems of space travel.

Books, and now the computer in all its magic, are the added mechanical ‘brains’ of mankind, but will never be able to create and think around the corners anew as our bodily brains can and will do. Within outer space the world’s clocks will change to cosmos time along with our universe and our prize playmate, the majestic Milky Way.

Is death the end of time for us? Is it a lonesome journey or a promotion to another time, another sphere, an unknown heaven, or, as Jesus said, to God’s many mansions? We of faith dare to believe that there is life after life – and nowhere else is it more obvious when celebrating the birth of baby named Jesus. Such an event brings in new life every year for both Christian and non-Christian countries. We celebrate this mystic presence, this time of gift-giving in thanks for the gift of a newborn boy, called

Jesus. It is a belief that, along with the magic chimney and Santa’s reindeer, the message of love and faith is again reborn in a shepherd’s stall.

We read in the Old Testament that the Israelites were waiting a long time for the coming of the Messiah, the prophets giving the ‘exact’ location, the time, and that the child would be virgin-born. Also mentioned was that the sun, the moon, and the stars would show us the way to this birth place. It also includes a growing distress between nations, (what’s new?), all the while being told to be patient and that redemption will come to us (Luke 21:25-28).

This birth story inspired the creation of one of the 6,500 Hymns (words) written by Charles Wesley, “Come, thou long expected Jesus” first published in 1744 in a collection of the Lord’s nativity. This poet, a Welshman, was 20 years old when he wrote this hymn. The tune carrying this poem is HYFRYDOL which means “Good Cheer” and the words are wonderful – “...born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.”

Another carol, an 18th c. Latin hymn, was sung in the Catholic Church long before it was known by the Protestant Church. It became so popular that its words were translated into over 100 languages, and we now know it as “O Come All Ye Faithful.” It’s interesting to know that some hymns use one of the twelve names given to the new child, yet we still know about whom we sing.

To name a few: Counselor, Helper, Messiah, Judge, Rose of Sharon, Sun of Righteousness, Counselor, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, Master, King, Saviour.

Such powerful words celebrate the birth of a new, powerful time in our sacred history, a walk into the new, challenging inner space of love for one another, inspired by one helpless, loving child come to help unite the people of this planet.

May this ‘Time’ be filled with Joy.

Gratian M. Nugent

PLEASE NOTE: Please send all job postings to: **Gerry Mass**, (440)884-4904, **Fax:** (440)-884-1661. **e-mail:** gerry@gerardskeyboards.com.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: First Baptist Church, 835 Trebisky Rd., South Euclid, Ohio 44143. We are seeking a faith-filled person who will help re-build our music program. The Music Director should also have keyboard skills sufficient to accompany congregational singing and to accompany the choir (after the choir has been re-organized). Two Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. and 6 p.m. Choir rehearsal Sunday at 5 p.m. Four weeks paid vacation per year. Salary: \$1,000. per month. For further information, please call Pastor Bruce McLaurin at (216) 401-2179 or Deacon Walter Berman at (440) 476-0705

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST: Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Hts., OH 44137. Part-time. Position for someone to provide musical leadership and accompaniment on Sunday mornings and on other seasonal holidays and special services at the church. Familiarity with liturgical worship and choral experience preferred. Salary: \$8-10,000. annually, depending upon experience and background. Please send resume to Rev. Abraham Allende, Pastor, at the church address listed above or via e-mail at covenantlc@sbcglobal.net

ORGANIST: First Church, Congregational, 22 Liberty St., Painesville, Ohio. We are seeking an organist (for September through May). One Sunday service at 11 a.m., preceded by choir rehearsal from 9:00-10:15 a.m. Two evening services during the year, i.e., Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday. Three-manual Skinner pipe organ. Salary: \$5,000.-6,000. per year. Interested persons should contact Ted Hieronymus, Director of Music, at (440) 429-2020 or via e-mail at tedhieronymus@yahoo.com

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Trinity Christian Church, (meeting in the Solon Community Church Bldg.), 33955 Sherbrook Park Dr., Solon, Ohio, (330) 998-6248. Organist/pianist needed to accompany congregational singing and the choir.

Sunday service and weekly choir rehearsal, as well as other occasional events. Salary: \$200. per week. Interested persons should submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail to tcc.smith@yahoo.com

ORGANIST/KEYBOARDIST: East Shore United Methodist Church, 23002 Lake Shore Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44123. Organist/Keyboardist needed for Sunday worship service, holiday and other services, and weekly choir rehearsal. Schantz organ, grand piano, electronic keyboard. Salary: \$7,500.-8,500. per year. Interested persons should send a resume to the church address listed above or via e-mail to bev@eastshorechurch.com.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: South Euclid-Hillcrest United Methodist, 1534 S. Green Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121, (216) 381-2953. Part-time. Direct traditional choir and oversee music program. Experienced organist preferred. Sunday service at 10:45 a.m. and weekly choir rehearsal. Salary: approximately \$8,000. per year. Interested persons should send resume to Rev. Liz Nau, Pastor, at the church address above or via e-mail to revliznau@sbcglobal.net.

REMINDER: The deadline for submitting articles to the newsletter is **midnight on the 15th** of every month. All articles should be sent to: newsletter@agocleveland.org

CONCERTS: For complete listings, see our website: www.agocleveland.org. All concerts are free unless otherwise noted.

Tuesdays: Music for Tuesdays Program at **Messiah Lutheran Church**. 21485 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, Ohio (440) 331-2405. www.messiahfp.org. **FREE** concerts at **NOON** on Tuesdays.

December 1: Barbara Bartels, organ; Christmas is Coming

December 8: North Coast Consort of Viols; Early music with a nod to the Season

December 15: Edith Yerger, recorders; **David Betts**, recorders; Music for Two...to Celebrate the Holidays

Wednesdays: Music Near the Market at **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**, West 30th St. at Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: (216)-321-1393. Featuring the world-famous von Beckerath organ. **FREE** concerts **AT NOON** on Wednesdays.

December 2 & 9: Organist **Florence Mustric** presents “Saviour of the nations, come,” music by Bach, Distler, and others on an ancient Advent hymn.

December 16 & 23: Organist **Robert Myers** presents “Music for Advent and Christmas,” including selections by J.S. Bach, Paul Manz, and Gordon Young.

December 30: Organist **Robert Myers** presents “Ending the old year, starting the new,” featuring music by J.S. Bach and others.

Friday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.: The Church of the Ascension, 13216 Detroit Ave., Lakewood will be holding the 6th Annual **Coles Dusenbury Choral Festival**. The choirs from **Horace Mann Elementary School** in Lakewood, **Louis Agassiz School** in Cleveland and the **Men's Choir, Show Choir and Chamber Choir** from Westlake will be performing a holiday program. It is a free program with a freewill offering taken. There will be a reception following.

Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 North Prospect Street in Downtown Akron. A Festival of Lessons and Carols. This service will welcome the seasons of Advent and Christmas with sacred choral and instrumental music by the **Trinity Choir, Paragon Brass Quintet, Trinity Bells, and organ**. All are invited to a wassail reception immediately following the service. An offering will be received. Secure, lighted parking is located adjacent to the church. Phone (330) 376-5154 for more information.

Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m.: Cathedral of St John, 1007 Superior Ave, (downtown Cleveland); 216-771-6666 x5510. **Daughters of St Paul Choir** (*Boston MA*); Sr. Bridget Charles Ellis FSP, *Director*. **Peace on Earth** (*Christmas with the Daughters of St Paul*). **FREE** concert; Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E 9th. www.saintjohncathedral.com/Concerts

Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m.: Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, (216) 421-0482. **CircleFest Carol Sing**. As part of University Circle’s Holiday CircleFest, all are invited to join in singing Christmas carols and holiday songs along with Covenant’s choirs and other area ensembles.

Sunday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.: Magnificat Center for the Performing Arts, 20770 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio 44116. The **West Shore Chorale and Orchestra** presents **Carols and Choruses of Christmas**. **John Drotleff**, Conductor. Special Guests: **Westlake United Methodist Church Bell Choir ~ Conductor, Ardith McCloy**. Favorite musical selections from Mendelssohn, Lauridsen, Holst, and others. All tickets are \$15.00 (students are free). [Tickets can be purchased instantly and securely on our website](#), by calling 216-373-7773, or at the door. Reception of holiday treats will follow. Parking is free and handicap accessible.

Tuesday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m.: Plymouth Church, UCC, 2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120, 216.921.3510. The church is located just east of Shaker Square and south of Shaker Blvd. **DAEDALUS QUARTET**. Marking its 60th anniversary season, The Cleveland Chamber Music Society presents this concert in collaboration with the CIM Chamber Music Festival. Tickets required online at ticketsales@clevelandchambermusic.org

Wednesday December 9 at 7:30 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118-4098, (216) 321-5800. CityMusic Cleveland Concert. Conductor Joel Smirnoff with soloists Jessica Oudin, viola; Nathan Olson, violin; and Chabrelle Williams, soprano; perform Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante in E flat, Divertimento No. 136, and Exsultate Jubilate.

Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.: Saint Leo the Great Church, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Oh 44109. **Christmas In Cleveland**, an evening of Christmas and Advent songs and carols. The music of many choirs from the Greater Cleveland area showcases a wide variety of songs and styles, and features the lighting and sound talents of **Joe Gardner from Simply Sound & Lighting**.

Friday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.: Saint Ignatius of Antioch Roman Catholic Church, 10205 Lorain Avenue (at West Boulevard), Cleveland. **CityMusic Cleveland, Joel Smirnoff**, conductor, instrumental and soprano soloists, will present a concert of music by Mozart. Free-will Offering will be accepted. Families with children are welcome and encouraged to attend, and refreshments will be served following the program with an opportunity for those present to meet and greet the artists. For more information, please visit the CityMusic Cleveland website: www.CityMusicCleveland.org, call 216.251.0300 x123, or send e-mail to MusicAtIgnatius@hotmail.com.

Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m.: Plymouth Church, UCC, 2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120, 216.921.3510. The church is located just east of Shaker Square and south of Shaker Blvd. **CHRISTMAS ORATORIO PART I—J.S. Bach**
The Chancel Choir and soloists with chamber orchestra.

Sunday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m.: Mayfield United Methodist Church, 7747 Mayfield Road, Chesterland, 44026. **Annual Choir Christmas Concert** featuring "Candles and Carols" by Mark Hayes and selections from Handel's "Messiah" along with the **Wesley Bell Choir. Carol Neff, Organist and Director.** Free! 440-729-4006

Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m.: St. Sebastian Church, 476 Mull Avenue, Akron, Ohio. A **Ceremony of Lessons and Carols** featuring **Handbell Bell Choir, Children's Choir, Men's Quartet, Parish Choir, Praise and Worship Ensemble.** Free will offering and reception to follow. All proceeds benefit the choir's trip to Italy

Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118-4098, (216) 321-5800. Anderson Hall. **Feast of Carols and Pudding.** The Fairmount tradition returns, with musical and dramatic revelry, a court wizard, audience caroling, and delicious holiday dessert. Tickets required.

Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m.: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1250 W. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio 44313, (330) 836-2226. **Amahl and the Night Visitors.**

Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m.: The Federated Church, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls. (440) 247-6490. **BURNING RIVER BRASS.** Holiday concert with community carol sing-along (includes Hallelujah Chorus). No admission charge. Free will offering. However, patrons (\$60) get two tickets in preferred seating plus a BRB CD. Call the church office for details.

**Need a unique 'one of a kind'
Christmas gift ?**

Visit the Holiday Art Show at Dick and Juanita Schubert's Open House and see spectacular woodworking and gorgeous jewelry, including sparkling Swarovski Crystal Christmas Tree earrings. There are wonderful homemade sweets and hot, mulled cider, too. **DO COME! IT'S A PARTY!** All are invited! **Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
CLEVELAND CITY MISSION.**

Our address:

1329 Mattingly Road, Hinckley, OH
44233.

330-278-2298.

Juanita Schubert

Save the Date!

Saturday, April 24, 2010

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Cleveland Chapter Fundraiser to benefit an artist recital

A performance followed by wine, hors
d'oeuvres, and entertainment.

Full details coming soon.

See page 7 of the yearbook for an
overview of the fundraiser and concert.
We need all chapter members to invite
their friends who appreciate fine music
to the fund raiser or provide their
names and addresses to Don Jackson
and we will invite them.



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