



Tracking the Action

The newsletter of the American Guild of Organists, Cleveland Chapter

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FROM THE DEAN

I am preparing to lead a course at Plymouth Church on creativity. A good friend and colleague shared a video with me called, "Everyday Creativity" featuring Dewitt Jones. Jones is one of America's top professional photographers having spent twenty years with National Geographic. Speaking to audiences across the country, Dewitt is recognized as a renowned lecturer. In this video Jones mentions nine aspects of everyday creativity. Three of them stood out for me in regard to organists.

First, "Creativity is the ability to look at the ordinary, and see the extraordinary." Jones claims many think of creativity as something that belongs to a chosen few, but he challenges this claim by saying creativity is an attitude. We hear a piece of organ music, we buy it, we practice it, we learn it, and we perform it. Some organists take these pieces and add dance or a collage of photos to the music. Can you think of a time when you did something extraordinary at the organ? How did you feel?

Second, "Don't be afraid to make mistakes." None of us likes to make mistakes, but when we are afraid to take a risk and try something new then we are not growing as musicians or humans. Take a look at any great musician or scientist and you will learn that many risks were taken and mistakes made, but in the end learning and achievement resulted. What would it look like if organists were not afraid of making mistakes and would more often play for each other? What might we learn?

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Third, "Train your technique." Jones writes, "Knowing and respecting our craft will help us bring

our visions to life in a way that is clear and profound." Can you think of a time either personally or professionally when you weren't prepared, and an opportunity slipped away? As musicians, and in particular as organists, we continue to train our technique by practicing, by studying with a teacher or coach, and by participating in AGO events and learning from one another.

Another holiday season is soon upon us. Visitors, folks who like holiday music, and yes, those folks that show up at our places of worship once or twice a year, will be showing up and in many cases hearing the organ for the first time. Use your creativity to look at the ordinary, and see the extraordinary, make the organ sing and come alive—don't be afraid of the mistakes, and continue to train your technique so you are ready to respond. You do make a difference!

Cheers, Jim

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Monday, November 15, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

28455 Center Ridge Road

Westlake, Ohio 44145

Don Jackson, Host

Next Chapter Meeting:

Sunday, November 14, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Forum on Church Acoustics

Featuring Dana Kirkegaard

The Church of the Covenant

11205 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44106

FORUM ON CHURCH ACOUSTICS FEATURING DANA KIRKEGAARD

The Forum on Church Acoustics will take place on Sunday, November 14 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at The Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

All are invited to a presentation and discussion time with world-renowned acoustician Dana Kirkegaard. Mr Kirkegaard has worked in such renowned institutions as St. John the Divine (NYC), Fourth Presbyterian Church (Chicago), Yale Divinity School, Duke Divinity School, Grace Church (NYC), and most recently the new Oberlin jazz studio. Acoustics can often be an allusive topic for church musicians to explain to their congregations and clergy. Dana will offer constructive ideas on how to engage more people into the process of understanding sound and its relation to worship. He will also discuss current plans to prepare the Church of the Covenant sanctuary for the installation of the new Richards, Fowkes, organ as well as renovation of the front organ.

Johathan Moyer

MASTER CLASS WITH OLIVIER LATRY

The Master Class with Olivier Latry will take place on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights. This is a CIM sponsored event and AGO members are welcome to attend.

Clifford Hill

FROM THE REGISTRAR

By now you should have received your 2010-2011 Yearbook Directories. Please keep the following update with your directory:

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We welcome Paula Maust and Thom Scott as new members this year. They bring our current total to 191 members.

Chris Toth, Registrar

HEARD IT AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Current membership stands at 190
- Yearbooks have been mailed
- Approved Linda Kempke to fill vacant Executive Committee position
- Discussed the future of Pipedreams on WCLV
- Began discussion on prize money for February 2011 competition and scholarships
- Continued Part III of vision exercise
- Program Committee is meeting to begin planning for the 2011-2012 year

PLEASE NOTE: Please send all job postings to: **Gerry Mass**, 440.884.4904, **e-mail:** gerry@gerardskeyboards.com.

ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR: Heritage Congregational Church, 485 West Street, Berea, Ohio 44017. We are seeking an organist and a choir director. Both of these positions may be filled by one person or separately. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday evening choir rehearsal at 7:30. Salary: organist (only) \$4,600. per year; choir director (only) \$2,600. per year; organist/choir director (same person) \$7,200. per year. Interested persons should contact Ron Thomas, Music Committee Chairman, at 216.924.7136 or via e-mail at rethomas21@gmail.com

ORGANIST: Chesterland Baptist Church, 12670 Chillicothe Rd., Chesterland, OH 44026, 440.729.7101. One Sunday morning service and weekly (evening) choir rehearsal. Salary: approximately \$150. per week. Interested persons should contact Pastor Joe Woods at the church office (as listed above) by mail or phone, or Pastor Woods personally at 440.796.0614, or via e-mail at: pastor@chesterlandbaptist.org.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Euclid Ave. Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), (currently meeting at 3000 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, facility). Approx. fifteen hours per week. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Choir rehearsal Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. (at 3000 Euclid Ave., Cleveland). Occasional extra services (as needed) during the year. Candidates must be competent in organ and choral conducting. Music Director participates in staff meetings and church planning activities. Salary: \$10-15,000. per year (plus pension and paid

vacation). Interested persons should submit a résumé to John Baker via e-mail at jhardeeb@aol.com, or you may call Mr. Baker (for further information) at 216-383-1684.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: St. Joan of Arc Church, 496 East Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. Full-time. 2,000 household Parish. This person would direct a music program that includes handbells, cantors, and choral and instrumental ensembles. Four weekend Masses as well as funerals, weddings, school Masses, and other special Parish celebrations. Applicants must be practicing Catholics with knowledge of Catholic Church liturgies. Candidates should possess a degree in music (preferably masters degree), a high level of vocal, piano, organ, and choral conducting skills as well as good interpersonal, ministerial, and communication skills. Previous experience in sacred music desirable. Baldwin Organ and Boston Piano. Salary commensurate with musical education and experience. Extra stipends for weddings and funerals. Full-time benefits. Interested persons should send a cover letter and résumé to Fr. David Walkowiak, Pastor, at the Church address listed above or via e-mail to djwalkowiak@sbcglobal.net

ORGANIST AND/OR CHOIR DIRECTOR: First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44902. Sunday worship services, special mid-week worship services when needed. Choir during September through May. Will consider two people for two separate positions. Bachelor or Master degree in music preferred. Salary: Organist only \$8,000-14,000, Choir Director only \$3,000-4,500. (depending on whether this position involves one person or two separate people). Interested persons should send a cover letter and résumé to the church address above or via e-mail (preferred) to office@felc-mansfield.org

ORGANIST: United Methodist Church of Kent, 1435 East Main St., Kent, OH 44240, 330.673.5879. Candidates should have a strong background in organ performance as well as piano proficiency. Two Sunday morning services; Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Eleven-hundred member church with six choirs and ensembles. Instruments include four-manual Moller organ, grand piano, and Hubbard harpsichord. Salary: \$14,000. (minimum) depending on education, experience, and level of ability. Additional compensation for weddings and funerals. Interested persons should send a letter of application and résumé to Rev. David Palmer, Senior Pastor, at the Church address listed above or via e-mail to davepalmer@kentmethodist.org

KEYBOARDIST: Painesville Women's Chorus

The Painesville Women's Chorus is looking for an accompanist for rehearsals and concerts on all of the following dates in 2010. They are 11/23, 11/30, 12/07, 12/10, and 12/11. All of these are held at various locations in Lake County. Repertoire includes all types of choral music. The salary for all of the dates listed above is (approx.) \$300. Interested persons should send a résumé to Ginny Roedig, 9525 Headlands Rd., Mentor, Ohio 44060, or via e-mail to roedig5@msn.com

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 at 12:10 p.m.: Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park, OH 44126, 440.331.2405, www.messiahfp.org.

November 2: Diane Menges, soprano; Jennifer Woda, mezzo; David Gooding, keyboards. Music by Handel, Mozart, Rossini, Vivaldi, Mendelssohn.

November 9: Brian Bacon, baritone; David Gooding, piano. Music by Ireland, Gurney, Warlock.

November 16: Heidi Albert, violoncello.

November 23: Mary Beth Ions, violin; David Gooding, piano.

November 30: Christopher Toth, organ.

Wednesdays: Music Near the Market at **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. Featuring the world-famous von Beckerath organ. **FREE** concerts **AT NOON** on Wednesdays.

November 3 and 10: Florence Mustric. "G as in Genius."

November 17 and 24: Robert Myers. "Bach's Clavierübung."

Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m.: Cathedral of St John, 1007 Superior Ave, (downtown Cleveland); 216.771.6666 x5510. **Cleveland Diocesan Gospel Choir** (Cleveland OH). Tremell Yarbrough, *conductor*; Sandra Gay-Chapman, *project coordinator*; Rhythm Section: David Williams, *director*; Daniel McElroy, *keyboard*;

Marty Hughes, *drums*; John Vega, *bass guitar*. Works by Luboff, Freeman, Dickenson, Johnson. Robertson, Bradley, Watkins, Pace, Farris/Cymbala, Hilton Hawkins. **FREE** concert. Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E. 9th. www.saintjohncathedral.com/Concerts

Friday, November 5th at 8:00 p.m.: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 North Prospect Street, Akron, Ohio 44304, 330.376.5154. **The University of Akron Brass Choir and Organ.** Tucker Jolly, director; Barbara MacGregor, organ.

Sunday, November 7th at 11:00 a.m.: Forest Hill Church 3031 Monticello Blvd, Cleveland Hts. OH 44118. **Matt Brubeck, jazz and classical cellist** (and son of Dave Brubeck) will play for morning worship. Sacred music by **Dave Brubeck** will be sung by the Forest Hill Chancel Choir (Anne Wilson, director of music)

Sunday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, OH, 216.321.5800. Sanctuary. Duruflé Requiem. The **Fairmount Choir**, organist Laura Ross, harpist Kellen Lowrie, conductor Robert Moncrief.

Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH. Concert of Works by **Antonin Dvorak**. Karel Paukert, organ and harmonium; Emily Stauch, soprano; Erich Eichorn, violin; Diane Mather, cello. Biblical Songs, Op.99, organ works and Bagatelles, Op.47

Sunday November 7 at 4 p.m.: Brecksville United Church of Christ, 23 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141. 440.526.4364 (church phone). 216.408.7949 (c). buccmusic@sbcglobal.net. The **Yiddishe Cup Klezmer Band** will perform a free concert at Brecksville United Church of Christ.

Sunday, November 14: Christ Church Episcopal, 21 Aurora St., Hudson, OH 44236, 330.650.4359. nicole.keller@chrstchurchhudson.org

4:15 ~ Concert: Trinity Chamber Singers of Trinity Cathedral (Episcopal), Cleveland

5:15 ~ Choral Evensong: Led by the Trinity Chamber Singers, Dr. Horst Buchholz, conductor, Nicole Keller, organist. Both events are free and open to the public. Christ Church is handicap accessible.

Sunday, November 14 at 4:15 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH.

4:15 p.m.: *Prelude Music*, Karel Paukert, *organ*

5:00 p.m.: *Choral Evensong* featuring St. Paul's Senior Choir, Steven Plank, *choirmaster*. Works by E. Bairstow, Ch. Wood and C.H.H. Parry

Sunday, November 14th at 7:30 p.m.: Forest Hill Church 3031 Monticello Blvd, Cleveland Hts. OH 44118. **Bach (and Jenkins) by Candlelight.** The movements of Karl Jenkins' **Mass for Peace** will be intermingled with the movements of a Bach cello suite. **Forest Hill Chancel Choir, Anne Wilson, director of music.** Free-will offering.

Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m.: Plymouth Church UCC, 2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44120, 216.921.3510. Benjamin Britten's **"Rejoice in the Lamb."** James Riggs, conductor; Dana Steele, organ. The Chancel Choir and Soloists.

Sunday, November 21 at 4 p.m.: Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Rd, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Handel's *Messiah* Parts I & II. The Cleveland Messiah Chorus [organized in 1921]. Christopher Toth, *organ*; Erik Hasselquist, *trumpet*; Ginny Mast, *director*. Möller organ (1977) with Kegg console (2000).

Sunday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.: Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. 216.321.8880. **Christmas Concert.** Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus; Baldwin-Wallace Men's Chorus; Frank Bianchi, Director.

MUSIC MARATHON 2010

Starting at **2 p.m.** on **Sunday, November 7**, Florence Mustric will play a **Music Marathon** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cleveland. While the chief purpose is to benefit the next stage of restoration of Trinity's renowned Beckerath organ, another important purpose is to share great music and fun with the many lovers of music who cannot attend Trinity's free programs on Wednesday noon.

Florence's goal is \$15,000 – a fraction of the \$90,000 needed to restore two of the four manual divisions: the Hauptwerk (chief manual keyboard) and the Kronpositiv. THE FRIENDS OF THE BECKERATH are nearing the halfway mark toward the goal (for details about restoration progress to date, visit: www.ClevelandBeckerath.org).

All donations are fully tax-deductible and totally appreciated. Donors can use a **sponsor form** OR donate online at www.ClevelandBeckerath.org.

Everyone is invited to attend at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 7. Music Marathon is free, it's fun, and it's a great opportunity to introduce children and adults to this beautiful instrument. There will be cameo guests, beautiful music, and even more fun than last November!

MUSIC MARATHON 2010 SPONSOR FORM

Enclosed is a (fully tax-deductible) check for \$_____. Please indicate "Music Marathon" on memo line and make check payable to Beckerath Organ Fund.

SEND to: Music Marathon, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30 Street, Cleveland OH 44113.

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