



Tracking the Action

The newsletter of the American Guild of Organists, Cleveland Chapter

December 2010

FROM THE DEAN

This year, during this busy month of December, I'm doing some things differently. For one, I'm taking some time to savor the "wins" in my personal life and my professional life during the past year. Often, as musicians we play a great service or a recital or we do an amazing anthem with our choir and then we are focused on the next event around the corner; not taking the time to savor those moments.

Listed below are some of the wins of the Cleveland Chapter during the past year:

- **AGO exams were administered.**
- **\$2,500 in scholarships was awarded.**
- **Our current membership numbers 190.**
- **22 members attended the 2010 National Convention in Washington DC.**
- **40 people attended the September picnic.**
- **682 tickets secured for the David Higgs concert in October.**
- **The Cleveland Chapter gave \$500 towards annual fund for the AGO.**
- **The Cleveland Chapter took a leadership role raising funds to keep Pipedreams on WCLV. Total amount raised \$1,985.**

During this month, let us savor these wins. As this year comes to a close, I want to thank the members of the Executive Committee and the Directors of Standing Committees for their ongoing faithful work that keeps our chapter running smoothly. And, thank you to YOU for your support and participation. I send my best wishes to you during this busy month and I wish you a New Year filled with many blessings.

Peace, Jim

Next Chapter Meeting:

Saturday, January 22, 2011, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Winter Workshop Morning
Lakewood Presbyterian Church
14502 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107, 216.226.0514

PIPEDREAMS - WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

I'm pleased to report that we have almost achieved our goal of \$2,500 in just two weeks. To date thirty (30) members have responded raising \$1,485. The Executive Committee voted to add \$500 to that amount bringing the total amount to \$1,985. If you have not responded or you have forgotten to respond, you can still send your check to the treasurer who will send you a notice for tax purposes. Checks should be made payable to Cleveland Chapter AGO and in the memo section indicate Pipedreams.

Mail your check to:

David T. Powers, Treasurer
2539 W Sprague Road
Broadview Heights, OH 44147

We only need \$515 more to reach our goal. No amount is too small or too large. Thank you to those who have responded to keep Pipedreams alive on WCLV. I continue to be amazed at the talent and the commitment of so many in this chapter. Your ongoing support and work does make a difference.

With gratitude, Jim Riggs, Dean

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to our colleagues of the Akron Chapter for their recent day of workshops "The Church Musician in the Modern Age."

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
Plymouth Church, UCC
2860 Coventry Road
Shaker Heights, OH 44120
216.921.3510 x 34
Jim Riggs, host

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Welcome to our two newest members:

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Chris Toth, Registrar

2011 AGO REGIONAL CONVENTION

Be First to the Post!

June 12-15, 2011

Take advantage of early registration. Registration includes four meals. Free breakfast and free parking at the hotel convention site. Transportation package includes two day trips to scenic areas of Kentucky. See the Convention's webpage for more info: www.2011lexingtonago.com. Special rate for Lexington Chapter members.

Featured artists:

David Briggs
Philip Brisson
Ken Cowan
Carla Edwards
Nicole Keller
Yun Kim
Jack Mitchener
and the Lexington Chamber Chorale
Hear great organs built by
Taylor and Boody, Holtkamp, Steiner, Kimball/
Buzard, Rieger, Reuter, and Moeller

Guest clinicians:

Robert Hobby
Paul Barte
James Thomashower
Lori Hertzell
Beth Arnold

Organ and choral reading sessions

FESTIVAL OF LITURGICAL ARTS OF THE WESTERN RESERVE

Greetings!

You are invited to the **Festival of Liturgical Arts of the Western Reserve (FLAWR)**, a five-day synthesis of worship, workshops, discussions and master classes for musicians and clergy devoted to the continual development of their craft. FLAWR was created to bring together preachers, teachers, musicians and artists to share their unique gifts in the creation of liturgies that reflect the beauty and splendor of God.

Musicians meet together frequently. Preachers meet together frequently. But in very few instances are all of these leaders brought together to create, disseminate, discuss, and wrestle with the issues of how and why we do what we do. We believe this is our niche: passionate, creative and honest dialogue across the liturgical disciplines.

Clergy presenters include The Rev. Mitties McDonald DeChamplain, The Rev. Brian S. Suntken, and The Rev. Dr. Paul Westermeyer.

Musical artists and presenters include Dr. Gerre Hancock, Nicole Keller, Dr. C. M. Shearer, Anne Wilson, Todd Wilson, The Canton Symphony Chorus, and The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra.

Worship at FLAWR will feature a wide variety of liturgical expressions ranging from traditional Anglican Morning Prayer to Jazz Vespers. Workshops, lectures, and masterclasses are offered to provide small group sessions focused on specific topics. Panel discussions are designed to allow Festival participants an opportunity for open, honest discussion on liturgical issues.

Visit our website at www.flawr.org for more detailed information.

Where:

Christ Church Episcopal
21 Aurora St.
Hudson, OH 44236

When:

Wednesday June 22, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. EDT
-to Saturday June 25, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. EDT

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

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA, 19419 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH 44149. 440.238.7890. Direct choirs and ensembles. Three Sunday services and seasonal services. Position available February 1, 2011. Salary commensurate with skills and experience (\$20-30,000. per year). Complete job description available at www.firstchurchalive.org. Interested persons should submit a resume to the attention of Pastor Chuck Knerem at pastorchuck1@gmail.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.

December 7: North Coast Consort of Viols

December 14: David Betts and Edith Yerger - Music for two...to Celebrate the Holidays.

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.

December 1 and 8: "Angels and watchmen"

Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m.: Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland OH 44114-2582, 216.771.6666 x5510. **Daughters of St Paul Choir. Sr. Bridget Charles Ellis FSP, Director.** A King is Born: Christmas with the Daughters of St Paul. The award-winning Daughters of St. Paul Choir, from Boston MA, is known for their fresh arrangements of time-honored classics. Their Christmas concerts allow them to do what the Daughters of St. Paul do best - communicate God's extraordinary love for every person. They sing well-loved carols and holiday favorites to combine a heartwarming collection of both lively and moving songs that celebrates the glory of the wonder and joy of the Christmas season. The *Pauline Records* division of *Pauline Books & Media* has sold nearly one million albums since the choir formation in 1988. Many are Angel Award-winning projects which have been, in whole or in part, written, produced, arranged, or directed by Music Director Sr. Bridget Charles Ellis FSP

FREE concert; Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E. 9th St.

Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, in downtown Cleveland. **Quire Cleveland and Music & Art** at Trinity have a special holiday gift for you: *Sit back and enjoy* a special concert of choral music! FREE PARKING is available at Trinity Commons and in CSU Lot SG.

[2nd annual Carols for Quire from the Old & New Worlds](#). Artistic Director **Ross W. Duffin** conducts this delightful — mostly *a cappella* — program, entertaining and accessible to all. **Buy Tickets Online or at the door**

Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m.: The Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. **CircleFest Carol Sing**. All ages are invited to join singing festive holiday songs along with the Covenant Choirs, Windsong Chorus, and Case Concert Choir, followed by a Christmas cookie reception.

Sunday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH. *Advent Lessons and Carols* featuring **St. Paul's Choirs**.

Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.: Magnificat Center for the Performing Arts, 20770 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River. The West Shore Chorale presents **Carols and Choruses of Christmas, John Drotleff**, Conductor. Tickets are available now for the West Shore Chorale's regional favorite, Carols and Choruses of Christmas! This year's celebration includes the premier of a new Christmas piece by Timothy Brent and works by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Willan, Palus, Conte, Holst, Hogan and many others. Parking is free and a reception for audience members and performers will follow. 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.

Tuesday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m.: Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights. **Jupiter String Quartet**. The Cleveland Chamber Music Society presents this concert in collaboration with the CIM Chamber Music Festival. "... an ensemble of bold character ... drama and clarity ...utmost refinement" ~ The Plain Dealer Tickets are required and available online at [ticketsales@clevelandchambermusic.org](mailto:ticket-sales@clevelandchambermusic.org)

Wednesday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, 216.321.5800 fax 216.3211044. **City Music Cleveland Concert. Joel Smirnoff , conductor.** Vivaldi *Four Seasons*, Tchaikovsky *Serenade*, and Mozart arias.

Friday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.: The First Church in Oberlin, 106 North Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074-1195. 440.775.1711. **Shin-Young Lee**, organist from Korea and France (studied with Olivier Latry at the Paris Conservatoire) will perform works of Bach, Guillou, Prokofiev, Reubke, Vierne, and Widor.

Saturday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m.: Cuyahoga Community College - West Campus, 11000 Pleasant Valley Road, Parma, OH. The **West Shore Chorale** will be collaborating with the **Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra** to perform Part 1 of Handel's Messiah. **John Drotleff**, Conductor. Admission is free.

Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio 44118, 216.932.7480. **A Festival of Lessons and Carols**. Patterned after the annual tradition of King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England. The Service includes readings of the season, music by First Baptist Church choirs and festive carol singing for all.

Sunday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.: Zion United Church of Christ, 2716 West 14th St, Cleveland, OH. The **West Shore Chorale** will be collaborating with the **Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra** to perform Part 1 of Handel's Messiah. **John Drotleff**, Conductor. Tickets are \$15 or 2 for \$25: Call Zion UCC at 216.687.1357

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 16, 17, 18 at 8:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio 44118, 216.932.7480. **Apollo's Fire** presents Handel's **Messiah**. Cleveland's nationally acclaimed Baroque Orchestra **Apollo's Fire** has delighted audiences around the country with their joyful presentation of Handel's brilliant masterpiece as the theatrical entertainment the composer intended. (ticketed event, 216.320.0012).

Tuesday, December 28 at 12:15 p.m.: First Church Congregational of Painesville, OH, 22 Liberty Street, Painesville 44077. Midday Organ Concert. Music for organ, flute and cello. Sanctuary organist **Ginny Roedig** will perform the works on a 1951 Aolian-Skinner 44-rank pipe organ opus 1144. **Alissa Roedig**, flautist and **Robert Anastos**, cellist, will complete the ensemble. The concert is free of charge; lunch will be available following the concert.

FOR SALE:

Steinway Grand Piano, Model M (5'7" in length). Built 1920. Appraised by Mattlin-Hyde at \$10,900; will sell for \$9,000. Contact Ms. Cook at abcook6@juno.com.



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