

Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

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FROM THE DEAN



Dean Jim Riggs

Three items for this week:

First, an additional celebration. Sandy Tittle, Director of Music Ministries at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the pipe organ at St. Martin's. Ten years ago, at the same time that the wonderful pipe organ was being moved and installed, Sandy was at

the Cleveland Clinic undergoing a successful bone marrow transplant (autologous stem cell transplant) for non-Hodgkins lymphoma. She celebrates 15 years of music ministry at St. Martin's and more than 50 years of music ministry.

Second, one more week until the Cleveland Organ Weekend launches. A tremendous amount of work is taking place for this weekend. A Proclamation from the City of Cleveland has been issued proclaiming October 28-31 Cleveland Organ Weekend. Ads will be in the Plain Dealer starting this Friday. This is your chapter and your chapter money being spent for this program.

Third, on Saturday, October 29 twelve of our chapter members will present concerts and demonstrations throughout the Cleveland region.

This is the year to come, connect, and commitment. One way to connect is to show your support for a colleague by attending one or more of the Saturday events. A complete listing is at www.agocleveland.org.

All best, Jim



Dear AGO Cleveland Colleague,

Welcome to the Weekly Update from the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists! Each week on Thursday, we publish this email newsletter to help you stay informed about activities and programs of the Cleveland AGO Chapter. Questions or comments? Please let us know: admin@agocleveland.org Have a news item for a future issue? Send to: newsletter@agocleveland.org. The deadline each week is Wednesday at noon for Thursday publication.

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Pipe Dreams Survey

LAST CHANCE! YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT. The Cleveland Chapter Executive Committee is seeking Cleveland member input on your listening habits regarding the public radio program Pipe Dreams. The brief online survey has only three questions, and can be [found here](#). If you read these weekly updates, your input is welcome.

Cleveland Chapter Yearbooks 2011/12

The chapter yearbooks have been printed. They will be distributed in person during the Organ Weekend events on Friday and Sunday, October 28 and 30. After that the remaining copies will be mailed to those who have not picked them up. In the meantime, a PDF version is available. Please contact Don Jackson at donclef@aol.com and a copy will be emailed to you.

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Cleveland Organ Weekend

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 28, 29, 30, 2011

See the [full schedule](#) of events
(with even more detail to come)

Cleveland Organ Weekend poster is [now available for download](#) as a PDF from the chapter web site. Please help advertise this exciting weekend of organ music. The poster was designed to be printed on legal size paper. Natural and cream papers look quite rich with the color scheme, but white is also fine. If you don't have legal paper at home, please print it at your church if possible. If you print on letter size paper, please consider trimming the sides. A supply of posters will be available at the October meeting in Oberlin or you may contact Don Jackson at donclef@aol.com.

AGO Exams

Congratulations are due to Chapter member James Clouser who was the only successful candidate in the entire country to pass the Choir Master Certification exam this year. Jim obtained his CAGO degree in the same year. Also taking the FAGO exam at our center and successfully passing both sections of that exam was Brian Wentzel of the Lorain Chapter. Brian was one of four successful candidates nationally for the Guild's highest degree. His bio and picture are in this month's TAO.

The Cleveland Chapter is the only place that advanced degrees are administered in the state of Ohio. Currently Fern Jennings is the Chapter Coordinator for Education and Exams. Local examiners this year were Anne Wilson, Barbara MacGregor and Ron Gould (Youngstown). Examiners are drawn from members who are Guild-certified. Thanks to Robert Moncrief and Fairmount Presbyterian Church for hosting the exams over three days in June.

Fern Jennings has recently been appointed Region V Coordinator for Education by our Regional Councilor Paul Barte. As coordinator she will serve as a resource person for information about the Certification Exams for Chapters and individuals within the region. Information about the Guild Certificates at various levels is available from her or the National website.

Benefit Concert at Trinity Lutheran Church

Margrit Zimmermann, concert pianist

Margrit Zimmermann, international concert pianist, will perform a program of Romantic piano music at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cleveland, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 23. She will play Schubert's Six moments musicaux (D 780 Op.94), Schumann's Fantasiestücke (op.12), and Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 22 in F Major, op.54. This promises to be a magnificent and melodious program, so plan to attend!

The program is free and is presented as a benefit to help



Margrit Zimmermann

complete the restoration of Trinity's world-famous Beckerath pipe organ. Trinity is located at 2031 West 30 Street, at Lorain Avenue; church parking off West 29.

Margrit Zimmermann is praised for her poetic talent. She completed her studies at the world-renowned Tchaikovsky Conservatoire in Moscow with Dmitri Bashkurov. She has performed throughout Russia, Europe, England, and the U.S. Ms. Zimmermann was a prizewinner in the 1996 International Johannes Brahms Piano Competition in Austria and the Roma International Piano Competition 1997 in Italy. Her recordings have been highly praised in publications such

as Gramophone (England), Das Orchester (Germany) and Penn Sounds (USA) for "deep musical sense and technical perfection." Since 1992 she has lived in Kassel, Germany, where she received the city's Arts Prize. She is also Artist-in-Residence at the Nyack College, Manhattan campus. "Absorbed by the music, Margrit Julia Zimmermann, created a deeply unforgettable experience. The magic of this evening was built up not only with the fascination of virtuoso performance but also with the fascination of her artistic personality, manifested in her appearance, her playing, and her musicality" *Nordhessen Kultursommer*.

A Special Offer for Chapter Members

To all Cleveland Chapter members,



Timothy Brown

Quire Cleveland would like to invite all members of the Cleveland chapter of AGO to an Open Rehearsal with Timothy Brown on Wednesday, October 26, at the Church of the Covenant. The rehearsal is from 7 to 10 pm; an intermission with refreshments will be held around 8:30, to give the attendees a chance to visit with Tim Brown and each other.

Tim Brown directed the Clare College Choir at Cambridge University, after inheriting it from its founder John Rutter. He has just retired after 30 years and more than 50 recordings, which set the standard for mixed choral singing in repertoires from the 16th to the 20th centuries. Quire Cleveland is thrilled to bring him to Cleveland, to share his expertise and artistry with us. And we want to share that with the choral community, both through our concerts (Oct 29 at Trinity Cathedral and Oct 30 at Church of the Resurrection in Solon) and through this open rehearsal.

So that we'll know whom to expect, I'd appreciate an RSVP from those who can attend to info@quirecleveland.org.

Thanks so much!

Beverly Simmons, Executive Director
Quire Cleveland

[Note: Click on the image above to go to the Quire Cleveland web site for more details about Mr. Brown and the concert.]

Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2011, 7:30-9:00 PM

Concerts

Tuesdays at 12:10: Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126. 440.331.2405. www.messiahchurchfairview.org. Music for Tuesdays at 12:10 starts up again on October 18! This will be a wonderful series of programs-a lot of music that you'll not hear anywhere else this year! The programs are held in the sanctuary and are open to the public. Bring your brown bag lunch-we provide coffee, tea, and cookies. The programs conclude before 1:00 p.m. and are entirely informal...come when you can, and leave when you must. While a donation is not turned down, it's not obligatory.

Oct. 25: David Gooding, organ; Bach, Wesley, Muffat, Mulet

Nov. 1: Joy Fenton and Christopher Toth; Music for organ, organ and piano, and piano duet

Wednesdays at noon: 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.

October 26: Robert Myers, harpsichord; Julie Wesolek, flute

November 2: B-W Alumni Brass Collective

Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.: Brownbag Concerts at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.trinitycleveland.org. Bring a lunch or purchase one for \$5.00.

Concerts range from jazz to classical chamber music, big band, pipe organ with brass, vocal music of George Gershwin and much more. All programs take place in the beautiful Gothic nave of Trinity Cathedral. There is no admission fee - a freewill offering is taken at each concert. The Trinity Commons parking lot entrance is on Prospect Avenue at East 22nd Street (Free parking). Overflow parking is available in the Cleveland State University Prospect garage.

October 26: Music of Cole Porter and George Gershwin. Jennifer Cochran, Tim Cochran, and Gene Karlen present some of America's favorite Tunes.

November 2: Elizabeth DeMio, piano. With winds of the Trinity Chamber Orchestra, in quintets by Mozart and Beethoven.

Friday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Menotti's *The Telephone*. Domestic Violence Awareness. Program and Dessert Contest

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Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.quirecleveland.org. Quire Cleveland. Timothy Brown, guest conductor, (Clare College, Cambridge). Musick's Praier: English Music and Worship. Tickets:

www.quirecleveland.org. Quire Cleveland celebrates the glorious tradition of English choral music with guest conductor Tim Brown of Clare College, Cambridge. Ranging from Renaissance masters like William Byrd to the romantic Ralph Vaughan Williams to contemporary composer Giles Swayne, the sonorities are exquisite and inspiring. Renowned as a choral conductor, Tim Brown (right), served 30 years as director of the Clare College Choir of Cambridge University. He has won international acclaim for more than 50 recordings of choral music, ranging from the Renaissance masters to newly-commissioned pieces. Mr. Brown makes his Cleveland debut in this concert.

Tickets are \$20 general admission; \$10 seniors; \$7 students; and may be purchased at the door or online (<http://www.quirecleveland.org>). Trinity Cathedral is centrally located in downtown Cleveland at 2230 Euclid Avenue; with free parking at Trinity Commons. According to Donald Rosenberg of the Plain Dealer, "to hear this professional choir [is] to know something on the order of bliss." Come, hear for yourself -- everyone is welcome! The Trinity Commons parking lot entrance is on Prospect Avenue at East 22nd Street (Free parking). Overflow parking is available in the Cleveland State University Prospect garage.

Saturday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m.: Stambaugh Auditorium, 1500 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown, OH. Todd Wilson from Cleveland Institute of Music and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, will accompany the silent film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* as part of the Re-Dedication Series of the Stambaugh Auditorium E.M. Skinner organ. A family concert directed toward children, prizes for best Halloween costume. Adults \$10, children in costume FREE! Tickets available at the door the day of the concert.

Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m.: Church of the Resurrection, 32001 Cannon Rd, Solon, OH. Quire Cleveland celebrates the glorious tradition of English choral music with guest conductor Tim Brown of Clare College, Cambridge. Ranging from Renaissance masters like William Byrd to the romantic Ralph Vaughan Williams to contemporary composer Giles Swayne, the sonorities are exquisite and inspiring. Tickets are \$20 general admission; \$10 seniors; \$7 students; and may be purchased at the door or online (quirecleveland.org). According to Donald Rosenberg of the Plain Dealer, "to hear this professional choir [is] to know something on the order of bliss." Come, hear for yourself – everyone is welcome! Beverly Simmons, Executive Director, Quire Cleveland. info@quirecleveland.org. 216-223-8854.

Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m.: Northwest Christian Church, 340 Fishinger Road, Upper Arlington. Masquerade, Music, and Magic. Dress in your favorite costume and bring your family and friends to celebrate Halloween in a fun afternoon of music and magic! The program will include local organists entertaining us with favorites like "Toccata and Fugue in d minor" and "Rex: The King of Instruments". Bruce Anschutz will amaze us with his magic tricks! We will sing Pumpkin Carols, and there will be a costume parade. This program is offered in conjunction with the Northwest Christian Church Chalice Arts Series.

Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m.: First Lutheran Church, 603 Washington Ave., Lorain, OH 44052. Reformation Hymn Festival. This hymn festival on Reformation Sunday will focus on hymns by reformers from the 16th century and the present day. Join with choir and organ for this celebration, led by Director of Music Brian Wentzel.

Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 p.m.: Grace Presbyterian Church, 1659 Rosewood Ave., Lakewood 44107-3737, OH. 216.228.6060. Linda Gardner, organist. Music by Akerley, Hurd, Adams, Young, Sanders, Ives.

Sunday, October 30 at 5:00 p.m.: Westminster Church, 1250 W. Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio 44313. Festival Choral Concert with Orchestra. Haydn's *Theresienmesse*.

Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church 317 East Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio. Fridays at St. Paul's will feature the Baldwin Wallace Alumni Brass Collective on Friday November 4th at 7 p.m. A quintet of two trumpets, horn, trombone and tuba, the Baldwin Wallace Brass Collective includes the following players. James Wonnacott, trumpet; Peter Hoekje, trumpet; Linda Gardner, horn; David Betts, trombone; and Randy Border, tuba. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 317 East Liberty Street, Medina. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.

Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216.321.5800. www.fairmountchurch.org. Anniversary Organ Concert. Organist Robert Moncrief celebrates his 10th anniversary as Fairmount's Minister of Music and 35th year of music ministry, as well as the 15th anniversary of the 100-rank Schantz organ and the 95th anniversary of the congregation, in organ works of Bach, Vieme, Phillips, Murrill, and Langlais, and music of Franck, Milford, and Sturk sung by the Fairmount Choir, with a commissioned work by Craig Phillips.

Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m.: St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 6295 Chagrin River Road Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, 440.247.7406. Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the St. Martin's Miles Park Pipe Organ. Guest Organist: James Clouser, CAGO, ChM. Program will include Burton's introduction to the pipe organ, "Rex: The King of Instruments," narrated by Cassie Clouser. Program will begin with Bach, Toccata and Fugue in D Minor. Built in 1934 originally for Miles Park Presbyterian Church, this pipe organ was important in the history and development of the Holtkamp Organ Company and pipe organ building in North America. Free and open to the public. First half of program is especially "Family Friendly!"

Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland

Hts., Ohio 44106. 216-932-5815. Choral Evensong will be sung by the St. Paul's Youth Choir under the direction of Rick Nelson. Music of Hilton, Quinn, Sumsion, and Ridout.



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A Note About Job Postings

Gerry Mass, our Cleveland Chapter Placement Officer collects and updates job openings in the area. Although they are not listed in the weekly updates, there is a link in the "Quick Links" section every

week that will take you to the updated list on the chapter website. Questions or need help finding a position? Email: placement@agocleveland.org

