

# Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

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## FROM THE DEAN



Dean Jim Riggs

On page eleven of the December issue of *The American Organist* you will find the Cleveland Chapter listed in the AGO Donor Report. Again the Executive Committee voted to be a sponsor by giving \$500 to the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund supports the general operating expenses of the national organization, including educational programs, publications, and career services. I am proud of the chapter for being a leader with its ongoing support of the Annual Fund.

In the words of Executive Director, James Thomashower, "In the weeks ahead, our houses of worship and concert halls will be filled with the voice of the King of Instruments more so than during any other time of the year. The spirit of the American Guild of Organists is kept alive and vital by our members, donors, advertisers, and friends. It is people like you who make the AGO the world's largest and most prestigious organization supporting the organ and choral music."

Cheers, 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](mailto:admin@agocleveland.org) Have a news item for a future issue? Send to: [newsletter@agocleveland.org](mailto:newsletter@agocleveland.org). The deadline each week is Wednesday at noon for Thursday publication.

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## Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

### Chapter Epiphany Party **CANCELLED**

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

January 6, 2012, 7:30 PM

### Embracing the Past; Embracing the Future

Saturday, February 25, 2012, in the morning  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lakewood  
Details to follow.

### Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2012; 7:30 pm

## From the Nominating Committee

It is time to prepare the slate of candidates for the 2012-2013 election. We are looking for chapter members to run for Dean, Sub Dean, Treasurer, Secretary and three seats on the Executive Committee. Here is a list of each office's duties:

- The Executive Committee meets ten times a year to discuss and direct chapter programming, finances, publicity, scholarships and long-range planning.
- The Secretary records and distributes the minutes of our meetings.
- The Treasurer handles our financial accounts and prepares monthly reports.
- The Sub Dean assists the Dean and chairs the Programming Committee.
- The Dean is the chief executive officer of the chapter and the official leader of meetings.

If you have never been part of our Chapter's leadership, please consider running for office this coming spring. If you have been one of our leaders in the past, we would love to have you back. Either way, please consider joining us in guiding our chapter toward the guild's mission of promoting the organ and choral music.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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## A special offer to AGO members

### From the Cleveland Orchestra

On December 8, 9, and 10, The Cleveland Orchestra will perform Saint-Saëns's awe-inspiring "Organ" Symphony with Joela Jones, principal keyboardist of the Orchestra. These concerts will be led by famed conductor, Marin Alsop in her much anticipated Cleveland Orchestra debut.

Immediately following the concert, AGO members and guests are invited to meet Joela Jones in the Severance Hall Green Room (located on the concert hall's main floor, left of the stage).

Visit [clevelandorchestra.com](http://clevelandorchestra.com) or call 216-231-1111.

Redeem this offer by using promotion code 11176.

## Concerts

Tuesdays at 12:10: Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126. 440.331.2405. [www.messiahchurchfairview.org](http://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.

Dec. 6: The North Coast Consort of Viols; From the Renaissance on...

Dec. 13: Edith Yerger and David Betts, recorders; Music for Two to Celebrate Christmas

Dec. 20: Diane Julin Menges, soprano; Brian Kozak, guitar; The Songs of Christmas

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. No further information available at this time.

Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.: Brownbag Concerts at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue,

Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. [www.trinitycleveland.org](http://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.

December 7: Organ Recital by Elizabeth Lenti, Trinity's Associate for Music and Worship plays the mighty Flentrop organ.

December 14: Britten-Fest: A Ceremony of Carols, Op. 28. Cathedral Choir sopranos and altos with harpist Jody Guinn present this holiday favorite.

December 21: Annual Messiah Sing. Trinity Chamber Orchestra, soloists and YOU in the massed choir! Todd Wilson, conductor.

Thursdays at 12:15 p.m.: Old Stone Church, 91 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. Thursdays at Old Stone. Free brownbag concerts every Thursday from 12:15 p.m., lasting 30-40 minutes.

12/1: Patrick Parker, organ. Works by Bach, Brahms, Dandrieu, Dupre, Durufle, and Trotter

12/8: Koko Wantanabe, violin and Patrick Parker, organ/piano. Works by Franck, Mozart, and Vitali

12/15: JR Fralick, tenor and Patrick Parker, organ/piano. Christmas songs and arias

Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.: Cathedral of St John, 1007 Superior Ave, (downtown Cleveland); 216-771-6666 x5510. The Daughters of St. Paul Choir. Our Christmas Hope: Christmas with the Daughters of St. Paul. Sr. Bridget Charles Ellis FSP, director. The Daughters of St. Paul Choir is known for their fresh arrangements of time-honored classics. Their Christmas concerts communicate God's extraordinary love for every person. Well-loved carols and holiday favorites combine a heartwarming collection of both lively and moving songs that celebrates the glory, wonder and joy of the Christmas season. The Pauline Records division of Pauline Books and Media has sold nearly one million albums since the formation of the choir in 1988. Many are Angel Award-winning CDs, which have been, in whole or in part, written, produced, arranged, or directed by Music Director Sr. Bridget Charles Ellis, FSP. FREE admission. Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Avenue at East 9th Street.

Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m.: First Lutheran Church, 603 Washington Ave., Lorain, OH 44052. First.music - Advent Music. A musical prayer service featuring organ and choral music of Johannes Brahms. Free admission. Brian Wentzel. 440-244-6286. [brian@firstlutheranlorain.org](mailto:brian@firstlutheranlorain.org).

Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m.: Fairlawn Lutheran Church, 3415 West Market Street, Fairlawn, Ohio 44333. Master Singers, Inc. Chorale and The Olympic Grass. Et in terra pax. A Family Holiday Concert with Chorus and Brass. Free Admission.

Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.: Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. [www.CovenantWeb.org](http://www.CovenantWeb.org). 216.421.0482. CircleFest Carol Sing. The entire family is invited to enjoy holiday music and sing-along carols featuring the CWRU Concert Choir, Windsong Chorus, the Covenant Choir and Handbells, and the University Circle Symphony Orchestra. Christmas Cookie Reception. Free Admission.

Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.: St. Gabriel Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Concord Township, Ohio, 440-352-8282. Messiah Chorus of Lake County, 63rd Annual Presentation, The Messiah by G. F. Handel. Kevin Donahue, Conductor. Ken Nash, Conductor Emeritus.

Monday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m.: St. Sebastian, 476 Mull Ave., Akron, Ohio 44320. VOICI, Inc. (Voices of Canton, Inc.) in concert on Monday, December 5 at 8 p.m. at St. Sebastian Church. Featuring holiday music. Free and open to the public

Tuesday, December 6 at 8:00 p.m.: Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Rd., Cleveland, OH; 216.921.3510 x 34. Miro Quartet. Presented by the Cleveland Chamber Music Society. Tickets are required and available online at [ticketssales@clevelandchambermusic.org](mailto:ticketssales@clevelandchambermusic.org).

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216.321.5800. [www.fairmountchurch.org](http://www.fairmountchurch.org). CityMusic Cleveland Concert. Conductor Joel Smirnoff, soloist Joan Kwuon, and the orchestra present Corelli's Christmas Concerto (Grosso) Op.6, no.8, Dvorak's Serenade for Strings and Bernstein's Serenade.

Saturday, December 10 and Saturday, December 17 at 8:00p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Apollo's Fire. Sanctum Mysterium, a Celtic Christmas.

Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m.: Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, 216.321.8880. [www.chsaviour.org](http://www.chsaviour.org). Lessons and Carols. Seven choirs, brass, organ and timpani. Free-will offering. Free lighted parking, handicapped accessible.

Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216.321.5800 [www.fairmountchurch.org](http://www.fairmountchurch.org). Handel's MESSIAH, Part One. The Fairmount Choir, soloists, and orchestra present the Advent and Christmas portions of Handel's beloved oratorio during morning worship.

Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m.: St. Ignatius High School, the Breen Center, West 30th and Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. 216.556.4405. [www.singersclub.org](http://www.singersclub.org). The Singers' Club of Cleveland under the direction of Mel Unger. Voices & Brass at Breen. Pinkham's Christmas Cantata, carol arrangements by Willcocks, and songs by Hackett Scholarship recipient Timothy Bruno. Tickets required.

Sunday, December 11 at 3:30 p.m.: St. Sebastian, 476 Mull Ave., Akron, Ohio 44320. Ceremony of Lessons and Carols, featuring the Parish Choir, Praise and Worship Ensemble, Cherub and Seraphim Choirs, Handbell Choir and Gregorian Schola. Featuring music of Mendelssohn, Ord, Rachmaninoff and Danner. Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m.: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. An Advent and Christmas Festival! Some of our most musical friends, including Linda Kempke, will lead a festival of favorites. Come listen and join in the singing!

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Lessons and Carols.

Friday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. [www.trinitycleveland.org](http://www.trinitycleveland.org). Apollo's Fire. Sacred Mystery: A Celtic Christmas. Tickets: [www.apollosfire.org](http://www.apollosfire.org). 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.

Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m.: Old Stone Church, 91 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. The Old Stone Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra present Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" under the direction of Dr. JR Fralick.

Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216.321.5800. [www.fairmountchurch.org](http://www.fairmountchurch.org). 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 18 at 5:00 p.m.: The Federated Church, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, 440.247.6490. Burning River Brass Holiday Concert and Carol Sing-along. Free Will Offering

Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. OPERA PER TUTTI. Amahl and the night visitors.  
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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](mailto:placement@agocleveland.org)



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