

Weekly Update

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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.

From the Dean



Jim Riggs

Drivers lined-up, done. Advertising, done. Housing secured, done. Practice sites ready, done. Flight schedules finalized, done. Audience-cannot check that off the list yet. Everything is in place for our chapter to host the semi-final round of NYACOP at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Friday May 25 between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm. Come for an hour or make a day of it, but do come and show your support for this event and for the seven semi-finalists. This is our last chapter event for this season.

I want to express my profound gratitude to Paul Jones, Karel Paukert, Tim Robson, Charles Carr, Fern Jennings, Peg Limkemann, Carmen Massaro, Clifford Hill, Tim Hemry, Carol Neff, Betty Meyers, Dave Powers, Brian Wentzel, The Musart Society, Robert Moncrief, Jonathan Moyer, Willie Howard, Kay Hogg, April Martin, Don Shultzaberger, Karen Holtkamp, and the museum staff for their work on this competition. In particular I want to lift up Barbara MacGregor for her organization and hours of work on this project.

We are near the end of our check list. Can you help us check-off audience? We do hope to see you on Friday.

Cheers, Jim Riggs, Dean

Dean

From the Dean-elect

Seeking Volunteers

The Chapter is in need of a Membership Directory Layout



Fern Jennings

Designer. This person will design a camera-ready Membership Directory in conjunction with Registrar, Chris Toth, who will provide the data. They will solicit bids from printers and choose one to work with to produce the directory. This individual should have access to a computer program like MS Publisher or InDesign.

We also need a volunteer to solicit advertising for the Membership Directory. This would involve contacting concert presenters, organ builders and others who might purchase ads in our Directory and obtaining or designing camera-ready ads. This person will work closely with the Directory Layout Designer to produce the Directory.

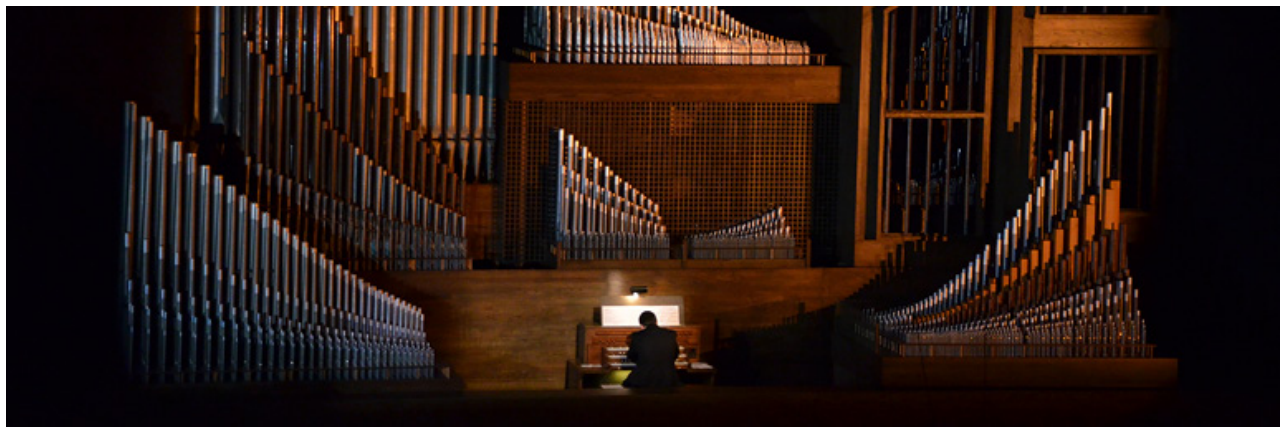
These two positions have been filled by Don Jackson for the past six years. (Thank you, Don!) Splitting them will make a better division of labor and a less onerous task for each. This task would be completed over the summer so that directories can be distributed at our September meeting. Don will be available for consultation on the project. We hope to find someone internally to take on these tasks as having the book produced commercially would dramatically increase

the cost to the chapter. If you are willing to take on either of these jobs please contact Fern Jennings.

All the best,
Fern Jennings
Dean-elect

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Invitation to hear the AGO National Young Artists Competition (semi-finals)



Cleveland Museum of Art * Friday, May 25 * 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Chapter AGO and the Cleveland Museum Of Art invite you to attend the semi-finals of the AGO National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP) to be held at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Friday, May 25, 2012. Seven fast-rising young artists will compete in this round and three will advance to the finals at the AGO National Convention in Nashville in July. Admission is free. The museum doors will open at 9:30 a.m. Morning performances will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; afternoon performances from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. The audience will be free to come and go between the performances, approximately 45 minutes each.

Each of the seven competitors will play a short recital including the following works: J.S. Bach: From Clavierübung III: Trio on "Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr'," BWV 676; J.S. Bach: From Clavierübung III: "Wir glauben all' an einen Gott," BWV 680; Georg Böhm: Praeludium in C; César Franck: Choral No. 2 in B Minor; and Anton Heiller: Tanz-Toccata. These performers hail from California, Oklahoma, Texas and New York. We hope that many AGO members will be able to attend to hear and support

these talented and skillful young organists.

The Holtkamp pipe organ at the museum underwent an extension renovation and returned to Gartner Auditorium for concerts in 2010. The organ has 4,000 pipes, 79.5 ranks and 62 stops. The museum is at 11150 East Blvd. in University Circle . For details about the event, see the museum's web site: <http://goo.gl/5cFp6> . You also might want to visit the Cleveland Museum of Art's acclaimed exhibit: Rembrandt in America.

Parking is available at meters on the street, in the museum parking deck and also at the Botanical Gardens on East Blvd. AGO members can get a free parking pass for Covenant Presbyterian Church's parking lot on Euclid Ave. Contact jriggs@plymouthchurchucc.org

SUMMER WEEKLY UPDATE SCHEDULE

These weekly email updates will be published on a reduced schedule for the summer. We will continue weekly through June 14, then there will be monthly updates on July 12 and August 23. We will resume weekly updates on September 6. The deadlines will continue to be the Wednesday before the Thursday publication dates. Be sure to send news and calendar updates to newsletter@agocleveland.org before the deadlines.

Concerts

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.

Saturday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.: Our Lady of the Elms, Ann Amer Brennan Theater, 1375 West Exchange St., Akron, Ohio. Late Night Catechism by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan. Ticket Price: \$30. For tickets, call St. Sebastian Parish at 330.836.2233 or purchase online at www.entertainmentevents.com. Hilarious Night Out. Succulent Desserts. Cash Bar. St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. All proceeds benefit the Organ Restoration Fund.

This program has been cancelled:

Saturday, May 26 at 8:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Annual Music and Fine Arts Benefit Concert.

Sunday, June 3 at 3:00 p.m.: Trinity Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30, at Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. David Tidyman, organist, in concert. Coeli Ingold soprano; Sean Gabriel flute; Mark DeMio bassoon; David Tidyman organ. Delalande Cantemus Domino, Purcell Harmonia Sacra: An Evening Hymn, Lord, what is man? J.S. Bach: Toccata & Fugue in d minor S. 565, Fugue in g minor S. 578, Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 6.

Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 7507 York Rd., Parma, OH 44130. Dedication Recital of the new Johannus Organ. Joseph Ripka, Internationally Renowned Organist, Guest Performer. www.josephripka.com

Sunday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m.: The Cleveland Institute of Music, 11021 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106. Tri-Lithuanian Choir Concert. Three Lithuanian Choirs, Dainava from Chicago, Exultate from St. Casimirs Parish in Cleveland, and Volunge from Toronto will be joining forces to perform a concert as an ensemble of 120 singers on June 10, 2012, at 2 p.m. at the Cleveland Institute of Music, 11021 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106 in University Circle. The program, Ancestral Psalms, will consist of 2 parts, the first, traditional Lithuanian folk songs as well as pieces by contemporary Lithuanian composers , some written specifically for this concert, and the second, a performance of the Saint Cecilia Mass by Charles Gounod accompanied by a 22 piece orchestra and 3 soloists. All three of the choirs are well-established in their respective cities, have toured extensively in the USA and Canada,

and each recorded several CDs. The 3 choir directors, Rita Cyvas-Kliorys (Exultate) Dalia Skrinskas-Viskontas (Volunge), and Darius Polikaitis (Dainava) have distinguished themselves in the field of Lithuanian music and have all had the honor of conducting at the Lithuanian Folksong Festival in Vilnius, Lithuania. The choirs have dedicated the last 2 years to preparing for this concert and last performed in Cleveland together 12 years ago. It is truly an event not to be missed. Tickets for the concert are \$20 and \$30 and can be purchased by contacting Rauda Gelazis at 440-358-1785 or by e-mail at raudagelazis@hotmail.com

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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



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