

Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

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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.

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From the Dean



Fern Jennings

Dear AGOers,

The 2012-13 Cleveland Chapter Executive Committee met for their organizational meeting on June 6. At the meeting we appointed two members to unexpired executive committee terms. Margaret Matuska was appointed to the unexpired term ending in 2014 and Grant Wiswell was appointed to the unexpired term ending in 2013. We thank them for their willingness to join the Executive Committee.

The Board approved the programs for the next year as well as the budget. Our program year will begin with an Oktoberfest picnic at the home of Hildred and Ed Tomberg on Sunday, September 16 at 4pm. Brats and beer will be furnished. Save the date! Other program highlights include a recital with the NYACOP winner, a hymn festival with John Ferguson, a Church Music Workshop in March and a recital with up and coming artist Christopher Houlihan. Thanks to Sub-Dean Barbara MacGregor and her committee for their work on this year's program.

Registrar Chris Toth reports that about fifty members have not renewed yet. If this includes you, please send in your membership form and check. We need your support for the AGO, the organ and our profession. Grant Wiswell will be soliciting advertisements for our Yearbook. Please consider an ad in our membership book for your church, concert series, or business and call him if he doesn't call you. Advertising helps defray the cost of printing our yearbook and highlights your event or business to our 175 members.

We discussed a focus for the year at our meeting and the concensus was that we need to work on membership. We have had a slow attrition of membership from over 200 to about 175. A member

recruitment/retainment program is needed. I am looking for enthusiastic, friendly members who would be willing to serve on a membership committee. National has published materials to get us started. If you are willing to get involved in this effort please give me a call. It is my belief that membership in the AGO, our professional organization for the promotion of the organ and organists, should be a lifelong commitment for any organist worth their salt.

Best to you "Salty" organists out there!
Fern

From the Registrar

As of this writing I have processed 127 membership renewals and 4 new members. Thanks to all who have returned their form and dues payment. I have mailed second notices to everyone else: please locate yours and get it back to me soon.

Thanks,
Chris Toth
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Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Next Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, August 27, 2012
7:30-9:00 pm
Brecksville United Methodist Church
65 Public Square, Brecksville, OH

Next Cleveland Chapter Event

Oktoberfest Picnic

Sunday, September 16 at 4pm at the home of Hildred and Ed Tornberg
Brats and beer will be furnished.
Further details are forthcoming

SUMMER WEEKLY UPDATE ON HIATUS

Weekly update will be on summer break for the next few weeks. The next weekly update will be Thursday, **July 12**. All news and calendar updates no later than noon on Wednesday, July 11. There will be one additional summer update on 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.

EXCITING AGO CONVENTION 2012 NEWS



It's not too late to register for the AGO National Convention, July 1-6 in Nashville

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Smith Carillon Concert Series 2012

July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, all at 7 p.m., Penn State Erie, The Behrend College



ERIE, Pa. - June 4, 2012 - Summer's biggest concerts don't require multiple stages or three-day passes, only the world's largest musical instrument-the carillon.

The 48 bells of the Floyd and Juanita Smith Carillon at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, sit atop an 80-foot brick tower adjacent to the Larry and Kathryn Smith Chapel. Weighing between 15 and 1,344 pounds each, the bells produce a massive sound that rolls weightlessly over the college and its surrounding hillside.

To introduce the community to the remarkable majesty of the instrument, Penn State Behrend will host four carillon performances this summer. All begin at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Free hot dogs and snacks will be served.

This summer's Smith Carillon Concert Series performers will be:

Thursday, July 12
Trevor Workman
Carillonneur for the Bournville Village Trust in Birmingham, England

Thursday, July 19
Janet Tebbel
Carillonneur for the First United Methodist Church and the Miraculous Medal Shrine, both in Germantown, Pa.

Thursday, July 26
Auke de Boer and Adolph Rots
City Carillonneurs for Groningen, The Netherlands

Thursday, August 2
Koen Cosaert
Director of the Royal Carillon School Jef Denyn in Mechelen, Belgium

Seating for the Smith Carillon Concert Series is on the lawn of Smith Chapel; concertgoers are encouraged to bring their own chair or blanket. In the event of rain, seating will be available inside the chapel.

Carillon audiences cannot directly observe the carillonneur; he or she sits in a small room in the base of the tower and strikes a keyboard-like clavier with a loose fist to bring a clapper to each bell. Smith Carillon Concert Series performers can be seen via a live feed broadcast to a television located in either the lower-level room of the Smith Chapel or, weather permitting, on the chapel patio.

The Smith Carillon bells were cast by Meeks, Watson & Co., a bell founder located in Georgetown, Ohio, and are made from "bell metal," a bronze consisting of 80 percent copper and 20 percent tin. This alloy has been used for carillon bells since the 1600s. Penn State Behrend's instrument is considered a "concert carillon" because it covers four octaves, permitting performance of almost the entire canon of published carillon music.

The Smith Carillon Concert Series is made possible by a gift from Larry and Kathryn Smith. For additional information about the series, phone 814-898-6609.

Free music, free refreshments

From Cleveland (west): Take I-90 East into Pennsylvania to Exit 32 (Wesleyville) and follow Route 430 West for 1 mile. (Approx. 2 hours from downtown Cleveland.)

Concerts

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

Sunday, June 10 at 3:00 p.m.: Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 12021 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. 216.421.2995. A Special Concert: "DAWNING." A rare and joyous combination. Classical meets Folk Music in a multilingual setting! Beautiful tunes, solo and choral songs in Irish, Estonian and English in novel and original arrangements. Shanua & Friends. Featuring Ülle Laido and Dermot Somerville. Vocals, harp, organ, keyboard, guitars flute, and whistle with Special Guests. Julie Andrijeski, violin, viola; Becca Rhoades, violin; Paul Dreisbach, oboe; Tracy Mortimore, double bass; Members of the Holy Rosary Coro. Freewill donation to benefit the Cleveland Foodbank.

Saturday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m.: Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44105. Holy Name Parish is proud to present a Spring into Summer Concert on Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 6 o'clock p.m. Organized by parishioner and violinist Carol Ruzicka and in association with organist David Behm, the concert will feature Vivaldi's Spring from the Four Seasons, Brahms' Trio for Piano, Violin and Strings, Corelli's Sonata for Violin and Organ and Amy Beach's Sonata for Violin and Piano. Also performing will be Bonita Maky-Rosen, violin, Luane Lasky, viola, Gayle Klaber, cello, Cindy Wulff, french horn, Cara Chowning, piano and David Behm, organ. A reception in the Church will follow the evening's concert. Admission: A can of food for the St. Vincent de Paul Ozanam Center at Holy Name. Secured parking will be provided.

Sunday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m.: Lakewood United Methodist Church, 15700 Detroit Ave. Lakewood,

OH.

"Springtime of Music" Soprano Diane Menges, Flutist Virginia Steiger, and Pianist / Harpsichordist Betty Meyers. Free will offering. Reception to follow.

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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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