

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.

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From the Dean



Fern Jennings

We in the Cleveland AGO are indeed fortunate to have in our city the premiere agency for concert organists, Karen MacFarlane Artists, Inc. Located in Cleveland since Karen MacFarlane married Chick Holtkamp some twenty years ago, the agency is the sponsor of The Lilian Murtagh Memorial Prize, a \$3,000 cash award and career development assistance prize for the winner of NYACOP, the AGO's top performance competition. Established in 1982 by Karen MacFarlane to honor Lilian Murtagh whose agency Karen had purchased, the prize provides concert management at no cost to the winner or the sponsors. A glance at the list of previous winners attests to the importance of this management in the establishment of a professional career. This management is currently overseen by John McElliott, President of Karen MacFarlane Artists and a member of our chapter. Additional prizes won by Daryl Robinson, this year's first prize winner, are a CD recording on the Pro Organo recording label, given by Fred Hohman, CEO and a performance during the 2014 AGO National Convention in Boston, Mass. Daryl also received the Audience Prize: \$1,000 Provided by Martin Ott Pipe Organ

Company, Inc., St. Louis, Mo.

Robinson will play a recital in Cleveland at St. John's Cathedral on October 17. More information is printed below. The concert is co-sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter and St. John's Cathedral. Thank you, Karen and John, for your part in making this possible! If history is any predictor, this is a young man to watch.

Fern

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Next Cleveland Chapter Event

Daryl Robinson, first place NYACOP winner



Daryl Robinson

(National Young Artists in Organ Performance)

Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m.

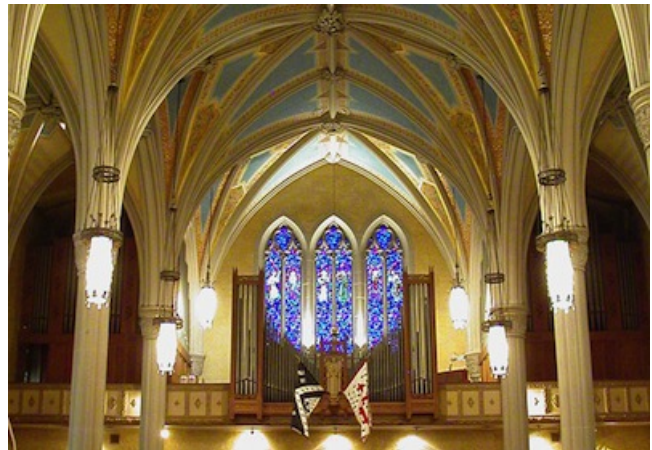
This concert is co-sponsored with St. John's Cathedral, 1007 Superior Ave., downtown Cleveland. Program: Comes Autumn Time- Leo Sowerby, Harmonies du Soir (from Trois Impressions, Op. 72) - Karg-Elert, Ettrick Banks -Judith Weir, Toccata and Fugue in F, BWV 540 - J. S. Bach, Tanz-Toccata - Anton Heiller, Meditation on "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether "- Gerre Hancock and Prelude and Fugue on B-A-C-H - Franz Liszt. The concert is free with free, secure parking available in the Cathedral lot and garage on Rockwell Avenue. A freewill offertory will be received. Our chapter will have a private reception and some visiting time with Daryl at the Cathedral following his performance. Daryl will be playing one of Cleveland's important pipe organs -the 72 rank Holtkamp at St. John's Cathedral.

A revised version of the publicity flyer for Daryl Robinson's recital is [available for download here](#).

CATHEDRAL of ST JOHN the EVANGELIST

1948 Holtkamp Organ, III / 72

Built in 1948 by Walter Holtkamp, Sr. of Cleveland's Holtkamp Organ Company at the cost of \$45,000, the Cathedral organ comprises a total of 72 ranks distributed over 7 divisions: specifically, 54 ranks in the west Gallery, and 18 ranks in the Chancel at the East End. It is playable from two identical 3 manual consoles: a moveable console located in the west Gallery, and a stationary console located in the Chancel area.



St. John Cathedral

NOVEMBER PROGRAM FALL HYMN FESTIVAL

The HYMN FESTIVAL led by John Ferguson has expanded into a Hymn Weekend:

Saturday, November 10th - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Morning rehearsals and 12:30 pm "Lunch with Ferg".

Sunday, November 11 - 4 pm. Hymn Festival concert at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Pk.



John Ferguson

We have over 100 choir members singing. Be sure to invite your choir and congregation to a truly inspirational afternoon of song! A flyer is forthcoming that you will be able to download, print and post.

Monday, November 12 - 7 -9 pm. Hymn Playing Class at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Westlake.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Cleveland and Lorain County AGO members to sing, listen and learn with one of our great hymn improvisation performers and arrangers. Do get these dates on your calendar and look for more information on Updates each week.

2012/13 Chapter Programs

See the complete list of Cleveland AGO Chapter Programs [here](#). Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar. The link to the complete list is also found in the main menu of the [chapter web site](#).

AGO ON FACEBOOK

A note from our Facebook coordinator Matt Skitzki

Our Cleveland AGO chapter is now on Facebook. According to WhyCommunicate, Facebook currently has over 500 million users worldwide, and people log in for over 700 billion minutes per month. So, Facebook is another communication tool that we can use to reach each other and establish new connections. In case you aren't familiar with Facebook (about half of all Americans have an account), a Facebook page is similar to any other website, except on Facebook you can respond directly to others. Think of a normal website as a one-way street, with information coming to you, and a Facebook page as a two-way street, with information coming to you and from you. We use our Facebook page to share photos and upcoming events, and discuss whatever AGO things are on our minds. We welcome you to join us on Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/8fnq99b>.

EROI Report, part 2



Johann Sebastian Bach

The Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI) / Bach Society of America Symposium, Bach and The Organ held at the Eastman School of Music on September 27-30 brought together a stellar cast of eminent Bach Scholars from the US and abroad. The program opened with a panel discussion of the new Breitkopf and Hartel edition of the complete works of Bach and the Leopold Edition of Bach- three volumes now available. The keynote address was given by noted Bach Scholar and author Peter Williams. Williams organized his talk around the obituary CPE Bach wrote for his father. Other papers were on the daily life of a German organist around 1750 based on an income and expense journal of a little known organist of the time, authentication of Bach students and documents discovered about the long fight of a Thuringian organist

to build a new organ in the church he served. There was an illustrated presentation of the keyboard instruments used in the Court of Frederick "the Great" served by the Bach Family. Bach Scholar, Christoph Wolff read a paper entitled "Did J.S. Bach write organ concertos?" One would think that scholars would have run out of research topics when it comes to one of the most researched musicians of all time. But it seems there is still plenty of research to be done and source material is still being uncovered.

-Fern Jennings

This Date in Musical History



Leon Boëllmann

Leon Boëllmann died in 1897. Boëllmann is best known for the staple of organ literature, *Suite Gothique*. Boëllmann was a student of Gigout and after his early death at the age of thirty-five, probably from tuberculosis, Gigout supported Boëllmann's children. (If you don't have a copy of *Suite Gothique* already, you can [download one here](#) for free - and legally.)

Pipe Organ For Sale

Wicks pipe organ is available in Lorain, Ohio. A 12 rank pipe organ dating from 1961 is available to interested churches. The price is negotiable. Please contact Dave Ritenaur at 258-8479.

Featured Recital



Brian Wentzel

Sunday, October 14, 3:00, First Lutheran, Lorain
603 Washington Ave., Lorain

Brian Wentzel, Organ Recital

Dean of the Lorain County AGO and Dual Cleveland Chapter member Brian Wentzel will play a recital of 20th- and 21st-century music on First Lutheran's historic Brombaugh organ. Brian is a graduate of St. Olaf College where he was student of John Ferguson. In addition to his other duties Brian is on the planning committee of the upcoming Chapter Hymn Festival with John Ferguson. Of his recital Brian writes that it will be, "Appealing, moving, and just plain fun, the music on this program gives a sample of the diverse styles of music written for the organ in the last hundred years". The weather is forecast to be lovely on Sunday so why not take a drive to Lorain and enjoy the fall color and hear some great music? Music of Langlais, Distler, Duruflé, and others will be played at this free concert.

The program will be:

- *Processional* by William Mathias (1964)
- *Trio Sonata* by Hugo Distler (1939)
- *Six Variations on a Ground Bass* by Margaret Vardell Sandresky (1996)
- *Suite Brève* by Jean Langlais (1947)
- *Two Jazz Organ Preludes* by Johannes Matthias Michel (1999)
- *Two movements from B-A-C-H Mass for Organ* by Erland Hildén (2000)
- *Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain* by Maurice Duruflé (1943)

Other Concerts of Interest

Some of our concert listings have been gleaned from ClevelandClassical. For a complete list of concerts plus previews, reviews and more from Cleveland's classical music scene click the link www.clevelandclassical.com.

Wed. October 10 12:10 pm: BRAHMS-FEST I "Our three-concert Brahms-Fest presents some of the most wonderful chamber music ever written!" Sonata No. 1 in G for violin and piano, Sonata No. 3 in D minor for violin and piano Andrew Sords, violin; Elizabeth DeMio, piano Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave, Cleveland

Wed. October 10 12:15 pm - Florence Mustric, organ. "Melodies from Ireland and Wales". Music Near the Market Series. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Sunday, October 14 4:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 North Prospect Street in Downtown Akron, Ohio. Hymn Festival - John Ferguson.

Tuesday, October 16 12 noon. Violinist, Mary Beth Ions will perform an entertaining trip around the world of music with the violin. It is called "Violin: Up Close and Personal." St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 317 East Liberty Street, Medina.

Wednesday, October 17 12:10pm BRAHMS-FEST II Sonata No. 2 in A for violin and piano. Trio in E-flat for French horn, violin and piano. Meghan Guegold, French horn; Andrew Sords, violin; Elizabeth DeMio, piano. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave, Cleveland.

Wednesday, October 17 12:15 pm Robert Myers, organ. "Luther wrote the tunes". Music Near the Market Series. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Wednesday, October 17 7:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Daryl Robinson, organist. NYACOP Winner's Recital.

Friday, October 19 7:30 p.m. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Cantores Cleveland. "Where the Action Is" A Tale of Renaissance Rivalries. The second in a three-part series: The Sounds of Change. Cantores Cleveland vocal ensemble presents a multi-disciplinary program of middle and late Renaissance music and art. Tickets: www.cantorescleveland.org

Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. Brecksville United Church of Christ, 23 Public Square, Brecksville, Ohio. The Cleveland Duo & James Umble. Stephen Warner (violinist with The Cleveland Orchestra), Carolyn Warner (violinist and keyboardist with The Cleveland Orchestra), and James Umble (nationally-known saxophonist) comprise this unique ensemble, which features repertoire ranging from traditional and familiar classical to folk, ethnic, avant-garde and even jazz.

Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. Westbrook Park United Methodist Church, 2521 12th St., NW, Canton, Ohio 44708. Katelyn Emerson, organ. Katelyn is the 2011 Region V Young Competition Winner in Organ,. She will perform a full recital at the church. A reception will follow. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Canton Chapter AGO.

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historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

21600 Shaker Blvd
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122
216-751-2320

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

