

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



Friends,

I was going to write to you about how I have this lousy cold, and I don't think Easter and spring will ever come and how this season of Lent is just hard. But I changed my mind after I received a message from Oberlin from DeRon. DeRon sang in my choir for a year before going to Interlochen for his senior year. DeRon is a talented singer, outgoing, and self-assured and he is black. He has been living with his grandmother since his mom got evicted from her house. Now he is a freshman voice major at Oberlin. This seemed like a wonderful fit for DeRon. He sang with us at Christmas and was enjoying everything at Oberlin. That is until recent events. Now he says he doesn't know how he feels about being there. He is not really comfortable any more but doesn't know what else to do. Being young and having someone stomp on your dreams is what is hard. Being

scared at school is unfair.

So now my cold seems minor. What is consuming all of your energy right now? Is it big stuff or really small in the scheme of things? Maybe the bigotry and hate at Oberlin is from the outside and will be resolved with an arrest or two. Maybe DeRon will get his passion and joy back. Maybe I will too. Balance. Life is about balance. Sometimes you just need to get outside of yourself and realign your perspective.

I am movin' toward spring,
Fern

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP: "Resources for Today's Church Musician" co-sponsored by Cleveland AGO and Cleveland National Pastoral Musicians

Saturday, March 9, 2013, 9:30am - 2:45 pm
Ursuline Educational Center, Pepper Pike.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our members along with members of Cleveland National Pastoral Musicians at our Church Music Workshop this Saturday, March 9th on the Ursuline College campus in Pepper Pike. We are meeting in the Ursuline Educational Center, the red-brick building complex at the back of the yellow-brick campus.

The address is 2600 Lander Rd. The link for driving directions is

www.ursulinesisters.org/ursuline-educational-center



Ursuline Chapel

Parking is close to the building entrance. Please go to the top of the stairs and through the glass doors to our registration area. An elevator is available. Sign in, coffee, sweets and conversation begins at 9:30 a.m.



If you cannot attend for the full day the 2 pm Service of Word and Song for Lent in the Chapel is free and open to everyone.

See you Saturday,
Barbara MacGregor
Sub-Dean/Program Chair

AGO Competition for Young Organists- March 23, 1:30 pm

Fairmount Presbyterian Church
2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights

Friday, April 19 7:30 pm Christopher Houlihan, organ recitalist

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 29: Location TBA

MEMBER NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Joella Jones is the principal keyboardist with the Cleveland Orchestra. In a recent Orchestra program feature about her she said that one of her dreams was to be a church organist and learn all the organ works of Bach. But then, who wouldn't?

Emily Meixner is the organist at Old Stone Church and a student of Todd Wilson's at CIM.

Jared Sorauf is the music intern at Fairmount Presbyterian Church and a student of Todd Wilson's at CIM.

Welcome!

MEMBER DEATH

James Billson passed away on January 29. He was the organist at the Chesterland Baptist Church.

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

Do you know of a talented young organist who would be interested to hone his or her skills at at Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) Advanced this summer? The Rochester Chapter of the AGO and the Eastman School of Music are partnering to present this summer program for high school students July 14-19, 2013. Please share the attached brochure with teachers and/or potential applicants. We have spaces for 22 students and the deadline for the applications is March 25 (postmarked).

POEA faculty will give daily public performances and master classes, so if you find yourself in the Rochester area during this program, please join us! Also, if you are interested in supporting this venture, please be in touch.

Best wishes,
Annie Laver
Rochester POEA Director

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REGIONAL CONVENTION

**Great Lakes / Swell Organs --
The time is NOW
The decision is YOURS**

Early Registration ends February 28.
One fee covers it all -- the convention, three meals, the choral academy, all transportation.

A roster of Region V royalty awaits.

Renew! Refresh! Reconnect with the music and the instruments you love.

TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY



Henry Purcell

This date in 1659 is the possible birth date of English composer Henry PURCELL, There is no official record of his birth. Purcell was one of the greatest English composers, flourishing in the period that followed the Restoration of the monarchy after the Puritan Commonwealth. Little is known of his birth and life- his parentage remains unclear.

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.

Friday March 8, 7:30pm, Kenyon College Chamber Singers, Church of the Ascension, 13216 Detroit Ave., Lakewood.

Friday March 8, 7:30 pm - The Broken Consort (Cambridge, MA), Emily Lau, artistic director, voice & percussion, Clare McNamara, voice & vielle, Camila Parias, voice, Brian Kay, oud & Peter Walker, voice & bagpipes. "Burgos, 1275: soundscapes of the 13th century Iberian Peninsula. Music from the Las Huelgas Codex, Cantigas de Santa Maria and Andalusian-Arabic & Shephardic tunes. Helen D. Schubert Concert Series. Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, E. 9 & Superior, Cleveland. Free. Free Parking in the Cathedral Garage, Rockwell & E. 9th.

Sunday March 10, 1:30 PM, Handel's Messiah, Parts II and III, Fairmount Choir and Orchestra. Robert Moncrief, conducting, with soloists Lisa Litteral, Maribeth Crawford, Alicia Bousner, Michael Talerico, Peter Bush & John Watson. Lunch available by donation at 12:30 pm. Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights. Free.

Sunday, March 10, 3:00 pm, The Pilgrim Way: A Hymn Festival First Lutheran Church, 603 Washington Ave., Lorain.

Sunday March 10 , 4:00 pm, The Midnight Winds, wind quintet (Oberlin Conservatory of Music) The ensemble will perform works by Francaix, Reicha, Barber and Danzi. Brecksville United Church of Christ, 23 Public Square, Brecksville.

Wednesday March 13 12:10 pm - Trinity Chamber Players, Sean Gabriel, flute, Amitai Vardi, clarinet, Danna Sundet, oboe & Elizabeth DeMio, piano. Richardson, Schumann, Enesco & Saint-Saëns. Brownbag Concert Series. Lunches welcome or purchase one for \$5. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Wednesday, March 13 12:15 pm - Florence Mustric, organ. "Spirituals black and white". Music by Samuel Barber, Gardner Reid & others. Music Near the Market Series. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Saturday, March 16 Daniel Hathaway will perform an organ recital on the historically restored Holtkamp church pipe organ of St. Vitus Church. The organ recital will immediately follow the 4:00PM Saturday Vigil Mass in St. Vitus Church.

Sunday, March 17 12:30-5:00 pm Organ Marathon. Church of the Covenant. 11205 Euclid Ave. Cleveland

Sunday, March 17 5:00 pm - UA Faculty Recital: Valerie Thorson, organ. Program to be announced. First Congregational Church, 292 E. Market St., Akron. Free.

Monday, March 18 7:30 pm - Westminster Schola Cantorum, James Jordan, conductor. Program includes music by Duruflé, Tavener, Britten & MacMillan. Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Rd., Shaker Heights. Suggested donation \$10, \$5 students.

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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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