



Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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From the Dean



Fern Jennings

This past Sunday the congregation I serve dedicated its religious education teachers. The minister gave a sermon on the importance of religious education and the inclusion of young people in the church. Like many congregations we have Sundays where the children are included in all or part of the Sanctuary service. Our minister, Daniel Budd, reflected on the participation of children in the worship service: "Here we teach by who we are far more than by anything we say. What is important is for our young people to learn something of what it means to be here, to get a feeling for what is of ultimate concern for us, and to realize the need we all have for quiet and self-recollection. What is important is that they learn to feel a part of our community as it engages in one of its most central activities."

I keyed in on the part about "quiet and self-recollection". I have been chided by some congregational leaders that the music must be up-tempo and modern (read popular) in order for young people to relate. So I was drawn to this idea that, no, sometimes children need quiet as well. (I certainly did as a child.) What about giving opportunities

for children to feel awe and wonder? Returning to my idea of two weeks ago about enchantment, can we as organists foster a feeling of enchantment around the organ and the music we play? Isn't the organ an instrument of enchantment with its complexity and beauty with all of the mysterious knobs and buttons on the console, not to mention the mysterious pipes which may be hidden but whose presence is felt by the sound they produce?

Best to you,

Fern

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM and LUNCH

AGO Holtkamp Organ Company Tour
Saturday, September 28 - 10 am
2909 Meyer Avenue, Cleveland

See menu and prices for Market Garden Brewery and Restaurant, 1947 W. 25th Street, Cleveland, at www.marketgardenbrewery.com

CHAPTER OCTOBER PROGRAM

Young Organist Showcase Recital
Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013 - 4 pm
Fairmount Presbyterian Church

2757 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland Heights

Our competition winner, Mitchell Miller and our scholarship winner, Emily Meixner perform on the Ruggles tracker and the Schantz pipe organ.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 7, 7:30 PM
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland

MEMBER NEWS

We send condolences to **Don Jackson** on the recent death of his mother in Florida.

Paul Guyer will compete in the Akron Marathon this Saturday. Good Luck, Paul!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

David von Behren is a student of Todd Wilson at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Music Intern at Plymouth Church. A young man with an impressive resume, David has studied with Tom Trenney and attended Pipe Organ Encounters. David actively advocates getting younger audiences excited about Classical music. This past summer he began "The Little Stars Summer Music Program," a music program aimed towards 3-6 year old children. His project has been in association with NPR's From the Top and The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

We also welcome new member **Corrie Burris**.

TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

On this date in the year 1714 Handel's "Te Deum" was given its first performance at St. James Palace to celebrate the safe arrival of Caroline of Ansbach the Princess of Wales. Since Caroline later became Queen as consort of George II, the Te Deum has become known as the "Queen Caroline" Te Deum. George I attended this performance and subsequently doubled Handel's "pension", or salary to four hundred pounds a year. Here is a link to a New College Choir, Oxford performance with the King's Consort



Concerts and Events of Interest

Remember to send us your concert listings for our Google calendar and weekly updates. Send them to newsletter@agocleveland.org. 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.

Hector Olivera, Organ. Friday, September 27, 7:30pm. Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights. An evening of classical organ works played on the Grace Church Möller organ and contemporary & popular selections played on the Roland "Queen of Orchestra Keyboard" Tickets: \$22 pre-sale, \$25 at the door, \$10 students with ID. Order by mail from the church.

Holtkamp Organ Company Tour. Saturday, September 28, 10am - 1pm. Holtkamp Organ Company, 2909 Meyer Ave, Cleveland. Cleveland AGO organ factory tour followed by lunch at Market Garden Brewery, 1939 W. 25th St. Cleveland. See menu at www.marketgardenbrewery.com

The Book of Revelation. Saturday, September 28, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Divinity Lutheran Church 11877 Blossom Ave Parma Heights OH 44130. You are invited to a FREE spectacular and dramatic presentation of scripture, light, and movement when Michael Reardon prayerfully and powerfully proclaims THE BOOK OF REVELATION, directed by Patrick Lane. This is a contemporary translation of scripture, proclaimed in the oral tradition of the early church, designed with music, lighting, and costuming. A free will offering will be taken.

Hector Olivera, organ. Sunday, September 29, 3:00pm. First United Methodist Church 245 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls

Nicole Keller, organ. Sunday, September 29, 3:00pm. First Lutheran Church of Lorain, 603 Washington, Ave., Lorain.

Concert of Organ Duets with Solo Works by Chad Pittman and Mark Thewes. September 29, 4:00 pm. Church of the Savior United Methodist in Downtown Canton Ohio. 4 manual 80 rank Aeolian Skinner. First of the monthly concerts in the concert series at historical Church of the Savior United Methodist. 4:00 pm.

Music from Downton Abbey. October 2, 12:10 pm. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Enjoy a program of hauntingly beautiful music from the current hit PBS series performed by Trinity Cathedral's own Amethyst String Quartet and Trinity's Todd Wilson. Quartet members include Mary Beth Ions (violin), Carol Ruzicka (violin), Alexandra Vago (viola) and Linda Atherton (cello). Hear not only music from the show but also favorite selections from the era including Elgar's Salut d'Amour, works by Holst and Vaughn Williams, even fox trots, songs and waltzes popular in the 1920s.

Florence Mustric, organ. Wednesday October 2 12:15 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, West 30th Street at Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. "Tao and how," featuring music by Buxtehude, Bach, Healey, and others.

Choral Evensong. Wednesday, October 2, 6:00 pm Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Trinity Cathedral Choir. Service: Sowerby in D

Verdi Requiem and film. Saturday, October 6, 5:00 pm. Federated Church, 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls. An ecumenical choir will collaborate with Chagrin Valley Film Festival and the Chagrin Studio Orchestra, Steve Eva, conductor to perform a selection of the Verdi Requiem following a powerful documentary about 150 prisoners in a concentration camp who sang the entire Requiem by memory in an act of defiance against their captors.

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