



Tracking the Action

The newsletter of the American Guild of Organists, Cleveland Chapter

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FROM THE DEAN

The ritual begins in mid-May, as the choir season is coming to a close and there is a hint of summer in the air. I start looking through file drawers of purchased organ music not yet learned. I compile a stack and off to the organ bench I go. The ritual ends the last week in August, as the choir season and everything else moves into full swing, by placing the stack of organ music back into the file cabinet—some of it partially learned. This year, however, I've decided to break that ritual.

I am committed to finishing the Bach "St. Anne Fugue," the Duruflé "Fugue," and the Michael Bedford "Theme and Variations on *Le P'ing*" that was the winner of the Holtkamp-AGO Award, 2009, and played at the National Convention in DC this past summer. The demands of our profession, our places of work, and our music programs can take us away from the very thing that brought us to the organ—practicing, performing, and attending great organ recitals.

In addition to my commitment to finishing these organ pieces, I have already reserved my ticket for the October 1 organ recital with David Higgs. Mr. Higgs will

re-inaugurate the McMyler organ in Gartner Auditorium at the Cleveland Museum of Art. This is the October program for our chapter. To date nearly 375 tickets have been secured. Imagine what this event would feel like with a sold-out performance? Get your ticket(s) today.

I am going to bring this column to a close because I need to get back to the organ bench. I hope to be able to greet you on October 1 and to hear what pieces you have been learning.

Happy practicing, Jim

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Monday, October 4, 2010, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Plymouth Church, UCC
2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights

Next Chapter Meeting:

Friday, October 1, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland Museum of Art
Organ Recital by David Higgs
Re-inauguration of the McMyler organ in
Gartner Auditorium

ORGAN RECITAL AT CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

Organ Recital, David Higgs, Cleveland Museum of Art, Gartner Auditorium, Friday, 1 October 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Our October chapter meeting will be held at the Cleveland Museum of Art, Friday evening, 1 October. Our guest artist is David Higgs, one of America's leading concert organists and head of the organ department at the Eastman School of Music, who will perform on the McMyler organ in the Gartner Auditorium on the occasion of the organ's reinauguration. Mr. Higgs will be playing works by Bonnet, Bolcom, Bach, Conte, Hampton, Kittel, and Lizst.

Admission to the recital is free, however, you will need to have a ticket which can be obtained by contacting the Museum's box office: 1-888-CMA-0033 or 1-216-421-7350. As of this date over 375 people have requested tickets.

Mark you calendars now, and come and enjoy a fabulous evening of organ music! I look forward to seeing you there.

Clifford Hill, Sub Dean



MASTER CLASS WITH OLIVIER LATRY

The Master Class with Olivier Latry has been postponed from the original date of 4 October 2010. The new date is Tuesday, 30 November 2010, 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Plymouth Church, Shaker Heights. This is a CIM sponsored event and AGO members are welcomed to attend.

All the best,
Clifford Hill

NOTE TO OUR MEMBERS:

A Cleveland Chapter Professional Concerns investigation was recently requested by a member of our Guild on the employment practices of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Brecksville, Ohio. Members are asked to note the investigation and approach employment at the church with caution.

Robert Schneider, Director of Professional Concerns

PLEASE NOTE: Please send all job postings to: **Gerry Mass**, 440.884.4904, **e-mail:** gerry@gerardskeyboards.com.

ORGANIST: Chesterland Baptist Church, 12670 Chillicothe Rd., Chesterland, OH 44026, 440.729.7101. One Sunday morning service and weekly (evening) choir rehearsal. Salary: approximately \$150. per week. Interested persons should contact Pastor Joe Woods at the church office (as listed above) by mail or phone, or Pastor Woods personally at 440.796.0614, or via e-mail at: pastor@chesterlandbaptist.org.

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Lakemore United Methodist Church, Akron, OH. Organist/pianist needed to accompany our choir and praise team. Rehearsal Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00. Salary: (approx.) \$8,500 per year. Interested persons should contact the church at (330) 733-6531 or via e-mail at lakemoreumc@att.net for further information.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Brooklyn Trinity United Church of Christ, 8720 Memphis Ave., Brooklyn, OH 44144. One Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., preceded by choir rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.; special services (as needed) throughout the liturgical year. Meet with Pastor to co-ordinate and plan worship services. Salary: \$6,000-7,000. per year. Interested persons should send a resume and cover letter to Pastor Sue Tamilio at the church address listed above or via e-mail to sue.tamilio@gmail.com

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 2592 West 14 St., Cleveland, OH 44113. One Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. and special services (as needed) throughout the year. Accompany and direct the adult choir (Wednesday evening rehearsals). Meet weekly with Pastor to plan worship and co-ordinate with Bell Choir Director, Brass Choir Director, and Christian Education Committee. Four weeks paid vacation per year. Farrand-Votey Organ. Salary: \$16,700. per year. Interested persons should send a resume to Pastor John Tamilio at the church office address listed above or via e-mail to JohnT@pilgrimalive.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Euclid Ave. Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), (currently meeting at 3000 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, facility). Approx. fifteen hours per week. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Choir rehearsal Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. (at 3000 Euclid Ave., Cleveland). Occasional extra services (as needed) during the year. Candidates must be competent in organ and choral conducting. Music Director participates in staff meetings and church planning activities. Salary: \$10-15,000. per year (plus pension and paid vacation). Interested persons should submit a resume to John Baker via e-mail at jhardeeb@aol.com, or you may call Mr. Baker (for further information) at 216-383-1684.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Church of the Western Reserve, 30500 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124. Part-time (approx. fifteen hours per week). Two Sunday morning service; Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Salary: \$15-18,000. per year. Interested persons should submit a resume to Sandra Shaheen at the church address listed above or via e-mail at shaheen.sandra122@gmail.com

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: St. Joan of Arc Church, 496 East Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. Full-time. 2,000 household Parish. This person would direct a music program that includes handbells, cantors, and choral and instrumental ensembles. Four weekend Masses as well as funerals, weddings, school Masses, and other special Parish celebrations. Applicants must be practicing Catholics with knowledge of Catholic Church liturgies. Candidates should possess a degree in music (preferably masters degree), a high level of vocal, piano, organ, and choral conducting skills as well as good interpersonal, ministerial, and communication skills. Previous experience in sacred music desirable. Baldwin Organ and Boston Piano. Salary commensurate with musical education and experience. Extra stipends for weddings and funerals. Full-time benefits. Interested persons should send a cover letter and resume to Fr. David Walkowiak, Pastor, at the Church address listed above or via e-mail to djwalkowiak@sbcglobal.net

ORGANIST AND/OR CHOIR DIRECTOR: First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44902. Sunday worship services, special mid-week worship services when needed. Choir during September through May. Will consider two people for two separate positions. Bachelor or Master degree in music preferred. Salary: Organist only \$8,000-14,000, Choir Director only \$3,000-4,500. (depending on whether this position involves one person or two separate people). Interested persons should send a cover letter and resume to the church address above or via e-mail (preferred) to office@felc-mansfield.org

REMINDER: The deadline for submitting articles to the newsletter is **midnight on the 15th** of every month. All articles should be sent to: newsletter@agocleveland.org

CONCERTS: For complete listings, see our website: www.agocleveland.org. All concerts are free unless otherwise noted.

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.

October 6 & 13: Organist **Florence Mustric** presents **A Flurry of Footnotes**.

October 20 & 27: Organist **Robert Myers** presents **Romantic Masters**.

Friday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m.: Cleveland Museum of Art. One of America's leading concert organists, David Higgs, will re-inaugurate the McMyler organ in Gartner Auditorium. This will be the first organ recital in more than five years. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this exciting event. Admission is free, but a ticket is required. For ticket reservations, contact the box office at the Museum of Art: 888-CMA-0033 or 216-421.7350.

Friday, October 1 at 8:00 p.m.: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 North Prospect Street in Downtown Akron. Organ Recital by Gail Archer. Miss Archer's program, *Mendelssohn in the Romantic Century*, will include works by Johannes Brahms, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, Felix Mendelssohn, Max Reger, and Robert Schuman. Prior to the concert, at 7:15 p.m., tours of the Holy Trinity Sanctuary will be offered. Admission to both the tour and concert is free. Lighted parking is located adjacent to the Church. Additional information can be found at trinityakron.org/organ_series, or by phoning 330-376-5154.

Sunday, October 3 at 3 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio. *Organ Recital*; **Karel Paukert**, organ. Works by J.S. Bach, C. Franck, M. Dupré, B. A. Wiedermann, P. Eben, Z. Gardonyi and Ch. Ives

Wednesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m.: Cathedral of St John, 1007 Superior Ave, (downtown Cleveland); 216-771-6666 x5510. **University of Akron Brass & Organ (Akron OH)**. Tucker Jolly, *director*; Barbara MacGregor, *organ*. Works by: Gabrieli, Schütz, Massaino, Gigout, Mussorgsky, & Strauss. 22 brass instrumentalists, organ and percussion performing antiphonal music from various locations in the Cathedral, by composers of the Italian & German Renaissance – scored for double, triple and quadruple brass ensembles.

FREE concert; Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E 9th.

www.saintjohncathedral.com/Concerts

Sunday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m.: Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. 216.421.0482. **Hymn Festival: One Son - OneLight**. Join in singing great hymns of the ages as the Covenant is filled by the combined choirs of Covenant, Church of the Saviour, First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, Euclid Avenue Congregational Church and Plymouth Congregational Church.

Friday, October 29 at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.: Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights. **PIPESCREAMS VIII**.

7:00 p.m. A program for younger children to meet the King of Instruments—the organ.

11:00 p.m. Organists James Riggs and Todd Wilson play solos, duets, and Mr. Wilson accompanies a clip from “Phantom of the Opera.” Dancer Sabatino Verlezza will present a dance for this event. Folks are encouraged to come in costume or pajamas. Popcorn will be served.

Friday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m.: Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. 216.321.8880. *Antiphonal Brass Concert*. **Starkweather Brass (Canton, OH)**, and **Tower Brass Quintet (Toledo, OH)**. These two professional ensembles will join forces in a program of antiphonal music from the 16th and 17th centuries, exploring the unique acoustical qualities of Saviour's Gothic sanctuary to create “stereophonic music.”

Sunday, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.: Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights.

LES DELICES, Debra Nagy, director. ArtsPlymouth's Artists in Residence performs *Mirages & Monstrosities* for a Halloween-inspired program celebrating the quirky to the bizarre. Tickets available online at www.lesdelices.org or at the door.

Sunday, October 31 at 5 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio. *Choral Evensong* featuring **St. Paul's Youth Choir**. Drs. Rick and Beth Nelson, *directors*

Sunday, October 31 at 5:00 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1250 W. Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio 44313. **Mozart Requiem.** *Festival Chorus and Orchestra.*

Saturday, 26 February 2011: Quimby Young Artist's Organ Competition, Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights, 2:00pm

Friday, 1 April 2011, 7:30 p.m.: **An Evening of Sacred Song with Alice Parker.** Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights

Sunday, 15 May 2011, 5:00 p.m.: **Annual Meeting and Dinner,** Rocky River United Methodist Church. Organ and Piano Duet Recital at 7:00pm. Carmen Massaro and Carol Neff, artists

Cleveland AGO Chapter **Program Calendar** **September 2010 - May 2011**

Sunday, 19 September 2010 - AGO Annual Picnic, 4:00 p.m.: At the home of Missy and Fred Koch, 8007 Majestic Oaks Trail, Broadview Heights.

Friday, 1 October 2010, 7:30 p.m.: **David Higgs, organist - Cleveland Museum of Art, Gartner Auditorium.** One of America's leading concert organist, David Higgs will re-inaugurate the McMyler organ in Gartner Auditorium. Admission is free, but tickets required. Contact: Box office, Cleveland Museum of Art: 888-CMA-0033 or 216-421-7350

Sunday, 21 November, 2010, 3:00 p.m.: **Acoustics in the Worship Space.** Presentation and discussion by international acoustic specialist Dana Kirkegaard. Church of the Covenant.

Saturday, 22 January 2011: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: **A morning of workshops - Lakewood Presbyterian Church.** The morning will commence with a social time, followed by a presentation of music for Lent and Easter by chapter members, followed by "Fortune 500": a presentation which explores the use of computer technology and effective software for church musicians by Daniel Fortune, organist/choirmaster, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Akron.



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Akron Chapter of the American Guild of Organists **Scholarship Information**

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students in their educational process. Scholarships will be awarded for organ study (private or collegiate) or to attend a POE or other organ camp. Students must be in high school or college, and be a resident of Summit, Stark, Medina, Portage, or Wayne counties. One, multiple, or no scholarships may be awarded in any given year at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The minimum amount of an award is \$250. The scholarship money will be sent directly to the student's teacher, college, or camp as designated on the application.

To apply, the student must;

1. mail a completed application (found attached to this sheet) to:

AGO Scholarship Committee
c/o Ms. Dawn Filler
1620 Girard Street
Akron, OH 44308

2. arrange for a letter of recommendation from a music teacher or professor.

This letter may be mailed to the above address or emailed directly to:

cschoir@hotmail.com

Audition

When the above two documents are received by the Scholarship Committee, the student will be notified of an audition time and place. Before the scholarship is awarded, each applicant will be asked to play for the Scholarship Committee. Please prepare:

one Bach piece and one contrasting piece of your choice. Please limit these pieces to a total of ten minutes.

In addition, you will be asked to play two stanzas of one of the following hymns. You may use a varied harmonization on the second stanza.

Amazing Grace – New Britain

A Mighty Fortress – Ein feste Burg

All Creatures of Our God and King – Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – Lobe den Herren

Performance

The recipients of the scholarship will be expected to perform for one of the Akron Chapter meetings on a mutually agreed date in the next year.

The scholarship must be used within twelve months of the check date.

The deadline to apply is December 15, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship, you may contact Dawn Filler by the email address given above, or by phone at 330-376-8143.

Akron Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Scholarship Application

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ email _____

Current School _____ GPA _____

Current organ or piano teacher _____

Teacher's Phone # _____

The intended use for this scholarship is: (please circle one)

Private lessons POE Music Camp Other (please specify)

Please include a paragraph or two about your goals for the future, and how the organ fits into your life. (You may attach a separate page.)

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Date received _____