September 1, 2011

FROM THE DEAN



James Riggs

The first ever Cleveland Organ Weekend sponsored by the chapter will happen October 28-30. In this weekly email, and in the coming weeks, there will be information for you, ways you can celebrate the organ in your place of worship, and ways to support this weekend. As AGO members of the Cleveland Chapter we need to talk up this weekend with our colleagues, our friends, lovers of organ music, and our congregations. The Executive Committee is doing a great deal to see that we get as much press as possible about this weekend and they have committed

financially to supporting this event. We hope you will join in spreading the word!

For many, the time has come to return to our routine of choir rehearsals, preparing extra music, and returning to busy schedules. Let's hold each other accountable to make sure we find time for play and relaxation. A quick text message or an email to a colleague may be all it takes to remind each other that we are only effective when we are taking care of ourselves. With that said, let's take good care of each other while having a good year on the bench!

Cheers, Jim

Greetings!

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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Cleveland Organ Weekend

Dear Cleveland Chapter member,

By now you should feel the growing excitement for the Cleveland Organ Weekend from Friday, October 28 through Sunday, October 30. This is the largest programming project we have attempted since the 2003 regional convention. The event will be city-wide and include something for all ages that demonstrates our incredible instrument.

The Executive Committee is very energetic about the weekend, and they have personally committed more than \$1000.00 for the project. As you can imagine, this endeavor will take funding in addition to the already raised funds. We are asking all of you to join the Executive Committee's enthusiasm by donating to this amazing event. No contribution is too large or too small and your contribution is fully tax deductible.

We would like to hear from you BY OCTOBER 1. All donors who have contributed by that time will be listed in the programs.

Please send all donations to treasurer David Powers, 2539 W Sprague Rd, Broadview Heights, 44147, made out to the Cleveland Chapter AGO, and please note Organ Weekend on the memo line.

Further information can be found on the chapter web site - or you may contact me at peg@limkemann.net or call 440-871-4495.

Peg Limkemann for the Executive Committee

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Next Chapter Event

Jehan Alain Centenary Celebration October 1, 2011, Oberlin Conservatory



1:00 - 2:00 ~ Lecture by Dr. Aurélie Decourt: "Jehan Alain: Musician and Poet"

2:00 - 3:00 ~ 2nd Lecture by Dr.

"Jehan Alain: His Musical and Creative Inspiration"

The two lectures will be given by Dr. Aurélie Decourt, the niece of Jehan Alain

and the daughter of Marie-Claire Alain. The lectures will take place in KING 127 (the building on the northwest corner of Professor and College Streets - across from the large arch in Tappan Square).

4:00 - 5:30 ~ Concert in Finney Chapel

Cleveland Organ Weekend

Three Days of concerts and demonstrations Celebrating the King of Instruments

Friday 10/28: Todd Wilson, organ Feza Zweifel, percussion Plymouth Church, Shaker Heights

Saturday 10/29: A day of recitals & presentations throughout the county

Sunday 10/30: Chapter members celebration--The Organ in Houses of Worship.

Organ Recital by Jonathan Ryan;

First Baptist Church



9/11 10th Anniversary Commemoration

Concordia Publishing has released a work by Bernard Wayne Sanders to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. The piece is a partita based on a Mendelssohn hymn from the LCMS hymnal and is available as a free PDF download from their site (www.cph.org). Sanders was the first place winner of the composition competition for the AGO International Organ Spectacular event a few years ago. Members may find this useful.

You must go through the process of checkout in order to download and print the music. Also, do you have the most current version of Adobe Acrobat reader? If not, you will need to get the latest version.

Don Jackson

Concert Listings

Friday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m.: Waetjen Auditorium, Cleveland State University

Music and Communication Building, 2001 Euclid Avenue Cleveland. Mark Heiskanen will be performing the Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor BWV 542 (Bach), Saints' Days (Pinkham) and Organ Symphony No. 3 in F Sharp Minor (Vierne). Admission is free. Parking is available in the East 21st Street garage. If more information is needed, please contact Mark Heiskanen at (440) 289-3242 or Mark.Heiskanen@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m.: Christ Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44122. Service of Remembrance. The Fauré Requiem sung by the choirs of Christ Church and Trinity Cathedral with orchestra and organist Todd Wilson. All proceeds will go to Facing History - Cleveland. (See the flyer.)

Sunday, September 25 at 3:00 p.m.: First Lutheran, 603 Washington Ave, Lorain, Brombaugh Organ Op. 4 has just been awarded an OHS Historic Organ Citation - it is the 5th youngest organ ever to receive such recognition, and the 9th in Ohio. William Porter, organist will give a recital there on Sunday, September 25. Before the concert, Cleveland AGO members are invited to have lunch with Lorain AGO folks. If interested, RSVP to info@lcago.org by 9/18. A website for the recital can be

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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its 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.

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