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FROM THE DEAN



Dean Jim Riggs

Why a Cleveland Organ Weekend? For decades now Cleveland has hosted the International Piano Competition. The Programming Committee thought it was time that the organ is promoted throughout Cleveland in a weekend of concerts and demonstrations on October 28, 29, and 30.

What can I do to promote this weekend? Tell your friends, your congregation members, and lovers of organ music about this big weekend. Go to the chapter website (www.agocleveland.org) and print off the posters and get them out in your community. For this weekend to be a success, it will take many to promote this event.

What can I do on Sunday, October 30 in my place of worship? Play a piece of organ music that **shows-off** your instrument. Hold a brief demonstration after worship for children/adults showing them what the organ can do. Let them tour the organ chambers, if possible. Go to the chapter website for a [listing of hymns and anthems](#) that can be used during worship celebrating the organ. Place a brief history of your organ in your bulletin and/or your monthly newsletter. Have brochures available about the AGO (contact me if you want brochures).

Can I financially contribute to this weekend? YES! No contribution is too small or too large. 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.

If I have any more questions, whom do I contact? Contact me at dean@agocleveland.org or Sub-Dean, Clifford Hill at subdean@agocleveland.org, or Jonathan Moyer at jonathanwmoyer@gmail.com

Have a great week, Jim



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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Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

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. Decourt:

"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

About Jehan Alain

For many of us, the mention of Jehan Alain, brings to mind his organ compositions, particularly "Litanies", "Deuxieme Fantaisie", or the "Trois Danses". His compositions for piano, instruments, choir and voice are perhaps not so well known.

Alain was born in 1911 in the western suburbs of Paris and to a musical family. His father, Albert, was a composer, organist, and organ builder. His younger sister, Marie-Claire, became an organist as well as a champion of her brother's works.

Jehan enrolled in the Paris Conservatoire, studying with Marcel Dupre, Paul Dukas, and Jean Roger-Ducasse. He began to compose at the age of 18 and continued through the outbreak of World War II. His musical language was influenced by Claude Debussy and Olivier Messiaen. Alain's interest in the music, dance and philosophies of the Far East heavily influenced his music.

On Saturday, 1 October at Oberlin College, we have an opportunity to hear organ, instrumental, and vocal works of Jehan Alain and to attend the lectures of Dr. Aurélie Decourt, the daughter of Marie-Claire Alain. (Find out [more about Jehan Alain](#), his life and music.)

Cleveland Organ Weekend

October 28, 29, 30, 2011

See the [full schedule](#) of events
(with even more detail to come)

Cleveland Organ Weekend poster is [now available for download](#) as a PDF from the chapter web site. Please help advertise this exciting weekend of organ music. The poster was designed to be printed on legal size paper. Natural and cream papers look quite rich with the color scheme, but white is also fine. If you don't have legal paper at home, please print it at your church if possible. If you print on letter size paper, please consider trimming the sides. A supply of posters will be available at the October meeting in Oberlin or you may contact Don Jackson at donclef@aol.com.

William Porter, Organ Recital

World-Renowned Organist in Lorain

Internationally-known organist William Porter will play a free recital at First Lutheran Church, 603 Washington Ave., Lorain on Sunday, September 25 at 3:00 p.m. Widely known as a performer and teacher in the United States and Europe and a professor at Eastman School of Music and McGill University, Mr. Porter is a leader among organists working toward recovery of an historical approach to musical performance, and has achieved international recognition for his skill in improvisation in a wide variety of styles.

Mr. Porter will be performing on John Brombaugh's Opus 4 at First Lutheran Church, 603 Washington Ave., Lorain, OH. This instrument, finished in 1970, is Brombaugh's first large instrument, and was a ground-breaking instrument for its re-employment of



William Porter

historic building principles such as flexible wind supply, hammered pipe metal, and unequal temperament. In 2011, Opus 4 received a Historic Organ Citation from the Organ Historical Society, recognizing it as "an instrument of exceptional historic merit." This organ is only the 9th in Ohio to receive such a citation, and is the 5th-youngest organ ever to receive one. A plaque acknowledging the citation will be formally presented at the concert.

This concert is free and open to the public. It is part of First Lutheran's FIRST-music concert series, whose goal comes from the church's vision statement: to "use our musical resources to enhance our experience of God and as a gift to the community." First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America located in downtown Lorain, known for good music and social service.

Music of H. Leslie Adams

The Music of H. Leslie Adams is featured at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 23, 2011, on the national 2nd Annual "Back-to-School" program of the HistoryMakers.

The composer appears in person to share his life and work with Grades 1, 2, 3. Live performance of his "L'Extase D'Amour" by Cleveland Orchestra Violist Eliesha Nelson and noted Pianist Dianna White-Gould. The public is invited.

Glendale Primary School; 400 West Glendale Street; Bedford, Ohio 44146. mation on your website.



Leslie Adams

Concerts

Friday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216.321.5800. www.fairmountchurch.org. Halida Dinova, Pianist. The brilliant Russian-born pianist plays a recital entitled Music That Tells Stories on Fairmount's Steinway, with works by Chopin, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Tchaikovsky, Debussy, Scriabin, Rachmaninoff, Liszt, and Balakirev—a great program of piano literature for the whole family.

Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m.: New Life Episcopal Church, 13118 Church Avenue Northwest, Uniontown, OH, 44685-8452. 330.699.3554. The award-winning musicians of Simple Gifts. This team of gifted women plays ten different instruments, including two violins, mandolin, hammered dulcimer, recorders, and guitar plus some more unusual ones like the bowed psaltery, baritone fiddle, banjolin, guitjo, and doumbek. The concert is free and open to the public, but we'd like you to bring canned goods for the Akron-Canton Food Bank and the FISH food pantry of Lake Township. An international reception follows.

Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m.: Church of the Ascension, 13216 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. The Byzantine Singers.

Sunday, September 25 at 4:30 p.m.: Ridgewood United Methodist Church, 6330 Ridge Road, Parma, OH 440.885.1360. Betty Meyers, Piano; Virginia Steiger, Flute. Works by Rutter, Griffes, Quantz, and D'Rivera.

Sunday, September 25 at 5:00 p.m.: Westminster Church, 1250 W. Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio. 330.836.2226. Thomas Heywood, Australian Organist.

Friday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights. Jaroslav Tuma, Internationally acclaimed organist from Prague, Czech Republic works by J.J. Froberger, J.S. Bach, O. Kvech, improvisation on themes from B. Smetana's "My Country." Freewill offering.

Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 p.m.: Fairlawn Lutheran Church, 3415 W. Market Street, Fairlawn, Ohio. 330.836.7286. Mary Ragna Yetter, organist. Music by Soler, Albinoni, Taylor, Mozart, Bach, Kee, Roberts, Rowley, Chatzoth, Nigun, and Fletcher. "Piping Hot: A Panorama of Pedals, Pipes, and Preludes"

Sunday, October 2 at 4:15 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Heights. Karel Paukert, organ. Works by American Composers. L. Sowerby, V. Thomson, A. Copland, R. Sessions, followed at 5:00 p.m. by Choral Evensong, St. Paul's Senior Choir, Dr. Steven Plank, conductor.

Every Wednesday: 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.
September 28: Double-digit Piano Duo Ronald Palko and Coren Estrin Mino



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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

