

Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

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FROM THE DEAN



Dean Jim Riggs

A round of applause is extended to James David Christie and Jack Mitchener for putting together an informative program for the Alain Centennial last Saturday in Oberlin. Jehan Alain's niece, Dr. Aurélie Decourt gave two wonderful lectures showing slides of organs, manuscripts, and letters and drawings by Alain. She took questions from those present and signed copies of her new

book on the Alain family. After the two lectures an outstanding recital was presented in Finney Chapel by the students and faculty of Oberlin Conservatory. The program consisted of not only organ music of Alain, but also some of his vocal and chamber music including the *Messe Modale*. Many thanks to our colleagues at Oberlin for their work on this program.

The Cleveland Organ Weekend (October 28, 29, 30) is quickly approaching. What are you doing to promote this weekend? Have you posted a flyer? Have you invited someone to one or many of the events? I would welcome your feedback at dean@agocleveland.org

Have a great week and find a moment to bask in the sunshine.

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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Cleveland Chapter Yearbooks 2011/12

The chapter yearbooks have been printed. They will be distributed in person during the Organ Weekend events on Friday and Sunday, October 28 and 30. After that the remaining copies will be mailed to those who have not picked them up. In the meantime, a PDF version is available. Please contact Don Jackson at donclef@aol.com and a copy will be emailed to you.

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Cleveland Organ Weekend

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 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.

Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2011, 7:30-9:00 PM

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Concerts

For a complete list of all known upcoming events, see the online calendar at the chapter website, agocleveland.org. Calendar events can be submitted to newsletter@agocleveland.org or [online here](#).

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 317 Liberty, Medina, Ohio Brown Bag Concert. Bring your own lunch or brown bag lunches are available for \$5.00. Just call the church office 24 hours prior to the concert at 330-725-4131.

October 18: Linda Gardner, organist. Music by Goemanne, Hurd, Adams, Sanders, Purvis, Linker.

Tuesdays at 12:10: Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126. 440.331.2405. www.messiahchurchfairview.org. Music for Tuesdays at 12:10 starts up again on October 18! This will be a wonderful series of programs-a lot of music that you'll not hear anywhere else this year! The programs are held in the sanctuary and are open to the public. Bring your brown bag lunch-we provide coffee, tea, and cookies. The programs conclude before 1:00 p.m. and are entirely informal...come when you can, and leave when you must. While a donation is not turned down, it's not obligatory.

Oct. 18: Heidi Albert, violoncello; David Gooding, keyboards; Sonatas and Stuff

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 12: Robert Myers, harpsichord

October 19: Shulamite Chu, piano

October 26: Robert Myers, harpsichord; Julie Wesolek, flute

Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.: Brownbag Concerts at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.trinitycleveland.org. Bring a lunch or purchase one for \$5.00.

Concerts range from jazz to classical chamber music, big band, pipe organ with brass, vocal music of George Gershwin and much more. All programs take place in the beautiful Gothic nave of Trinity Cathedral. There is no admission fee - a freewill offering is taken at each concert. The Trinity Commons parking lot entrance is on Prospect Avenue at East 22nd Street (Free parking). Overflow parking is available in the Cleveland State University Prospect garage.

October 12: TOPS Big Band. Cleveland's premier Big Band plays tunes from the "Golden Years."

October 19: Organ and Brass Quintet. Sonic thrills with the Columbus Pro Musica Brass Quintet and organist Todd Wilson.

October 26: Music of Cole Porter and George Gershwin. Jennifer Cochran, Tim Cochran, and Gene Karlen present some of America's favorite Tunes.

Friday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 627 McKinley Avenue, Canton, Ohio 44703. Organist John W.W. Sherer. (John is the Director of Music/Organist at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago).

Friday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.: Painesville United Methodist Church, 71 North Park Place, Painesville, Ohio. We are excited to present a recital by Todd Wilson on Friday October 7th. at 7:30 pm. A freewill offering will be taken.

Saturday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. 216.321.5800. www.fairmountchurch.org. Cornerstone Chorale & Brass. The renowned 22-voice choir and brass quintet present a program entitled I Make All Things New, emphasizing spiritual renewal and call to service. Following concerts at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, the New York Concert Review called them "top-notch, with a high level of musicianship...a fine blend of vocal quality with pitch and rhythmic precision...the evening provided a message of great importance."

Sunday, October 9 at 4:00 p.m.: Stambaugh Auditorium, 1500 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown, OH. Thomas Murray, Organist from Yale University will present a solo organ concert as part of the Re-dedication Series of the E.M. Skinner, Opus 582 at 4:00 pm. Program to include works by Hollins, Saint-Saëns, Elgar, J.S. Bach, Widor, Dupré, Rimsky-Korsakov and Mendelssohn. Tickets are available through the Stambaugh Auditorium box office - 330.259.0555 or online: stambaughauditorium/tickets. Tickets also available at the door the day of the concert. Adults \$20, Seniors \$10, Students \$7. A Buffet Reception will be held following the concert at \$12.00 a person. Advance tickets also available through Stambaugh Auditorium.

Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. 216.321.5800. www.fairmountchurch.org. CityMusic Cleveland Concert. Conductor Ryan McAdams and cellist Jan Vogler lead the orchestra in Beethoven's Leonore Overture Nr. 3, Ligeti's Concert Romanesque, and Dvorak's Cello Concerto Nr. 104.

Friday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.trinitycleveland.org. Cantores Cleveland. Tudor England: Music in Times of Turmoil. Tickets: www.cantorescleveland.org

Sunday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m.: Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main Street, Kent Ohio. It is across from the Kent State Music and Speech Building. The church is completely accessible with parking on both sides of the building. For further information please contact Liz Drotar (liz@KentUCC.org) 330-673-9534. You are invited to a re-dedication concert of the Holtkamp III/32 pipe organ after restoration this past summer. The organ was designed by Chic Holtkamp and John Ferguson when John was organist/choirmaster at Kent. David Fisher, current organist at Kent UCC will be joined by Barbara MacGregor, Professor Emerita of Music, The University of Akron, in an exciting and colorful program of pipe organ duos for four hands and four feet. The music will include works by J.S. Bach, George Bizet, W.A. Mozart, Charles Callahan, Robert Cundick, Philip Moore, Gaetano Piazza, Richard Wagner and Walter Watson. The concert is free-an offering will be received. A celebration reception will follow the program. Kent United Church of Christ is across Homing Rd. from the Kent State Music and Speech Center. The church is completely accessible with parking on both sides of the building. For further information contact Kent UCC - 330-673-9534.

Sunday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m.: St. Ladislav Church, 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145. The Westlake Bicentennial Concert will feature Mr. Jeff Sawders at the organ and include Angelo Fortini, clarinet; Sarah Kolick, harp; Liturgical Choir, Lori Vorobej, vocal soloist. The date is Oct. 16, 2011 at 4:00. Free will offering and refreshments after the Concert.

Sunday October 16, 2011 4:00 p.m.: West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River. Mark Heiskanen, organ. Bach "Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542", Pinkham "Saints' Days", Vierne "Organ Symphony No. 3 in F Sharp Minor". Admission is free. For further information contact church administrator Debbie Lydon at (440) 333-2255.

Monday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m.: Cathedral of St John, 1007 Superior Ave, (downtown Cleveland); 216-771-6666 x5510. Westminster Cathedral Choir (London UK). Martin Baker, Master of Music. Peter Stevens, Assistant Master of Music. Works by: Malcolm, Victoria, MacMillan, Guerrero, Hadley, Howells, Bairstow. Westminster Cathedral Choir has occupied a unique and enviable position at the forefront of English church music since its foundation in 1903. Its Directors over the last century include a roster of names at the vanguard of English church music, most notably: Richard Terry, George Malcolm, Colin Mawby, Stephen Cleobury, David Hill, James O'Donnell, and currently, Martin Baker. The choir continues to reach new audiences through its series of acclaimed recordings on the Hyperion label. Credits include the 1998 Gramophone Award for "Best Choral Recording of the Year" and "Record of

the Year" for the performance of Martin's Messe and Pizzetti's Requiem.
<http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/music.php>. FREE admission; Free secure parking:
Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E 9th.



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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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