

Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

October 13, 2011

FROM THE DEAN



Dean Jim Riggs

Celebrations

In the past week I have been made aware of some chapter member celebrations worth noting. **Rick Nelson**, head of music theory at CIM, addressed the organ classes at CIM and Oberlin about the Royal School of Church Music approach to choir training. **Bob Moncrief** is marking his 10th anniversary at

Fairmount Presbyterian Church on Sunday. **Nicole Keller** won the Special Prize "Shabyt" of the Kazakh National University of Arts granted to the most promising organist for Inspiration and Luck in the Mikael Tariverdiev International Organ Competition held in Kaliningrad, Russia in September. The prize includes a recital in Astana, Kazakhstan, a CD recording, and a cash prize. **Elizabeth Lenti** has been appointed Associate Director of Music and Worship at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and to the organ faculty at CIM. **Bob Day** recently celebrated 25 years at Church of the Savior.

[Cleveland Organ Weekend](#): 16 more days. Are you ready? Did you see the banner ad this week on [ClevelandClassical.com](#)? This is going to be a wonderful weekend-keep promoting.

Cheers, 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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Pipe Dreams Survey

The Cleveland Chapter Executive Committee is seeking Cleveland member input on your listening habits regarding the public radio program Pipe Dreams. The brief online survey has only three questions, and can be [found here](#). If you read these weekly updates, your input is welcome.

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.

Westminster Cathedral Choir In Cleveland



Photo by **Simon Tottman**

Westminster Cathedral Choir

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:

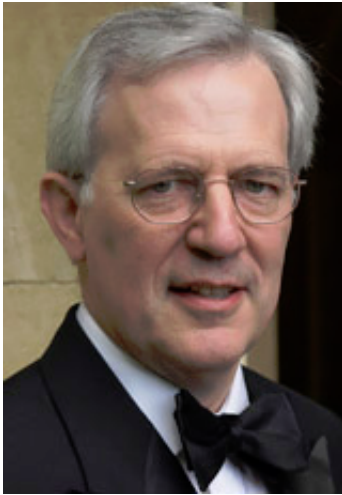
Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E 9th.

www.saintjohncathedral.com/Concerts

A Special Offer for Chapter Members

To all Cleveland Chapter members,

Quire Cleveland would like to invite all members of the Cleveland chapter of AGO to an Open Rehearsal with Timothy Brown on Wednesday, October 26, at the Church of the Covenant. The rehearsal is from 7 to 10 pm; an intermission with refreshments will be held around 8:30, to give the attendees a chance to visit with Tim Brown



Timothy Brown

Quire Cleveland

and each other.

Tim Brown directed the Clare College Choir at Cambridge University, after inheriting it from its founder John Rutter. He has just retired after 30 years and more than 50 recordings, which set the standard for mixed choral singing in repertoires from the 16th to the 20th centuries. Quire Cleveland is thrilled to bring him to Cleveland, to share his expertise and artistry with us. And we want to share that with the choral community, both through our concerts (Oct 29 at Trinity Cathedral and Oct 30 at Church of the Resurrection in Solon) and through this open rehearsal.

So that we'll know whom to expect, I'd appreciate an RSVP from those who can attend to info@quirecleveland.org.

Thanks so much!

Beverly Simmons, Executive Director

[Note: Click on the image above to go to the Quire Cleveland web site for more details about Mr. Brown and the concert.]

Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

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

Concerts

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church 317 East Liberty Street, 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

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

Oct. 25: David Gooding, organ; Bach, Wesley, Muffat, Mulet

Wednesdays at Noon: Music Near the Market at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. FREE

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 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 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

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Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m.: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. International Concert Artist, Margrit Zimmermann, piano. Born in Russia and a graduate of the world-renowned Tchaikovsky Conservatory (Moscow), Zimmerman is praised for her interpretation of Romantic composers.

Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.trinitycleveland.org. Quire Cleveland. Timothy Brown, guest conductor, (Clare College, Cambridge). Musick's Praier: English Music and Worship. Tickets: www.quirecleveland.org. Quire Cleveland celebrates the glorious tradition of English choral music with guest conductor Tim Brown of Clare College, Cambridge. Ranging from Renaissance masters like William Byrd to the romantic Ralph Vaughan Williams to contemporary composer Giles Swayne, the sonorities are exquisite and inspiring. Tickets are \$20 general admission; \$10 seniors; \$7 students; and may be purchased at the door or online (<http://quirecleveland.org>). Trinity Cathedral is centrally located in downtown Cleveland at 2230 Euclid Avenue; with free parking at Trinity Commons. According to Donald Rosenberg of the Plain Dealer, "to hear this professional choir [is] to know something on the order of bliss." Come, hear for yourself -- everyone is welcome!

Saturday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m.: Stambaugh Auditorium, 1500 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown, OH. Todd Wilson from Cleveland Institute of Music and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, will accompany the silent film The Hunchback of Notre Dame as part of the Re-Dedication Series of the Stambaugh Auditorium E.M. Skinner organ. A family concert directed toward children, prizes for best Halloween costume. Adults \$10, children in costume FREE! Tickets available at the door the day of the concert.

Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m.: Church of the Resurrection, 32001 Cannon Rd, Solon, OH. Quire Cleveland celebrates the glorious tradition of English choral music with guest conductor Tim Brown of Clare College, Cambridge. Ranging from Renaissance masters like William Byrd to the romantic Ralph Vaughan Williams to contemporary composer Giles Swayne, the sonorities are exquisite and inspiring. Tickets are \$20 general admission; \$10 seniors; \$7 students; and may be purchased at the door or online (quirecleveland.org). According to Donald Rosenberg of the Plain Dealer, "to hear this professional choir [is] to know something on the order of bliss." Come, hear for yourself – everyone is welcome! Beverly Simmons, Executive Director, Quire Cleveland. info@quirecleveland.org. 216-223-8854.

Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m.: Northwest Christian Church, 340 Fishinger Road, Upper Arlington. Masquerade, Music, and Magic. Dress in your favorite costume and bring your family and friends to celebrate Halloween in a fun afternoon of music and magic! The program will include local organists entertaining us with favorites like "Tocatta and Fugue in d minor" and "Rex: The King of Instruments". Bruce Anschutz will amaze us with his magic tricks! We will sing Pumpkin Carols, and there will be a costume parade. This program is offered in conjunction with the Northwest Christian Church Chalice Arts Series.

Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m.: First Lutheran Church, 603 Washington Ave., Lorain, OH 44052. Reformation Hymn Festival. This hymn festival on Reformation Sunday will focus on hymns by reformers from the 16th century and the present day. Join with choir and organ for this celebration, led by Director of Music Brian Wentzel.

Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 p.m.: Grace Presbyterian Church, 1659 Rosewood Ave., Lakewood 44107-3737, OH. 216.228.6060. Linda Gardner, organist. Music by Akerley, Hurd, Adams, Young, Sanders, Ives. Presented as part of Cleveland Organ Weekend.

Sunday, October 30 at 5:00 p.m.: Westminster Church, 1250 W. Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio 44313. Festival Choral Concert with Orchestra. Haydn's *Theresienmesse*.



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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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