

Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

October 27, 2011

FROM THE DEAN



Dean Jim Riggs

The programs are printed, the Proclamations are in, and the ads are in place-- Cleveland Organ Weekend is here! Our gala weekend begins with a program of Organ + with Todd Wilson at Plymouth Church at 7:30 pm. ([Download the program.](#))

On Saturday twelve chapter members will present concerts and demonstrations throughout the Cleveland region. Our weekend closes with a concert by Jonathan Ryan at First Baptist at 3 pm. ([Download the program.](#)) Both the Friday and the Sunday concerts will be a \$5 entrance fee for AGO members.

I, along with the Executive Committee, look forward to greeting you this weekend. Whether performing throughout the weekend or at your place of worship I extend my best wishes to you for a successful weekend as we celebrate the King of Instruments.

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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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

Many events have programs that you can download to preview the programs.

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.

Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

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

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Photos from the Recent Alain Celebration



(left-right) Jack Mitchener (Oberlin faculty), Cliff Hill (AGO Cleveland Subdean), Aurélie Delcourt (guest lecturer), Jim Riggs (AGO Cleveland Dean), James David Christie (Oberlin faculty)



James David Christie introduces the concert of Jehan
Alain's music in Finney Chapel



Fisk Organ in Finney Chapel

From the Akron Chapter

Dear AGO Members,

The Akron Chapter of the American Guild of Organists announces an organ scholarship competition to be held in March, 2012. These scholarships will be awarded through the audition process for organ study (private or collegiate) or to attend a Pipe Organ Encounter or an organ camp. Eligible students must attend high school or college, and be a resident of Summit, Stark, Medina, Portage, or Wayne counties. Request an application or ask other questions, please contact Dawn Filler at cschoir@hotmail.com or 330-923-5277. This is a wonderful opportunity for those interested in the study of organ. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2011.

Thank you,
Dawn Filler

For Sale

Allen Organ. Digital Three Manual Organ. Series 600.

The organ has always been for private use only. It has six channels and is turned down for my home; however, it can fill a Cathedral with its power.

Asking \$10,000.00, but I am willing to entertain any reasonable offer.

Thank you, James R Akoury. E:MAIL: musicdir91755@yahoo.com

Concerts

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.

Nov. 1: Joy Fenton and Christopher Toth; Music for organ, organ and piano, and piano duet

Nov. 8: Mary Beth Ions, violin; David Gooding, keyboards

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.

November 2: B-W Alumni Brass Collective

November 9: Holly Jenkins, violin; Lauren Manning, 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.

November 2: Elizabeth DeMio, piano. With winds of the Trinity Chamber Orchestra, in quintets by Mozart and Beethoven.

November 9: Britten-Fest: Chamber Music of Benjamin Britten. A variety of colorful instrumental music by one of the great composers of the 20th century

Friday and Sunday, October 28 and 30 at 7:30 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Opera Circle. Szymanowski's Krol Roger (King Roger).

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. Renowned as a choral conductor, Tim Brown (right), served 30 years as director of the Clare College Choir of Cambridge University. He has won international acclaim for more than 50 recordings of choral music, ranging from the Renaissance masters to newly-commissioned pieces. Mr. Brown makes his Cleveland debut in this concert.

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! 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.

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.

Saturday, October 29 at 8:00 p.m.: West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd. Rocky River, OH 44116. An Edgar Allan Poe Spooktacular. An evening of readings of some of the most spine-tingling tales and poems by that master of the macabre - Edgar Allan Poe - accompanied by eerie and atmospheric music from the Church's 3 manual 33 rank Holtkamp organ, played by AGO member Richard Shirey. be there and be scared! Composers whose compositions are represented include J.S. Bach, Frederic Chopin, Alun Hoddinot, Olivier Messiaen, and Darius Milhaud. Tim Tavcar, Artistic Director, WordStage - a Chamber Music

theater. 216.712.6926. timtavcar@ymail.com.

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 (<http://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, Purvis and Ore.

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.

Tuesday, November 1 at 8:00 p.m.: Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Rd., Cleveland, OH; 216.921.3510 x 34. Till Fellner, Viennese Pianist. Presented by The Cleveland Chamber Music Society. Tickets are required and available online at ticketssales@clevelandchambermusic.org.

Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church 317 East Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio. Fridays at St. Paul's will feature the Baldwin Wallace Alumni Brass Collective on Friday November 4th at 7 p.m. A quintet of two trumpets, horn, trombone and tuba, the Baldwin Wallace Brass Collective includes the following players. James Wonnacott, trumpet; Peter Hoekje, trumpet; Linda Gardner, horn; David Betts, trombone; and Randy Border, tuba. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 317 East Liberty Street, Medina. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.

Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.: Cleveland Skating Club, 2500 Kemper Road, Cleveland, OH 44120. Fall Fund Raising Event, presented by the Board of Trustees of CityMusic Cleveland. Performance by CityMusicKids Followed by Dylana Jenson, Violin and Donna Lee, Piano. Cocktails, Dinner & Silent Auction. Contact Eugenia Strauss, CityMusic Cleveland, cello40@aol.com, 216-321-8273.

Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m.: Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Rd., Cleveland, OH; 216.921.3510 x 34. Les Delices, Debra Nagy, director, Age of Indulgence. Tickets are available online at www.lesdelices.org or at the door. Plymouth members receive a 10% discount.

Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216.321.5800. www.fairmountchurch.org. Anniversary Organ Concert. Organist Robert Moncrief celebrates his 10th anniversary as Fairmount's Minister of Music and 35th year of music ministry, as well as the 15th anniversary of the 100-rank Schantz organ and the 95th anniversary of the congregation, in organ works of Bach, Vieme, Phillips, Murrill, and Langlais, and music of Franck, Milford, and Sturk sung by the Fairmount Choir, with a commissioned work by

Craig Phillips.

[Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m.:](#) St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 6295 Chagrin River Road Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, 440.247.7406. Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the St. Martin's Miles Park Pipe Organ. Guest Organist: James Clouser, CAGO, ChM. Program will include Burton's introduction to the pipe organ, "Rex: The King of Instruments," narrated by Cassie Clouser. Program will begin with Bach, Toccata and Fugue in D Minor. Built in 1934 originally for Miles Park Presbyterian Church, this pipe organ was important in the history and development of the Holtkamp Organ Company and pipe organ building in North America. Free and open to the public. First half of program is especially "Family Friendly!"

[Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m.:](#) St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44106. 216-932-5815. Choral Evensong will be sung by the St. Paul's Youth Choir under the direction of Rick Nelson. Music of Hilton, Quinn, Sumsion, and Ridout.

[Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m.:](#) Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. Choral Evensong will be sung by the Youth Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Cleveland Heights under the direction of Rick Nelson. Music of Hilton, Quinn, Sumsion, and Howells. 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.

[Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.:](#) Cathedral of St John, 1007 Superior Ave, (downtown Cleveland); 216-771-6666 x5510. Singers Companye. Dr Samuel Gordon, Artistic Director. Works by: Eberlin, Kocsar, Saint-Saens, Gounod, Fauré, Aquilanti, Carnahan. FREE admission; Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E 9th St.

Founded in 2000 by director Samuel Gordon, Singers Companye is a chamber choir of choral directors and music teachers from Northeast Ohio, which offers singers the opportunity to perform great choral works from every era of musical composition. "They compromise a highly disciplined, cohesive ensemble that is responsive to words and expressive subtleties. Gordon has established warm blend, true pitch and smoothness of vocal motion."- Donald Rosenberg, Cleveland Plain Dealer. The ensemble's choral scholars program offers advanced conducting students the opportunity to learn repertoire and rehearsal techniques, and the choral associates program allows young conductors to work with a group of experienced musicians.

Singers Companye has mounted three highly successful international concert tours in Italy and Spain. Performances at Corofest Umbria in Assisi, Italy drew rave reviews as well as invitations to appear as part of future concert series in Poland, Canada, Hungary, Greece, Montana and Italy. In November 2008, the choir performed a unique program, entitled Where Earth Meets Sky: The Native American Experience, for the William Nelson Cromwell and F. Lammont Belin Concert Season at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C. During the 2011-12 season, the ensemble will perform there again and present a repertoire of late 19th-century French Romantic works. Recent performance highlights include the Kulas Series at The University of Akron, St. John's Cathedral Concert Series in Cleveland, and Music at the Farmstead at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park where, in December 2011, the ensemble will inaugurate the new winter concert series, one of the first of its kind in America.

[Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:](#) Broad Street United Methodist Church, 501 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. A Morning of Workshops: Improvisation and Solo Vocal Repertoire. The first of our annual workshop sessions will be a class in improvisation presented by Robert Wisniewski (principal organist, St. Joseph Cathedral) and Charles Yanerella (President, Graves Piano and Organ Company). This class will be geared towards a variety of skill levels. The second session will be an overview of vocal repertoire for the church soloist, with examples sung by Al and Cynthia Adcock and Katie O'Keefe, accompanied by Brian Johnson. This workshop will include a list of seasonal and general repertoire for the church soloist (you are encouraged to bring solo singers from your church). The workshops will begin with breakfast snacks, coffee, and juice at 8:30 a.m.

[Sunday, November 13 at 3:30 p.m.:](#) Church of the Ascension, 13216 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. Linda Gardner, organ. Music by Adams, Purvis, Ore, Goemanne, Hurd, Young, Sanders, and

Akerley.

Sunday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights. Karel Paukert, organ and harpsichord; Mary Kay Ferguson, flute. Works by L. Vinci, J. Weaver, F. Martin, J. Alain and others. Freewill offering. Contact: carolyn@wipper.com



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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

