

Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

November 3, 2011

FROM THE DEAN



We did it!

The first Cleveland Organ Weekend was a success. Totals show that 400+ folks attended organ events throughout the weekend. ClevelandClassical.com wrote a review of both the Friday and Sunday concerts which can be found

Dean Jim Riggs

at www.clevelandclassical.com Many thanks for your support, thanks to all the performers, and thanks for promoting the King of Instruments in your place of worship.

Let us take time to savor the many wins of this exciting weekend. Since this was a new event for the chapter, the Executive Committee welcomes your feedback about what worked and where we could improve. Feel free to send your emails to dean@agocleveland.com

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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Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Chapter Epiphany Party

January 6, 2012, 7:30 PM
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland
Stay tuned for details

Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

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

AGO Webinar on Professional Certification

Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 12 Noon EDT
Presented by Dean Billmeyer, DMA, FAGO

**Service Playing Certificate (SPC), Colleague (CAGO)
Associateship (AAGO), Fellowship (FAGO), Choir Master (ChM)**

The July issue of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine announced the requirements for the AGO certification program for the coming year. Do you want to learn more about these programs? Are you interested in the changes that will be occurring in the next exam cycle? Would you like your questions on certification answered in real time by an expert?

If your answer is YES to any of these questions, then please join us for a webinar on the AGO Certification Program on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 12:00 Noon EDT. The webinar will be led by Dean Billmeyer, a member of the AGO's Committee on Professional Certification. Dr. Billmeyer will present a one-hour webinar on all of the AGO certificates and will be able to answer any questions you might have. No pre-registration is required in order to attend the webinar; all you need is a computer with speakers.

To attend the webinar, please [follow this link on November 3](#). Type in your name in the "guest" field- no password is necessary! However, attendance at the live webinar is limited to the first 100 people who logon. The webinar will be recorded for playback by any AGO member at a later date.

Please join us on **Thursday, November 3, at 12:00 Noon EDT** to learn more about the AGO Certification Program. If you have any questions, please e-mail AGO Webinar facilitator Claire DeCusati at webinars@agohq.org.

Chapter Concerns

We extend sympathy to Cleveland Chapter member Anne Wilson, her brother Paul Ferguson, a well-known jazz player in many Cleveland churches, and their families on the death of their father Bill Ferguson, who died on October 30, 2011.

Prayers for continued recovery for Evelyn Muranko. Evelyn had surgery for a dislocated shoulder in September and is now on the mend.

Remembering Dr. Busarow



Donald
Busarow

It is with a heavy heart that Wittenberg University shares the news that Don Busarow, professor of music, passed away Monday morning, Oct. 24, 2011, surrounded by his family. Here is the post from his family on his Facebook page:

Dear friends, Dad passed away peacefully early this morning, surrounded by his family. It was a heartbreaking time, yet beautiful because we know he is no longer suffering and is now in the presence of our Lord. Thank you for your prayers and love...you have been a huge blessing to us. Wittenberg mourns his passing, and gives thanks for his ministry, his work, his life and the countless lives he touched as director of the Wittenberg Choir, a professor and church musician.

UPDATE: A campus memorial service for Busarow will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, in Weaver Chapel. A choir will be assembled specially for the service under the direction of his former student, Robert Hobby '85, now of Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Ind. Hobby will also serve as the primary organist for the service. Anyone who would like to join the choir can contact [University Pastor Rachel Tune](#). Hobby will need to know what part you sing and whether you are able to make a rehearsal that will probably take place on Saturday, Nov. 12.

<http://www4.wittenberg.edu/features/2011/busarow/>

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.

November 15: Karen McCurdy, Hammered Dulcimer and Karen Babb, Celtic Harp

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

Nov. 15: Brian Bacon, baritone; David Gooding, piano; Songs by Amy Beach and James Rogers

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 9: Holly Jenkins, violin; Lauren Manning, flute

November 16: Shane Brandes, piano

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

November 16: Jackie Warren, Queen of Cleveland's jazz piano scene (with organist Todd Wilson in Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue)

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 3:00 p.m.: Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109. Tower City Chorus. Tower City Chorus is an organization of 40 singers that includes men from most of the communities in and around Cleveland and represents most organizations and professions. In 2002, the Tower City Chorus was honored to sing with the Cleveland POPS Orchestra and won rave reviews from Mark Satola, Plain Dealer music editor. www.towercitychorus.org. Free and secure parking is available in the parish parking lots. Mary Queen of Peace is located on Pearl Road, approx. 1 ½ miles north of Brookpark Road and approx. ¾ miles south of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. A free-will offering will be taken.

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 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 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 Yanarella (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 4:00 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.

Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.: Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109. Opus 8. Opus 8 is an all-male vocal ensemble dedicated to achieving the highest standards of choral artistry. Not specializing in any musical genre, Opus 8 draws from many styles and periods of music history. www.opuseight.org. Free and secure parking is available in the parish parking lots. Mary Queen of Peace is located on Pearl Road, approx. 1 ½ miles north of Brookpark Road and approx. ¾ miles south of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. A free-will offering will be taken.

Friday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.trinitycleveland.org. Britten-Fest: Music of a 20th-Century Genius. Freewill offering. Saint Nicolas, Op. 42. The Trinity Cathedral Choir and Chamber Orchestra; JR Fralick as Nicolas. 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.

Sunday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m.: Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

44118, 216.321.8880. www.chsaviour.org. Thanksgiving Concert. Festive music for multiple choirs and handbells, including Z. Randall Stroope's American Rhapsody for combined choirs, organ, brass and percussion. Free-will offering. Free lighted parking, handicapped accessible.

Sunday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m.: Gamble Auditorium, Kulas Musical Arts Bldg., Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music, 96 Front St. Berea, OH. Baroque Trumpet, Organ and Timpani Concert. Michael Miller, Lyle Steelman, and Jack Sutte, trumpeters with The Cleveland Orchestra, present an eclectic snapshot of trumpet music from the Baroque period with organist, Barbara MacGregor. The program includes trumpet concertos by Albinoni and Telemann, English Voluntaries, and familiar transcriptions by J. S. Bach. Heroic music for trumpet and timpani with timpanist, Josh Ryan, will begin and end the concert. Free admission. For more information contact Craig Reynolds, 440-826-807. creynold@bw.edu

Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.trinitycleveland.org. Britten-Fest: Music of a 20th-Century Genius. Freewill offering. The Five Canticles, followed by High Tea. JR Fralick (tenor); John McElliott (alto); Al Glickson (bass); Todd Wilson (piano)

Sunday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Heights Chamber Orchestra. The Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 4.

Sunday November 20 at 4:00 p.m.: Brecksville United Church of Christ, 23 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141440. The Bel Fiore String Quartet from the Cleveland Institute of Music. The free concert will feature works by Puccini, Shostakovich, Freckmann, and Milhaud. A free will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. Brecksville UCC is located at 23 Public Square in downtown Brecksville near the intersection of Routes 82 and 21. Parking is available behind the church off 82 or one block south of 82 off Arlington St. The building is handicapped accessible. For more information, call 440-526-4364.

Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m.: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. Madrigal Feast! Ashland University Chamber Singers. Rowland Blackley, conductor. Ashland University Chamber Singers will preview the Christmas season, renaissance style! Come enjoy the vocal splendor of this distinctive music.



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