

Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

December 8, 2011

FROM THE WEB ADMINISTRATOR

Dear AGO Colleagues,
Please join me in expressing condolences to our Chapter Dean, Jim Riggs, on the recent death of his grandfather. Because of his family responsibilities, he was unable to provide a Dean's message this week.

As usual, there are many concerts for you to revel in. Note that there is still a "special deal" for ticket's to this week's Cleveland Orchestra performance.

The announcement from the chapter Nominating Committee still appears. Please seriously consider supporting the chapter by running for election as an officer or member of the Executive Committee.

Just a heads up: This weekly update will have a two week holiday break. There will be no issues on December 29, 2011, or January 5, 2012, so if you have upcoming events during that period, or there are announcements that need to be made for the good of the chapter, please send them to our newsletter editor, Linda Gardner, no later than noon on December 20 for inclusion in the December 21 issue.

Best wishes to you!
Tim Robson
AGO Cleveland
Web Administrator



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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A special offer to AGO members

From the Cleveland Orchestra

On December 8, 9, and 10, The Cleveland Orchestra will perform Saint-Saëns's awe-inspiring "Organ" Symphony with Joela Jones, principal keyboardist of the Orchestra. These concerts will be led by famed conductor, Marin Alsop in her much anticipated Cleveland Orchestra debut.

Visit clevelandorchestra.com or call 216-231-1111.

Redeem this offer by using promotion code 11176 .

Please note that the previously announced meet and greet with soloist Joela Jones has been cancelled.

From the Nominating Committee

It is time to prepare the slate of candidates for the 2012-2013 election. We are looking for chapter members to run for Dean, Sub Dean, Treasurer, Secretary and three seats on the Executive

Committee. Here is a list of each office's duties:

- The Executive Committee meets ten times a year to discuss and direct chapter programming, finances, publicity, scholarships and long-range planning.
- The Secretary records and distributes the minutes of our meetings.
- The Treasurer handles our financial accounts and prepares monthly reports.
- The Sub Dean assists the Dean and chairs the Programming Committee.
- The Dean is the chief executive officer of the chapter and the official leader of meetings.

If you have never been part of our Chapter's leadership, please consider running for office this coming spring. If you have been one of our leaders in the past, we would love to have you back. Either way, please consider joining us in guiding our chapter toward the guild's mission of promoting the organ and choral music.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Nominating Committee Chair
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Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Chapter Epiphany Party **CANCELLED**

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

January 6, 2012, 7:30 PM

Embracing the Past; Embracing the Future

Saturday, February 25, 2012, in the morning
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lakewood
Details to follow.

Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2012; 7:30 pm
Plymouth Church, Shaker Heights

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.

Dec. 13: Edith Yerger and David Betts, recorders; Music for Two to Celebrate Christmas

Dec. 20: Diane Julin Menges, soprano; Brian Kozak, guitar; The Songs of Christmas

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.

December 14: Jimmy Thompson, violin and Julia Ross, piano.

December 21 & 28: Robert Myers, organ. "A Beckerath Christmas."

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.

December 14: Britten-Fest: A Ceremony of Carols, Op. 28. Cathedral Choir sopranos and altos with harpist Jody Guinn present this holiday favorite.

December 21: Annual Messiah Sing. Trinity Chamber Orchestra, soloists and YOU in the massed choir! Todd Wilson, conductor.

Thursdays at 12:15 p.m.: Old Stone Church, 91 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. Thursdays at Old Stone. Free brownbag concerts every Thursday from 12:15 p.m., lasting 30-40 minutes.

12/8: Koko Wantanabe, violin and Patrick Parker, organ/piano. Works by Franck, Mozart, and Vitali

12/15: JR Fralick, tenor and Patrick Parker, organ/piano. Christmas songs and arias

Saturday, December 10 and Saturday, December 17 at 8:00p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Apollo's Fire. Sanctum Mysterium, a Celtic Christmas.

Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m.: St. Ignatius High School, the Breen Center, West 30th and Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. 216.556.4405.

www.singersclub.org. The Singers' Club of Cleveland under the direction of Mel Unger. Voices & Brass at Breen. Pinkham's Christmas Cantata, carol arrangements by Willcocks, and songs by Hackett Scholarship recipient Timothy Bruno. Tickets required.

Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m.: Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, 216.321.8880. www.chsaviour.org. Lessons and Carols. Seven choirs, brass, organ and timpani. Free-will offering. Free lighted parking, handicapped accessible.

Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216.321.5800

www.fairmountchurch.org. Handel's MESSIAH, Part One. The Fairmount Choir, soloists, and orchestra present the Advent and Christmas portions of Handel's beloved oratorio during morning worship.

Sunday, December 11 at 3:30 p.m.: St. Sebastian, 476 Mull Ave., Akron, Ohio 44320. Ceremony of Lessons and Carols, featuring the Parish Choir, Praise and Worship Ensemble, Cherub and Seraphim Choirs, Handbell Choir and Gregorian Schola. Featuring music of Mendelssohn, Ord, Rachmaninoff and Danner. Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m.: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. An Advent and Christmas Festival! Some of our most musical friends, including Linda Kempke, will lead a festival of favorites. Come listen and join in the singing!

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Lessons and Carols.

Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.: St. Leo the Great Church, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland. Christmas at St. Leo's. Come enjoy the sounds of Christmas at St. Leo's annual Christmas concert! This year's selections will include music from the 14th century up to the present day, and will feature the talented St. Leo's Music Ministry. St. Leo's Music Ministry includes Handbell Ringers, various instrumentalists, the Men's Choir, and the Adult choir. In case of inclement weather, the alternate date is Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Friday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.trinitycleveland.org. Apollo's Fire. Sacred Mystery: A Celtic Christmas. Tickets: www.apollosfire.org. 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, December 17 at 8:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Apollo's Fire. Sacred Mystery: A Celtic

Christmas. Tickets: www.apollosfire.org.

Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m.: Old Stone Church, 91 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. The Old Stone Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra present Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" under the direction of Dr. JR Fralick.

December 18 at 11:00 a.m.: Forest Hill Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118. Lessons and Carols.

Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216.321.5800. www.fairmountchurch.org. Feast of Carols and Pudding. The Fairmount tradition returns, with musical and dramatic revelry, a court wizard, audience caroling, and delicious holiday dessert. Tickets required.

Sunday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m.: The Federated Church, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, 440.247.6490. Burning River Brass Holiday Concert and Carol Sing-along. Free Will Offering

Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. OPERA PER TUTTI. Amahl and the night visitors.

Thursday and Friday, December 22 and 23 at 8:00 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.trinitycleveland.org. Quire Cleveland. Carols for Quire III. Tickets: www.quirecleveland.org. 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.



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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

