

# Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

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## From the Registrar

Don't forget to vote!

All eligible members should by now have received their ballots. Please cast your votes and return the ballot in accordance with the instructions on the ballot.

Your completed ballot is due by Friday, March 23, 2012, and is to be mailed to Dale Hukill at the address on the ballot.

Thanks,  
Chris Toth  
Cleveland Chapter Registrar



**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](mailto:admin@agocleveland.org) Have a news item for a future issue? Send to: [newsletter@agocleveland.org](mailto:newsletter@agocleveland.org). The deadline each week is Wednesday at noon for Thursday publication.

## Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

### RECITAL and ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, April 29, 2012; 3:00 pm**

**Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights**

Recital by Katelyn Emerson, winner of the Region V 2011 Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists (RCYO)

The recital will be followed by a reception and the Annual Meeting with installation of officers.

The recital program:

Reger: Toccata and Fugue in D Major/minor, Opus 59 Nos. 5 and 6

Alain: Variations sur un thème de Clément Janequin, JA 118

Vierne: 24 Pièces de fantaisie, Quatrième suite, Op. 55

IV Naiades

Franck: Chorale II en si mineur

Durufilé: Suite, Opus 5

Sicilienne

Brahms: Elf Choralvorspiele, Op. 122  
"Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen", No. 8  
Widor: Symphonie VI en sol mineur, Opus 42, No. 2  
IV Finale

### **Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings**

Monday, March 19, 2012, 7:30-9:00 PM  
John Knox Presbyterian Church 25200 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, OH 44070

Monday, May 7, 2012, 7:30-9:00 PM  
Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights

### **JOHN AND MARIANNE WEAVER TO BE HONORED WITH AGO RECITAL AND GALA BENEFIT RECEPTION IN PHILADELPHIA**

#### **Celebration of the Lifetime Achievements of John and Marianne Weaver Will Benefit the AGO Endowment Fund**

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) will sponsor a Recital and Gala Benefit Reception honoring John and Marianne Weaver on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at 3 p.m., at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia, Pa. The recital will feature John and Marianne Weaver, joined by Diane Meredith Belcher, Chelsea Chen, Ken Cowan, and Alan Morrison. The gala benefit reception will follow. A pre-concert on-stage conversation with the performers will be moderated by Pipedreams Host Michael Barone beginning at 2:15 p.m. The gala is sponsored by the AGO National Council, Eileen Guenther, president, and the AGO Development Committee. All proceeds will benefit the AGO Endowment Fund in the Weavers' honor.

Recital and Gala Benefit Reception Tickets are \$100 (\$75 tax deductible) and may be purchased online at [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org) or by calling 212-870-2311, ext. 4308. The names of those who purchase their tickets by April 1 will be printed in the souvenir program book. Tickets for the recital only can be purchased online at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org). [READ MORE](#)

### **MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

To Members and Friends of the AGO:

The American Guild of Organists, the premier 501(c)(3) national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields, is actively recruiting for a Director of Information Technology and Digital Communications. This full-time staff position with benefits offers a unique opportunity for a hands-on professional employee who can help plan, lead, and participate as a significant contributor in the organization's ongoing information technology and digital communication programs. Activities involved in this position include:

- \*Ongoing design and maintenance of the AGO Web site;
- \*Oversight of the AGO's Association Management Software;
- \*Design and maintenance of digital communications, blogs, and social networking;
- \*Oversight of the development of interactive educational materials;
- \*Publication of portions of The American Organist (TAO) magazine online;
- \*Providing publicity, advice, and assistance to the AGO's 320 chapters on technology matters.

The AGO is looking to leverage Web technologies to create new levels of communication, interaction and awareness for its professional and student members, advertisers, sponsors, and the public domestically and internationally.

The Director of Information Technology and Digital Communications will work under the direction of the Executive Director of the AGO and collegially as a team member in close coordination with AGO staff, national committees, and leaders of the Guild's 320 chapters.

The Director will establish project plans for technology investments, recommend processes and staff/organizational changes to support these investments, and support users in adopting new

technologies and implementing new programs including the National Collection of Dues.

The AGO National Headquarters is located in New York City; however, the employee may work remotely.

For a complete job description including detailed qualifications and specifications, please click [here](#).

If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact me directly. If you think you may know someone who is qualified and interested in the job, please pass this post along to them.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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## EARLY OHS CONVENTION FEES GOOD THROUGH MAY 8



Join fellow organ lovers in one of America's most popular destinations - CHICAGO, the "City of Big Shoulders" becomes the "City of Big Sounds!" Visit this visually exciting and invigorating metropolis for an outstanding OHS National Convention, July 8 - 13, hosted by locals who will make you love Chicago as much as they do!

You will revel in the great variety of gorgeous instruments in noble and exquisite acoustical settings! You will hear the legendary, newly restored Skinner organ at Rockefeller Chapel, played by Nathan Laube. Hear Holy Name Cathedral's Flentrop, the Casavant at Orchestra Hall, Hook & Hastings, E.M. Skinner, C.B. Fisk, and many, many more. Other musicians include some of the finest players of our day - Ken Cowan, Wolfgang Rubsam, Jonathan Ryan and David Schrader are among the host of extraordinary talent.

You will be transported by air conditioned motor coaches to splendid venues (included with your registration). Most meals are included in the registration fee, and hotel rates are only \$135 a night for up to four guests per room. This will be a truly memorable event - people love our Conventions! Daily registration is available, but why miss part of the fun? Plan to enjoy the entire week!

Register by phone at 804-353-9226 or visit <http://www.organsociety.org/2012/registration.html>

SPECIAL FOR UNDER 27s: Invite a young person under age 27, who will only pay \$315.

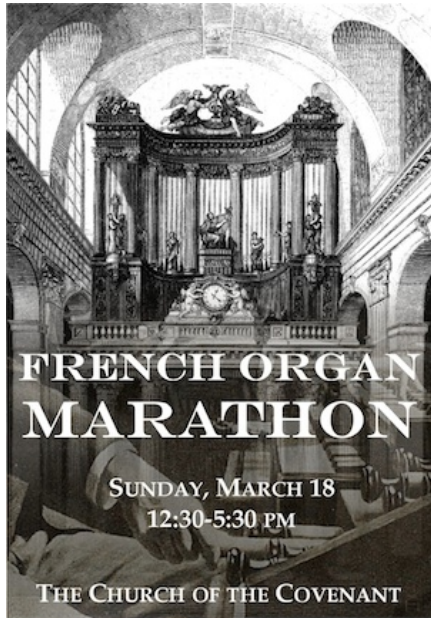
## NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE

Come to Nashville. Leave smarter. The convenient schedule allows you to attend as many as



12 [workshops](#). Whatever your interest-choral for all ages, pedagogy, rehearsal techniques, worship, improvisation, performance-Nashville has it all!

More than 70 workshops and choral reading sessions will be presented, but they are filling up fast. Don't get left out. [Register Today!](#)



## French Organ Marathon at Church of the Covenant

**Sunday, March 18, 2012, 12:30-5:00 PM**

Cleveland's finest organists once again lace up their organ shoes for a marathon of performances in homage to the music of France. Various Cleveland Chapter members will be performing. Come and go as you please! Free Admission

## 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.

March 20th: Ensemble from the Greater Cleveland Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Tuesdays at 12:10: Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126. 440.331.2405. [www.messiahchurchfairview.org](http://www.messiahchurchfairview.org). Music for Tuesdays at 12:10 starts up again on February 14. 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.

March 20: Andrew Lipian, countertenor; David Wittmer, tenor; David Gooding, keyboards; Benjamin Britten's Canticle II and duets by Bach and Handel

March 27: Claire Black, piano; Nicholas Puin's Four From Two

April 3: Robert Thompson, baritone; David Gooding, keyboards; Music of Lent and Easter

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.

Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.: Brownbag Concerts at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. [www.trinitycleveland.org](http://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. Please join us this year as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Brownbag Concert Series - a Music and Art at Trinity Cathedral tradition that began in 1976. Music and Art at Trinity Cathedral is offering the opportunity to sponsor a Brownbag Concert "in honor" or "in memory" of someone special. Sponsorship levels begin at \$500. For information, contact Todd Wilson, 216-774-0421.

March 21: Elizabeth DeMio, piano, joins violinist Susan Britton and cellist Linda Atherton in the Beethoven Violin Sonata #1 and the magnificent Trio in C major by Brahms.

March 28: Matt Allen, cello; Elizabeth DeMio, piano. The Trinity Chamber Orchestra and soloists present their own version of Mendelssohn's gorgeous and rarely heard Concerto for Violin, Piano and Strings. Sponsor: Anonymous Donor

April 4: Holy Week No Concert

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.

March 15: Schubert: Winterreise (Winter's Journey), Marc Weagraff, baritone, Patrick Parker, piano

March 22: Bach: Complete organ works, Part VI, Patrick Parker, organ

March 29: Susan Allen, horn, JR Fralick, tenor, and Patrick Parker, piano

April 5: Oratorio: Kate Bill, mezzo-soprano, Koko Watanabe, violin, and Patrick Parker, organ

Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216.321.5800. [www.fairmountchurch.org](http://www.fairmountchurch.org). CityMusic Cleveland Concert. Conductor Sean Newhouse and soloist Dylana Jenson lead the orchestra in the Brahms Concerto for Violin, Op.77, in D Major, Wagner's Siegfried Idyll, and Mozart's Symphony in D "Posthorn", K.320.

Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.: Cathedral of St John, 1007 Superior Ave, (downtown Cleveland); 216.771.6666 x5510. The Third Annual Greater Cleveland Catholic High School Choir Invitational. Ian Crane and Dr. Thomas More Scott, Coordinators. Featuring Beaumont, Holy Name, Magnificat, St. Edward, St. Joseph Academy and The Lyceum.

Sunday, March 18 at 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.: Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. [www.CovenantWeb.org](http://www.CovenantWeb.org). 216.421.0482. French Organ Marathon. Cleveland's finest organists once again lace up their organ shoes for a marathon of performances in homage to the music of France. Come and go as you please. Free Admission.

Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m.: Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, Ohio 44141 on Rt. 21, just south of the intersection of Rts. 21 & 82. Organ Dedication and recital. James Clouser CAGO, ChM, Dir. of Music/Organist at First Lutheran Church in Strongsville will be the recitalist. The organ is a 1973, 21-rank Schlicker which was changed from tracker to electric action by Holtkamp Organ Company, who also added other features. The organ was moved to Brecksville, OH from Sinking Spring, PA. A free-will offering will be taken with a reception to follow the concert. Please direct questions to Joanna Pretz-Anderson, CAGO at 440.526.2303.

Sunday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m.: New Life Episcopal Church, 13118 Church Ave. NW, Uniontown, Ohio, phone 330.699.3554. Akron Organist J. Curtis Brown will present his 2nd annual organ recital for Mid-Lent meditation. The program includes quieter organ works by J. S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Johannes Brahms, Camille Saint-Saens, Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Edward Elgar, Healey Willan, Helmut Walcha, Jean Langlais, Gordon Young and Dale Wood. A reception will follow the recital. Brown will perform in historic country church setting of New Life Episcopal. In addition to duties as organist/choirmaster at New Life, Brown, one of the senior organists in the region, is a teacher of piano and organ and studied at Oberlin and Baldwin-Wallace conservatories as well as with the faculty from the University of Akron in his high school years. Convenient directions may be found on the church's web page at: [ComeToNewLife.org](http://ComeToNewLife.org).

Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m.: Cathedral of St John, 1007 Superior Ave, (downtown Cleveland); 216.771.6666 x5510. Western Reserve Chorale (with orchestra),(Cleveland Heights, OH). Beethoven: Mass in C, op 86; Holst, Two Psalms (Psalm 86 & Psalm 148). Daniel

Hathaway, Guest Conductor. Soloists: Coeli Ingold, soprano; Joanne Uniatowski, mezzo; J.R. Fralick, tenor, Marc Weagraff, baritone. The Western Reserve Chorale, formed in 1992, is a non-profit group comprised of volunteer singers with varying musical ability, which provides free, high quality performances of choral music of diverse periods and styles, enriching the lives of both the performers and the listeners. FREE admission; Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E 9th St.

Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m.: Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, 216.321.8880. [www.chsaviour.org](http://www.chsaviour.org). GOOD NEWS Cantata. Contemporary choral music in a collaborative service. Free-will offering. Free lighted parking, handicapped accessible.

Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. Cleveland Piano Competition Benefit Concert. The Cleveland debut of the Westhuizen Duo, featuring Executive Director Pierre van der Westhuizen in performance with his wife, pianist Sophia van der Westhuizen. The duo has been performing together for more than 10 years, and has received critical acclaim across the U.S., Europe, and South Africa. Tickets: [clevelandpiano.org](http://clevelandpiano.org)

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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](mailto:placement@agocleveland.org)



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