

Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

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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.

From the Dean

There are two opportunities this weekend to support young organists. First, from 10 am-12 noon on Saturday David Higgs will lead a masterclass with the organ studio from CIM. This event is at Plymouth Church and is open to all AGO members. Second, on Sunday, Katelyn Emerson will present a recital at Fairmount Presbyterian Church at 3 pm. This will be followed by a reception and the annual meeting of the chapter. I hope to see you at one or both of these events. Judith Higbee has designed a flyer that can be used at your place of worship.

Our sympathies are extended to Chris Toth, Registrar on the death of his mother this past Monday. Let us surround Chris with our thoughts and prayers during this time of mourning.

Have a great week and I'll look forward to seeing you this weekend.

Cheers, Jim



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 Naïades

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

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS CLEVELAND CHAPTER

FEATURED ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, April 29, 2012; 3:00 pm
Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights

Katelyn Emerson

Winner of the Region V 2011 Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists

Twenty-year-old **Katelyn Emerson** from York, ME, is already making her mark in the organ world as a competition winner and active recitalist. In May 2011 she was awarded a scholarship to attend the Summer Institute for French Organ Studies in Épernay and Poitiers, France, where she performed on organs of the French Classical and Romantic styles.

Upon returning to the States, Emerson competed in and won the prestigious American Guild of Organists (AGO) Region V 2011 Quimby Competition for Young Organists in Lexington, Ky. In addition to a monetary award, she played a full recital for the Lexington National AGO Convention, and will be sponsored to perform a recital as a "Rising Star" in the 2012 AGO National Convention in Nashville Tenn.

Ms. Emerson has completed her sophomore year at the Oberlin Conservatory where she is pursuing bachelor's degrees in both organ performance and French. She has studied organ with Olivier Latry, organist titulaire for the Cathédrale Notre-Dame of Paris, France, and James David Christie, chair of the organ department at Oberlin and the organist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.



*The free recital program will
include music of Brahms,
Widor, Franck and Duruflé.*

Reception following

[Download the image above as a PDF](#) file to print and post at your church and elsewhere. If you have trouble with the link, you can also download the file from the bottom of the page at the Cleveland Chapter [web site](#).

Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

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

From the Registrar

I have mailed each of you a membership renewal form for the 2012-2013 program year. Please return the form with your payment as soon as possible. Your dues have increased by \$3 unless you are a Chapter Friend. AGO National Headquarters proposed an increase of \$5: \$3 for Headquarters and \$2 for the Chapter, but our Executive Committee voted NOT to implement the \$2 Chapter increase. The April 2012 issue of *The American Organist* magazine has more information on the Dues Rates on page 38.

Thanks,

Chris Toth
216.406.0228.

NYACOP CORNER



Thatcher Lyman

Thatcher Lyman holds degrees from Oberlin College and Conservatory, the University of York, England, and the Eastman School of Music, where he studies in the doctoral program with Dr. Hans Davidsson. Thatcher received Eastman's Gerald Barnes Award for Excellence in Pipe Organ in 2009 and was a finalist in the 2010 John R. Rodland Memorial Scholarship Competition. He is Director of Music at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Webster, NY and is Assistant Director of the Schola Cantorum of Christ Church, Rochester, NY.

The doors open on May 25 at 9:30 am and throughout the day we will have seven competitors with the competition finishing around 5 pm. Church of the Covenant has offered us a number of parking spots on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in reserving one of these spaces for the competition please email dean@agocleveland.org

The Cleveland NYACOP committee consists of Barbara MacGregor and Jim Riggs, Co-Directors; Fern Jennings, Paul Jones, and Peg Limkemann.

Ton Koopman recital on Cleveland Beckerath



Ton Koopman

Internationally renowned artist Ton Koopman will reinaugurate the newly restored Rudolph von Beckerath organ at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cleveland. This program follows his series of concerts conducting the Cleveland Orchestra.

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Ton Koopman has performed on the most prestigious historical organs of Europe; he will devote his May 6 program chiefly to the music of JS Bach. May 6 will be his first organ performance in northeast Ohio and one of very few performances in America.

The concert is Sunday, May 6, 2012, at 7 p.m. Address is 2031 West 30, at Lorain Avenue • Free parking in Trinity and St. Ignatius lots on West 29 & West 30

All advance tickets are \$10 at www.ClevelandBeckerath.org (they can also be bought by mail; BEFORE May 1 you can also mail a check payable to Beckerath Organ Fund to Trinity Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30 Street, Cleveland OH 44113). Tickets purchased online or

by mail will be held at the door.

Tickets can also be bought at Music near the Market noontime concerts at Trinity on April 25 and May 2.

All tickets at the door on May 6 are \$15.

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.

May 15th: Mark Heiskanen, 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 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.

May 1: Lutheran West High School and Singers, Ron Muth, Director

May 8: Samantha Fitzenrider, soprano; Sam Morgan, bass-baritone. Selections from American Music Theatre.

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. 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.

May 2: Oberlin Collegium Musicum, with Steven Plank, director. A springtime treat with top-notch musicianship

May 9: Cleveland Orchestra Stars: Michael Sachs, trumpet. The principal trumpet of the Cleveland Orchestra joins organist Todd Wilson in a thrilling program of music for trumpet and organ.

May 16: The Kenny Davis Jazz Quartet. Davis and his amazing musicians are perennial Brownbag favorites.

This concert has been cancelled due to change in the availability of the artists.

Saturday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Joela Jones and Jory Vinikour. Duo Harpsichord Recital.

Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m.: Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Rd., Shaker Heights, Ohio. 216.991.3432. Food for the Spirit: TRUMPETS, ORGAN and DRUMS. Baroque Music Concert - Cleveland Orchester trumpeters, Michael Miller, Lyle Steelman and Jack Sutte; organist- Barbara MacGregor, timpanist -Josh Ryan, to benefit the Cleveland Foodbank. Suggested donation for the Cleveland Foodbank: General \$10. Students \$5.

Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland

Heights, OH 44118. 216.321.5800. www.fairmountchurch.org. Katelyn Emerson, Organist. The Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists proudly joins in presenting their Chapter Competition winner and Regional winner of the Quimby Playing Competition. A student of James David Christie at the Oberlin Conservatory, Katelyn will play at the national convention of the AGO in the summer.

Tuesday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m.: All Saints Lutheran Church, 6770 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. Organs, Music, and Musicians of Hamburg Over the Years. Thomas Dahl, Cantor of Hauptkirche St. Petri, Hamburg, Germany and Director of the Hamburg Bach Cantori will present a history of the organs, music, and musicians of Hamburg. This event is co-sponsored by the All Saints Lutheran Church Concert Series.

Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Diane Menges, flute; Betty Meyers, piano and harpsichord; and Virginia Steiger, flute; in recital. Works for voice and flute, voice and piano, flute and piano, plus music for all three. Composers include: Handel, Quantz, Delibes, Schocker, Adam-Schmidt, among others. Included also will be several folksongs arranged by Steven Mark Kohn, a CIM faculty member.

Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m.: Trinity United Methodist Church, 30 W. Front Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Dorothy Young Riess, M.D., Organ Recital. Dr. Dorothy" started piano with her mother at age four, and dynamics, interpretation and composition with her father, a concert violinist and composer winning her first competition at age seven. At 12, she began advanced piano with Clarence Burg at Oklahoma City University, and at 14, performed the Gershwin Piano Concerto with the OCU Symphony orchestra.

At 16 she started organ lessons with Dubert Dennis, and at 17, attended The University of Oklahoma School of Music to become a protégé of the renowned Mildred Andrews whose exceptional teaching skills and discipline resulted in top honors in several State and Regional competitions including First Place in the American Guild of Organists National Competition in San Francisco 1952 resulting in a scholarship to study in France with Marcel Dupré.

After several years of concerts in Europe and the US, she was invited to return to Europe as Organist-Choirmaster of the American Church in Rome, Italy, 1956-58. A visiting Yale Professor heard her perform and gave her a scholarship to Yale where she studied organ with Frank Bozyan, and played her Master's Recital at Woolsey Hall in 1959.

A series of life-changing events including the death of her beloved father few months later, led her to the healing arts. She completed pre-med studies at Columbia University, New York City, gained admission to The University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, and received her Doctor of Medicine degree in 1969. She practiced Internal Medicine in Pasadena, California, until retirement in 2000.

After relocating to Las Vegas Nevada, she resumed serious organ playing once again performing for the AGO Spring concert in 2004. In 2006 she was featured on "Pipe Dreams Live from Las Vegas" as part of Region IX AGO Mid-Winter Conclave. Two months later she played her 75th Birthday Celebration Recital at The University of Nevada Las Vegas. Her 80th Birthday Celebration Recital was also at UNLV, May 2011. She was a featured soloist at the American Guild of Organists Region IX Convention in San Francisco July 2011. Dr. Riess is Associate Organist at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Las Vegas, and a member of Southern Nevada Chapter AGO. Music by Langlais, Bach, Karg-Elert, Shostakovich, and Messiaen.

Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m.: Brecksville United Church of Christ, 23 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141. 440.526.4364 (church phone). Brecksville United Church of Christ will host a free concert featuring Chaconne Klaverenga, a gifted young classical guitarist who is studying at the Cleveland Institute of Music under the direction of Jason Vieaux, the world-renowned virtuoso classical guitarist who currently serves on the faculties of both CIM and the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Ms. Klaverenga, winner of numerous competitions, will perform works by Villa-Lobos, Bach, Tarrega, Brouwer, and Domeniconi. In April, she will be premiering the Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra with the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra; the piece, composed by Rene Schiffer, was commissioned specifically for her by the orchestra. Brecksville UCC is located at the intersection of Routes 82 & 21 at 23 Public Square in downtown Brecksville. Parking is available off 82 or one block south of 82 off

Arlington St. The building is handicapped accessible. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the concert. For more information, call 440.526.4364.

Sunday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m.: Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. www.CovenantWeb.org. 216.421.0482. The American Boychoir. Admission: \$20 general, \$5 students.

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Tuesday, May 8 at 8:00 p.m.: Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Rd., Cleveland, OH; 216.921.3510 x 34. Lawrence Brownlee, tenor; Martin Katz, accompanist. Presented by The Cleveland Chamber Music Society. Tickets are required and available online at ticketssales@clevelandchambermusic.org

Sunday, May 13 at 4:00 p.m.: Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Rd., Cleveland, OH; 216.921.3510 x 34. Les Delices, Debra Nagy, director. Games & Diversions featuring guest soprano, Ellen Hargis. Tickets at the door or at www.lesdelices.org. Plymouth members receive a 10% discount.

Sunday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m.: Westminster Church, 1250 W. Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio 44313. 330.836.2226. www.westminsterakron.com. Mother's Day Opera/Broadway Gala

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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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