

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.

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From the Cleveland Chapter Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 29, 2012, Fairmount Presbyterian Church



Robert Moncrief, Katelyn Emerson, James Riggs,
following Katelyn's recital at Fairmount Presbyterian
Church



2012/13 Cleveland Chapter Officers: Don Jackson (treasurer); Linda Kempke (secretary); Barbara MacGregor (subdean); Fern Jennings (dean); Patrick Wickliffe (executive committee)



Dean Jim Riggs with Karen Holtkamp following the announcement that Karen has been elected Honorary Member of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

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

Thanks,

Chris Toth
216.406.0228.

NYACOP CORNER

We continue our series highlighting the contestants in the semi-finals of the AGO National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance to be held at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Friday, May 25, 2012. For details about the event, see the museum's [web site](#). The page is printable and would make a great flyer for posting at your church or other place of employment.



Malcolm Matthews

Malcolm Matthews has recently completed his BM with Performer's Certificate at the Eastman School of Music studying with David Higgs. Pursuing a MM in Organ and Harpsichord, he will continue study at Eastman this fall. Malcolm's accomplishments include: First place, 2005 South-Eastern Region IV Young Organists Competition and Semi-finalist, 2009 Concours international d'orgue de Lyon. He has performed organ recitals in Bremen, Germany; Greenville, South Carolina; Sarasota, Florida; Chattanooga, Knoxville, Kingsport, and Nashville, Tennessee; Guelph, Ontario, Canada; and Chicago, Illinois.

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



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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.

For Sale

Sale of Johannus Organ. I have a three manual full pedal keyboard Johannus Sweelinck 30, Platinum edition organ for sale and wondered if I could advertise in your newsletter. I am in Wadsworth, Ohio and asking \$12,500. I bought it at Gerard's in Parma, Ohio. Any suggestions you can give me would be appreciated.

Margie Metcalf
organista70@gmail.com

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.

May 23: Trinity Chamber Orchestra. Horst Buchholz returns to conduct an exciting Brownbag season finale concert featuring organists Elizabeth Lenti and Todd Wilson in organ concertos by Haydn and Stephen Paulus.

Sponsor: Beth Cooper and Paul Herrgesell in honor of Dr. Horst Buchholz

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 3:00 p.m.: Fairlawn Lutheran Church. 3415 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio. 333.836.7286. Sixth Annual Music Festival. Revere-Firestone-Copley/Fairlawn High School Choirs. Free-will Offering. Parking at the church and Summit Mall.

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. FREE Admission.

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Monday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.: St. Thomas More Church, 4170 North Amber Dr., Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. The Miami University Collegiate Chorale. The performance will include works by Brahms, Clausen, Whitacre, Dickau, Britten and Duruflé. Free event (free-will donations will be accepted). For more information, contact Katie Cooper at musicmajor247@aol.com

The Miami University Collegiate Chorale is a select mixed choir of 100 undergraduate, graduate, and staff singers, drawn from all majors and departments at Miami University. The Chorale performs a repertoire spanning centuries of music, from Bach to Morton Lauridson, and is known worldwide for its multicultural and world music performances. Dr. Ethan Sperry conducted the choir from 2000-2010 and has now turned the job over to Dr. Jeremy Jones.

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

Sunday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.: Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH. Choral Arts Cleveland directed by Martin Kessler presents New Voices from Britain, Part II: Jerusalem - Yerushalayim by Antony Pitts-an oratorio that traces the outlines of the Biblical story of the city of Jerusalem. Be part of an American Premiere that will leave you uplifted and inspired! An exciting listening experience awaits you! Don't miss it! A free will donation will be gratefully accepted. Grace Lutheran Church is wheel chair accessible. For more information call (216) 381-4608 or visit our web site at www.choralartscleveland.org

Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 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. Songs with Spirit! A program featuring inspiring works of hope and promise. This concert will also mark the culmination of a Male Voice Invitational Festival, in which men of all ages join together under the baton of Dr. Jeremy Jones, conductor of the well-known Glee Clujb of Miami University (Ohio). Tickets required.

Sunday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m.: Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. 216.321.5800. www.fairmountchurch.org. Youth Musical. The youth choirs present the stirring and fun musical Moses and the Freedom Fanatics by Hal Hopson in morning worship to conclude the season.

Sunday, May 20 at 1:15p.m.: Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, 216.321.8880. www.chsaviour.org. VIVACE Musical. This middle-school choir's lively musical drama. Free-will offering. Free lighted parking, handicapped accessible.

Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Marilyn Zupnik, oboe, Diane Mather, violoncello, Karel Paukert, organ and harpsichord. Music by A. Vivaldi, G.F. Handel, J.S. Bach, O. Messiaen, G. Crumb, L. Vieme. Freewill offering.

Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m.: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 603 Washington Ave., Lorain, OH 44052, 440.244.6286. Sweelinck Birthday Concert. Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck turns 450 this year! This important Dutch musician is often seen as the beginning pole of a great tradition whose ending pole was Johann Sebastian Bach. At this birthday concert we will hear organ and choral music by Sweelinck, as well as music by his students Scheidt and Scheidemann. Brian Wentzel, Director of Music at First Lutheran, will play the church's famous Brombaugh organ and conduct the church choir in organ and choral music by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, Samuel Scheidt, and Heinrich Scheidemann. Free and open to the public. brian@firstlutheranlorain.org.

Sunday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m.: Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 14502 Detroit (at Marlowe), Lakewood, OH 44107. Good Company, a vocal ensemble. Karen Weaver, Director; Claire Black, Piano. Dare to Dream. Music by Eric Whitacre, David Conte, Lili Boulanger, and local composers.

Sunday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.: Church of the Western Reserve, PCUSA, 30500 Fairmount Blvd, Pepper Pike, OH. Please join Church of the Western Reserve as we celebrate our 50th anniversary through song. The hymn festival entitled "A Time For Singing" will be led by choir, organ, brass, and others. There will be familiar and new hymns combined in a meaningful service. There will be no charge for admission. Michael Schaner, Director of Music. 440.442.2220, ex. 104. michael.schaner@gmail.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



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