

# Weekly Update

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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](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.

## From the Dean



On Sunday, April 29 many of us heard a wonderful recital by rising star, Katelyn Emerson. Katelyn wrote the following to the chapter: "Dear Members of the Cleveland Chapter of the AGO, Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to play for you last Sunday. It was a great pleasure to share my love of music, especially organ music! Thank you all for your support and encouragement; we all know how hard this would be if we were alone! Best of luck and thank you again, Katelyn Emerson." Prior to the recital I had the opportunity to speak with Katelyn's mom. She told me how appreciative they have been of the great support shown by the AGO. What a thrill to hear that comment!

The next opportunity to show our support for young organists is our hosting of the semi-final round of NYACOP. Make sure to check out the NYACOP Corner elsewhere in this email. We are still in need of a few drivers and we would welcome your presence on the day of the competition. The Cleveland Museum of Art has done a wonderful job with their website, quarterly mailing, and banners hanging in the lobby promoting this event. We have also learned that ClevelandClassical.com is planning to cover the day's performances.

Can we count on your support?

Thanks, Jim Riggs

## Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

**An Update on NYACOP**

NYACOP - the National Young Artist's Competition in Organ Performance - is just two weeks away. Many of our members have been working this past year on housing, transportation, facilities, and all other arrangements for the seven competitors and four National Committee members who will be our guests the week of May 21st.

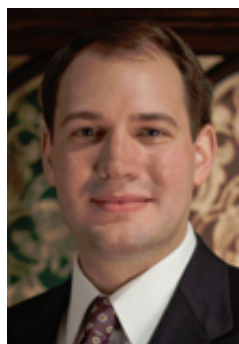
We need a few additional people to drive our young performers from University Circle to practice facilities on Wednesday, May 23rd and Thursday, May 24th between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you can help with one morning or afternoon on either day, please contact Barbara MacGregor at [macmus@roadrunner.com](mailto:macmus@roadrunner.com).

The direct link to the Organ Marathon/NYACOP page on the Cleveland Museum of Art website is <http://goo.gl/5cFp6>. This site has all the information about the competition.

- Barbara MacGregor

## 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.



Paul Meier

**Paul Meier** is Associate Organist of St. James' Church, Los Angeles. His recent performance highlights include appearances as a featured organist with the Los Angeles Master Chorale at Walt Disney Concert Hall and with the Pacific Symphony at Segerstrom Concert Hall. He has played services at Westminster Abbey, St. George's Chapel, Windsor and the Anglican cathedrals of Canterbury, Oxford, and Wells. He holds degrees from Rice University and the University of Southern California, where he is a DMA candidate. His primary teachers have been Pat Churchley, Clyde Holloway, and Cherry Rhodes.

**Adam Pajan** is a DMA student in organ with church music emphasis at the University of Oklahoma's American Organ Institute. He was recently awarded first prize at the 2011 Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition and 2009 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition USA. Performances in 2011 stretch across the US, from the Cathedral in Los Angeles to Delray Beach, FL, and abroad (Marktkirche - Wiesbaden, Germany). He holds the Master of Music degree from the Yale University School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music and the Bachelor of Music degree from Furman University in Greenville, SC.



Adam Pajan

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](mailto:dean@agocleveland.org)

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

## 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

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.

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 Hergesell in honor of Dr. Horst Buchholz

Sunday, May 13 at 3:00 p.m.: Church of SS. Cosmas and Damian, 10439 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg, OH 44087. TAJCI in concert. "Let it Be." Tajci's concert presents the story of Jesus through the eyes of Mary.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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. Vierne. 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](mailto: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](mailto:michael.schaner@gmail.com)

Saturday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.: Our Lady of the Elms, Ann Amer Brennan Theater, 1375 West Exchange St., Akron, Ohio. Late Night Catechism by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan. Ticket Price: \$30. For tickets, call St. Sebastian Parish at 330.836.2233 or purchase online at [www.entertainmentevents.com](http://www.entertainmentevents.com). Hilarious Night Out. Succulent Desserts. Cash Bar. St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. All proceeds benefit the Organ Restoration Fund.

Saturday, May 26 at 8:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Annual Music and Fine Arts Benefit Concert.

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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

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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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