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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



Fern Jennings

Dear AGOers,

The organizational meeting of the 2012-2013 Cleveland Chapter Executive Committee will be on Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30-9:00 pm at the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, 21600 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights.

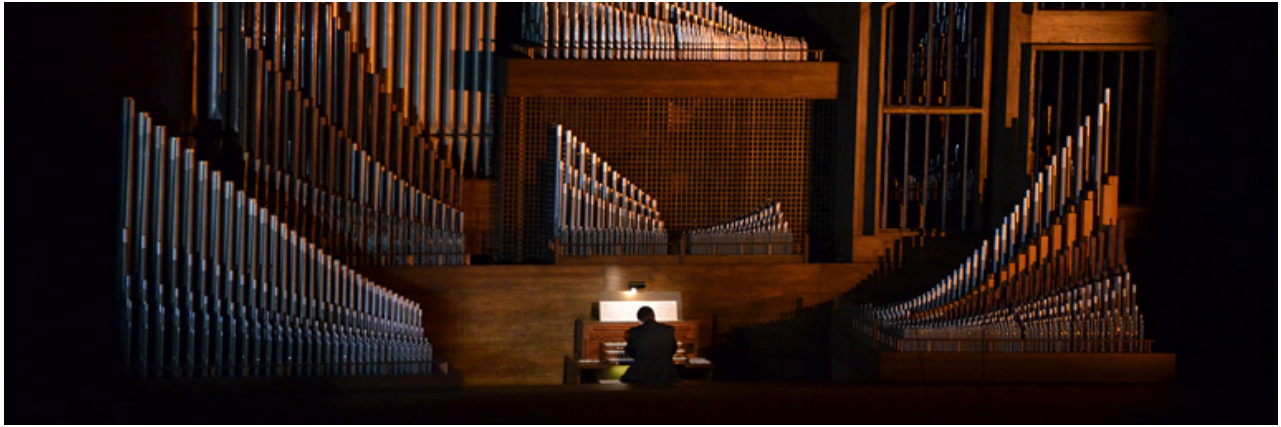
We will set committee meeting dates for the next year, approve the budget and the programs and discuss our goals for our chapter.

Executive Committee members, please notify me if you will not be able to attend. Standing Committee Chairs, you are always welcome to come to Executive Committee meetings. Please let me know if you will have business to bring before the Board. Also, if you are no longer able to chair a committee, please let me know.

All the best,
Fern Jennings
Dean

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Invitation to hear the AGO National Young Artists Competition (semi-finals)



Cleveland Museum of Art * Friday, May 25 * 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Chapter AGO and the Cleveland Museum Of Art invite you to attend the semi-finals of the AGO National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP) to be held at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Friday, May 25, 2012. Seven fast-rising young artists will compete in this round and three will advance to the finals at the AGO National Convention in Nashville in July. Admission is free. The museum doors will open at 9:30 a.m. Morning performances will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; afternoon performances from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. The audience will be free to come and go between the performances, approximately 45 minutes each.

Each of the seven competitors will play a short recital of works by J. S. Bach, Georg Böhm, César Franck, and Anton Heiller. These performers hail from California, Oklahoma, Texas and New York. We hope that many AGO members will be able to attend to hear and support these talented and skillful young organists.

The Holtkamp pipe organ at the museum underwent an extension renovation and returned to Gartner Auditorium for concerts in 2010. The organ has 4,000 pipes, 79.5 ranks and 62 stops. The museum is at 11150 East Blvd. in University Circle . For details about the event, see the museum's web site: <http://goo.gl/5cFp6> . You also might want to visit the Cleveland Museum of Art's acclaimed exhibit: Rembrandt in America.

Parking is available at meters on the street, in the museum parking deck and also at the Botanical Gardens on East Blvd. AGO members can get a free parking pass for Covenant Presbyterian Church's parking lot on Euclid Ave. Contact jriggs@plymouthchurchucc.org

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.

Repertoire in these short recitals includes: J.S. Bach: From Clavierübung III: Trio on "Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr'," BWV 676; J.S. Bach: From Clavierübung III:"Wir glauben all' an einen Gott," BWV 680; Georg Böhm: Praeludium in C; César Franck: Choral No. 2 in B Minor; and Anton Heiller: Tanz-Toccata.

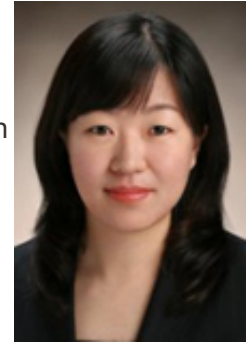
Daryl Robinson, Organist of Houston's South Main Baptist Church since 2003, has performed throughout the United States and in England, France, Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic. A student of Robert Bates, Matthew Dirst, Joby Bell and Jo Deen Blaine Davis, he was awarded a scholarship to the 2007 Summer Institute for French Organ Studies and won top prizes in repertory and hymn playing in the 2009 William C. Hall Organ Competition. A recent graduate of



Daryl Robinson

the University of Houston, he served as collaborative keyboard artist for the Moores School Concert Chorale and the Texas Music Festival.

HyeHyun Sung is a candidate for the DMA degree at the University of Houston. She is a recipient of several scholarships from the university, including the Presidential Fellowship for 2010-2012. She holds a BM from Westminster Choir College, MM from Yale University, and two artistic diplomas (Konzertexamen and Solistenklasse) from Hochschule für Musik Saar in Germany. She has studied with Stefan Engels, Wolfgang Rubsam, Martin Jean, Robert Bates, and Matthew Dirst. She currently works as an organ scholar at St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston and maintains an active performing schedule.



HyeHyun Sung

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.

From the Registrar

Please sign and return your 2012-2013 membership renewal form with payment as soon as possible. So far I have received 74 renewals, which means I am on the lookout for about 100 more. If I haven't received yours by the first week in June I will mail you another copy, which costs our chapter another \$0.50 in postage, paper and printing. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

Chris Toth
registrar@agocleveland.org
216.406.0228.

Congratulations to Leslie Adams

Last Sunday, May 13, Leslie Adams received a Congressional Citation from Dennis Kucinich at Grace Presbyterian Church.

John Ferguson Retires



John Ferguson

Word has been received of the retirement of John Ferguson from St. Olaf College. Well-known to many Cleveland AGOers, Ohio native John Ferguson, has been professor of organ and church music since at St. Olaf 1983. Previously he was professor of organ at Kent State University. A number of Cleveland AGO members studied with John there including myself, Dave Powers, Tim Henry, Sandy Tittle and Elizabeth Lucas. Brian Wentzel was a student of Ferguson's at St. Olaf. John is best known locally for his compositions and hymn festivals which he has presented locally numerous times. Ferguson earned a B.M. from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, an M.M. from Kent State University, and a D.M.A. from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with Russell Saunders.

Long associated with the Holtkamp Organ Company, Ferguson's doctoral dissertation was on the work of Walter Holtkamp Sr. "Walter Holtkamp: American Organ Builder" was published in 1979 by Kent State University Press. He also served as music editor of the United Church of Christ Hymnal, published in 1974.

He worked as both professor of music at Kent State University and organist-choirmaster at Kent United Church of Christ until 1978. He later worked as the director of music at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1983 he became the Elliot & Klara Stockdahl Johnson professor of organ and church music at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, and later became the conductor of the St. Olaf Cantorei. He is married to wife Ruth and has a son, Christopher.

A celebration will be held at St. Olaf in June. Details can be found and messages left on a Ferguson facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/FergRetire>.

James E. Bobb, of Columbus, OH has been appointed as Ferguson's replacement at St. Olaf.

- Fern Jennings

Bagpiper Needed

Hello friends and colleagues,
I am looking for a Great Highland Bagpiper to join my handbell choir on a piece for early June. Does anyone have any names with contact information? If so, please let me know. Thanks!

Carmen Massaro
cgmassar@aol.com

Concerts

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 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

Saturday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.: Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio. Oberlin Choristers, under the direction of Jennifer Call, will perform in concert. Oberlin Choristers is a community-based choral program for children Kindergarten through twelfth grades. Based in Oberlin, Ohio, Choristers draws most of its singers from northern Ohio, particularly Lorain County. Choristers trains children in choral music and vocal performance, provides them with an opportunity to improve their vocal and social skills in a variety of choir settings, and gives children an opportunity to perform in concerts both close to home and in some of the world's greatest musical venues. It is the Choristers mission both to provide an intense and enjoyable musical training program and to create in its singers an appreciation for the arts and the importance of vibrant arts programs in the community. This concert is FREE. A free-will offering will be taken.

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 Club 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. 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.

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

Sunday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.: Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44122, www.cometochristchurch.org. Heights Chamber Orchestra, Anthony Addison, conductor; Justin Miller, organ. Justin Miller joins the Heights Chamber Orchestra in a performance of Rheinberger's second organ concerto. The program also features works of Humperdinck, Gordon Jacob, and Dvorak. Free-will offering, followed by a reception.

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. Hilarious Night Out. Succulent Desserts. Cash Bar. St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. All proceeds benefit the Organ Restoration Fund.

This program has been cancelled:

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.

Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 7507 York Rd., Parma, OH 44130. Dedication Recital of the new Johannus Organ. Joseph Ripka, Internationally Renowned Organist, Guest Performer. www.josephripka.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

