

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 Dean



Fern Jennings

This cooler weather and the shorter days put one in the mood of the coming fall and the return of busy church days. We musicians are preparing anthems for our choirs, tuning pianos and getting back into a practice routine. Your AGO officers and program committee have been busy over the summer working on the details of this year's programs, preparing our membership directory and processing your dues. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our AGO picnic on September 16 at the Tornberg's. We'll be there with our veggie brats and the bocci set.

I spent last evening looking over the upcoming Governance changes for our national organization. These changes still have to be ratified by a vote of the general membership but have been approved by National Council. They involve streamlining National Council to have fewer members and changing the Region map to have seven instead of nine regions. Our region will stay the same but will be called "The Great Lakes Region" instead of Region V. Also you should know that the Grievance procedure is being discontinued. The process which involved many hours by committees who looked into such things mostly ended up pleasing no one and causing hard feelings toward the Guild. Discontinuing this process will free up committees to work on other areas of professional concerns. These changes are part of continuing conversations in many volunteer organizations about how to change and function better in the new technological era.

I also see that the AGO has extended the "Grow the Guild" program. Chapters who participate are eligible for prizes and other perks! I am still looking for an individual who would like to work on encouraging membership gains in our Chapter. Cleveland has always been right there with the most active chapters in the country. Let's show some energy, people!

Best to all you "Energetic" AGOers,
Fem

From the Registrar

Last year we had 179 members. As of July 8, 2012, one hundred forty of last year's members have renewed. If you haven't sent in your renewal form and check, please do so immediately to ensure that you are listed in the yearbook directory and to make sure that your American Organist magazine subscription isn't interrupted. Let me know if you need another copy of your membership renewal form.

Thanks,

-Chris Toth
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Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Next Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, August 27, 2012
7:30-9:00 pm
Brecksville United Methodist Church
65 Public Square, Brecksville, OH

Next Cleveland Chapter Event

First Chapter Event of the new season - Annual Picnic



Oktoberfest-themed Picnic
Sunday, September 16, 4 to 7 pm

Home of Hildred and Ed Tornberg, 14417 Crestview Dr. in Novelty, OH 44072. (Russell Twp) near Routes 87 and 306, 3 miles south of Chesterland. Park along frontage on the east side of Crestview Dr. Use driveway for drop-off access.

In case of severely inclement weather, the picnic will move to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 11900 Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306) in Chesterland.

Our hosts will supply cook-out meats and soft drinks. In the spirit of Oktoberfest, AGO will provide a keg of Great Lakes beer. If you prefer wine please bring your choice. We are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. If you have a folding lawn chair bring it along. Dress is very casual.

Appetizers and outdoor games begin at 4 pm so that those involved with Rosh Hashanah services can join us for fellowship before sundown. Our hosts have a 10-rank Ruggles pipe organ, a piano and a 1912 parlor organ in their home. Bring music to try any of these instruments after dinner.

Spouses, guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Hildred by September 10 at 440-338-3268 or email: etornberg@windstream.net. This will be a great time to meet new colleagues and to catch up on each other's news as we begin an exciting year together.

Barbara MacGregor, Sub-Dean/Program Chair
Picnic committee: Hildred Tomberg, Tim Hemry and Carol Neff.

Here is a link to Google maps to help you find your directions:

<http://goo.gl/maps/bOjX5>

2012/13 Chapter Programs Announced

See the complete list of Cleveland AGO Chapter Programs [here](#). Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar. The link to the complete list is also found in the main menu of the [chapter web site](#).

SUMMER WEEKLY UPDATE ON HIATUS

Weekly update continues on summer break for the next couple of weeks. We will resume weekly updates on September 6. The deadlines will continue to be the Wednesday before the Thursday publication dates. Be sure to send news and calendar updates to newsletter@agocleveland.org before the deadlines.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS AND OTHER INFORMATION

H. Leslie Adams: "L'amour eternel" for flute and piano, in three movements (June, 2012), which was featured on Saarburger Serenaden International Music Festival the week of July 9, 2012.

The Trinity Cathedral Chamber Choir was in residence for a week during the month of July at Wells Cathedral in England. **Todd Wilson** is the Director of Music at the Cathedral and **Elizabeth Lenti** is the Assistant Director and Organist.

Chris Toth has established the Cleveland Institute of Music Organ Music Fund which will provide \$1,000 annually for the purchase of sheet music for organ students. Way to go, Chris! See the "Pipings" feature in this month's TAO for more info.

Gratian Nugent, former Cleveland Chapter Dean, is now residing at the Renaissance, Room 270, 26376 John Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138. She's doing pretty well. **Eleanore Robinson** lives at Breckinridge Village in Willoughby. Both would be appreciative of cards or visits.

For Sale: Received from San Francisco organ builder and Youngstown, Ohio native Steve Repasky regarding a continuo organ his firm built and is now for sale. <http://www.hupalorepasky.com/work/continuo/continuo.html>. Hupalo and Repasky continuo organs can be found around the San Francisco Bay area and beyond. Stanford University features a beautiful, historically inspired tudor style instrument.

AGO NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS ELECTS 2012-2014 NATIONAL COUNCIL Election Results Announced at AGO National Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

AGO NATIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW MISSION STATEMENT NEW YORK CITY-The AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS (AGO) announces a newly adopted mission statement, which was approved by the AGO National Council at its July 2012 meeting in Nashville. The new mission statement begins with a succinct, memorable statement that focuses on how the AGO makes a difference in the world. It is followed by a list of goals that help define how the mission will be accomplished.

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

**AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS' HIGHEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS
BESTOWED AT AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION**

President's Award Presented to Martha Rivers Ingram
Edward A. Hansen Leadership Award Given to Peter and Lois Fyfe

**AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS NAMES
PRIZEWINNERS IN NATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITIONS**

Eight Prizes Presented to Six Organists at AGO National Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

NATIONAL COMPOSITION AWARDS BESTOWED AT AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Distinguished Composer Award Presented to Craig Phillips
AGO/ECS Publishing Award in Choral Composition Presented to Alan Smith
AGO/Marilyn Mason Award in Organ Composition Presented to Nicholas O'Neill

[Read the full text of these announcements.](#)

**JAMES MACMILLAN
AND THE MUSICAL MODES OF MARY AND THE CROSS**

University of Notre Dame
Sacred Music at Notre Dame and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center with support from the
Nanovic Institute and the College of Arts and Letters present

JAMES MACMILLAN AND THE MUSICAL MODES OF MARY AND THE CROSS

A festival conference for composers, scholars, and music directors concerning sacred music's role in
the world today-and featuring composer James MacMillan in residence.

In commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of Holy Cross, with a
commission in honor of the Sisters of the Holy Cross

September 13-15, 2012. University of Notre Dame Notre Dame Conference Center in McKenna Hall
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Performers and Speakers include:

James MacMillan, composition
Alexander Blachly, Nancy Menk and Carmen-Helena Tellez, conducting
Craig Cramer, organ; Paul Walker, organ; Stephen Lancaster, baritone
Aguavá New Music Studio; Pomerium; South Bend Chamber Singers; Notre Dame Festival Chorus
and Orchestra

Panelists include: Cary Boyce, Daniel Kellogg, Libby Larsen, Robinson McClellan, Stephen Mager,
Tawnie Olson

Participatory song led by Mellonee Burnim, Helen Phelan, Samuel Sommers, Lorraine Brugh

Accepting active and observing participants:

Advanced registration until August 15 - \$50
Ongoing registration until September 13 - \$85

For more registration and conference information, go to
theology.nd.edu/maryandthecross

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.

August 29: Brian Wentzel presents "Sweelinck turns 400." Music by the Dutch "maker of organists." September 5 and 12: Florence Mustric presents "F as in fabulous as in Franck." Pastorale; Prelude, Fugue and Variation; and his ultimate masterpiece, his Choral [Symphony] in A minor.

Saturday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m.: First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard at Eaton Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Rock of Faith.

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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

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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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