

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



Fern Jennings

Thirty or so chapter members and friends gathered on Sunday at the home of Hildred and Ed Tornberg for a "Beginning of the Year" picnic. Oktoberfest was the theme of the picnic with a keg of beer provided by Henry Organs and brats and sauerkraut served by the hosts. Those attending enjoyed the Tornberg's lovely home with its extensive country yard and garden. The weather cooperated with a dry and warm afternoon. Conversation, eating, of course, and playing of the house Ruggles organ were the order of the afternoon. A highlight of the afternoon was the playing of an organ duet by Bob Schneider and Betty Meyers. It was great to see so many of you there! Thanks to our Sub-dean and program chair, Barbara MacGregor and the picnic committee: Hildred Tornberg, Tim Henry and Carol Neff. Carol Neff was unfortunately unable to attend due to a family emergency. It was good to chat with so many

of you there and catch up on news.

Please mark your calendar for our October recital on October 17 by Daryl Robinson and note the important information detailed below about how your choir can participate in our November Hymn Festival with John Ferguson.

Best to all,

Fern



Grant Wiswell, Marcia Snavelly and Michon Koch



Bob Schneider & Betty Meyers

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

Next Cleveland Chapter Event

Daryl Robinson, first place NYACOP winner



Daryl Robinson

(National Young Artists in Organ Performance)

Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m.

This concert is co-sponsored with St. John's Cathedral
1007 Superior Ave. Downtown Cleveland.

Daryl's program in Cleveland will include works by Leo Sowerby, Karg-Elert, Judith Weir, J. S. Bach, Anton Heiller, Gerre Hancock and Franz Liszt. The concert is free with secure parking available in the Cathedral lot. Our chapter will have a private reception and some visiting time with

Daryl at the Cathedral following his performance. Daryl's full bio can be found at www.concertorganists.com. A flyer for this concert can be [downloaded here](#).

NOVEMBER PROGRAM - HYMN FESTIVAL

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING
with organ, choirs, brass, readers and more

John Ferguson, Professor Emeritus of Music, St. Olaf College will lead a Fall Hymn Festival, Sunday, November 11, 4 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, Fairview Park. The festival is co-sponsored by Cleveland AGO, Lorain County AGO and Messiah Lutheran Church.

You and your church choir are invited to be a part of the choir for the festival.

The rehearsals required for all singers are
Saturday, November 10 - 10 am to 12:30 pm
Sunday, November 11 - 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Packets of hymns for the service are available for directors. Basic notes and rhythms are to be learned in advance of the Saturday rehearsal. All AGO members are invited to join in even if their church choirs do not participate. If you and/or your choir are interested in participating please e-mail Brian Wentzel: brian@firstlutheranlorain.org and let him know approximately how many singers you will be bringing. Also helpful will be numbers of women's and men's voices or numbers by voice part. The three anthems to be used in the service can be ordered from Cliff Hill, chillohio@hotmail.com.

We are also planning a "Lunch with Ferg" following the Saturday rehearsal. John Ferguson has dozens of great stories about church and school music. It will be an enjoying time to lunch together and talk with one of our leading church musicians. Lunch will be available for a modest charge. Look for further information on our Weekly Updates and on the website www.agocleveland.org

Messiah Lutheran Church is located at
21485 LORAIN ROAD, FAIRVIEW PARK, OH
Phone (440)-331-2405

A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED
The building is handicap accessible.

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](#).

Member news and other items of interest

Long-time Cleveland and Akron AGO member **Gloria Massa** is moving to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania this month. Gloria served as Organist and Choir Director at Akron's First Presbyterian Church for many years. She was the Akron Chapter Dean from 1966-68. She was known best to Cleveland Chapter members as a much in demand substitute organist and an usher at Cleveland Orchestra concerts. We send Gloria our best wishes for a new adventure as she returns to live in her collegiate home town.

Cleveland Chapter member **Tim Hemry** was [recently featured](#) in a story and video in the Akron Beacon Journal about one of his recent organ building projects.

Performance opportunity with Great Lakes Theater's A Christmas Carol!

Great Lakes Theater is looking for choral groups to perform apx. 30 minutes of holiday selections before their production of A Christmas Carol at the Ohio Theatre, PlayhouseSquare. This is a great way to share your group's talents with their holiday audience and promote any upcoming events you may have.

All participating performers and staff will receive a complimentary ticket to the performance. In addition a special 50% off ticket discount will be offered to friends and family members of performers and staff.

A number of performance dates/times are still available. If you are interested please contact:
Chris Fomadel
Audience Engagement Manager

Great Lakes Theater
(216) 453-1067
cfomadel@greatlakesheater.org

Received from Anthony Thurman

Dear Ms. Jennings,

Thank you for your chapter's contribution to the AGO. Your chapter's generous gift of \$500.00 to the Annual Fund (Chapters) was recorded on 8/31/2012. Our 2011-2012 donor list will be published in the December 2012 issue of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine.

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. Your generous contribution helps to support this mission through educational programs, outreach, and member services that otherwise could never be supported by membership dues alone.

Please extend our thanks to the members of your chapter executive board for this gift. Thank you again for your support of the AGO!

Sincerely yours,

F. Anthony Thurman, DMA
Director of Development and Communications
American Guild of Organists

Upcoming Concerts

Sept. 21 11:00 pm - Friday Night Organ Pump, a performance of organ repertory by Oberlin Conservatory Organ Majors. Performers to be announced. Fisk organ. Finney Chapel, Oberlin College, 90 N. Professor St. Free.

Sept. 22 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.: Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 5th Avenue, Youngstown, OH. Youngstown Chapter AGO. Improvisation Master Class with Bruce Neswick. Open to the public.

Sept. 23 3:00 pm - Karel Paukert, organ. Works by K. Husa, J. Teml, B.A. Wiedermann, J. Alain & F. Liszt. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts. Freewill offering.

Sept. 23 4:00 pm - Bruce Neswick, organ (Indiana University) with massed choirs, brass and percussion, Hae-Jong Lee, conducting. Hymn Festival. E.M. Skinner organ. Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 5th Avenue, Youngstown. Tickets:.

Sept. 23 5:00 pm - Akron Baroque, Guy Bordo, conducting, with James Mismas (above), organ & Scott Johnston, trumpet. "Akron Baroque Goes Rococo". Program includes Haydn's D Major Organ Concerto and music by Michael Haydn, Tartini & Mozart. Five at Five series. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1250 W. Exchange St., Akron. Freewill Offering.

Sept. 25 8:00 pm - Weimar Kammerchor, Case Concert Choir & Church of the Covenant Choir. Program to be announced. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Free.

Sept. 26 12:15 pm - Robert Myers, organ. "Baroque Partitas". Music Near the Market Series. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.- Divinity Lutheran Church, 11877 Blossom Avenue, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130. Rodney Barbour, music director at the Crestview Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, will present an eclectic and entertaining program on Divinity Lutheran Church's Rodgers/Ruffatti pipe organ. Cost is \$5.00. Call Divinity Lutheran Church, 440.845.2060

Sept. 28 7:30 pm - Birdsongs and Other Ayres, with Diane Menges, soprano, Virginia Steiger, flute & Betty Meyers, piano. Good Morning Mr. Bluebird, Delibes's Le Rossignol, Rodrigo's Water Bird,

Corigliano's Three Irish Folksongs, vocal music by Handel and a flute concerto by Quantz. Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights. Freewill offering.

Sept. 29 at 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Divinity Lutheran Church, 11877 Blossom Avenue Parma Heights, Ohio 44130. Divinity Lutheran Church's Arts In Action and the T. S. Good Church Organ Company present: Rodney Barbour, well-known for his ability to artistically integrate orchestral sounds with traditional organ voices, will present a two hour workshop that will also include the ten general pistons every organist should set, plus tips on expanding the organ's tonal resources through the use of MIDI. Divinity Lutheran Church to RSVP call 440.845.2060 for more information, call David Powers at 440..823.9268

Sept. 30 at 3:00 p.m.-: St. Paul Catholic Church, 1580 Brown Street, Akron, Ohio 44301. Summit Bells Professional Handbell Choir. Freewill offering.

Sept. 30pm - B-W Faculty Recital: Jonathan Moyer, organ. Program to be announced. Gamble Auditorium, Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory, 96 Front St., Berea. Free.

Sept. 30 4:00 pm - Ken Cowan, organ & Lisa Shihoten, violin. Virtuoso works for violin & organ. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1361 W. Market St., Akron. Freewill offering.

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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

