

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

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Eastman School of Music represents a kind of Mecca for me as it features prominently in my musical lineage. I did not attend Eastman School myself but most of my teachers did so I find it, as do many organists, to represent the pinnacle of organ performance. Fortunately, with the establishment of The Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI), organists and lovers of the organ can attend a first class annual scholarly symposium on an organ related topic. This year's conference was combined with the bi-annual meeting of the American Bach Society and entitled "Bach and the Organ". The four day conference featured papers and concerts by an international cast of scholars and organists and provided an opportunity to hear distinguished academics, and meet with colleagues and students in the august venue of The Eastman School. Sessions were held in the new Hatch Recital Hall at the School of Music and most concerts were played on the Craighead-Saunders Organ at Christ Church. You will find below a review of the concerts. Next week I will write a

report on some of the papers.

I was able to chat with two of the NYACOP semi-finalists, Thatcher Lyman and Malcolm Matthews, both students at Eastman who were here in Cleveland in June. Daryl Robinson, the winner of the National competition who will play our chapter recital on October 21, lists David Higgs, head of the organ department at Eastman as one of his teachers. His teacher at the University of Houston, Robert Bates, played a masterful recital at EROI of Bach's *Clavierübung III*. I always find it exciting to hear the young students of master teachers. Do put the Chapter recital on your calendar!

Fern

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 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](#). Daryl will be playing one of Cleveland's important pipe organs -the 72 rank Holtkamp at St. John's. Here is some information and a photo of this instrument:

CATHEDRAL of ST JOHN the EVANGELIST

1948 Holtkamp Organ, III / 72

Built in 1948 by
Walter

Holtkamp, Sr. of Cleveland's Holtkamp Organ Company at the cost of \$45,000, the Cathedral organ comprises a total of 72 ranks distributed over 7 divisions: specifically, 54 ranks in the west Gallery, and 18 ranks in the Chancel at the East End. It is playable from two identical 3 manual consoles: a moveable console located in the west Gallery, and a stationary console located in the Chancel area.



St. John Cathedral

NOVEMBER PROGRAM - FALL HYMN FESTIVAL

The HYMN FESTIVAL led by John Ferguson has expanded into a Hymn Weekend:

Saturday, November 10th morning rehearsals at Messiah Lutheran Church and 12:30 pm "Lunch with Ferg".

Sunday, November 11 - 4 pm Hymn Festival concert at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Pk.

Monday, November 12 - 7 pm Hymn Playing Class at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Westlake.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Cleveland and Lorain County AGO



John Ferguson

members to sing, listen and learn with one of our great hymn improvisation performers and arrangers. Do get these dates on your calendar and look for more information on Updates each week. Information will also be available at agocleveland.org.

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](#).

Organ Competition

Applications for the Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition are now being accepted through November 1, 2012. The Pierre S. du Pont First Prize of \$40,000 is the largest cash prize of any organ competition! Preliminary and final rounds will be held in the magnificent ballroom at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. The Longwood Organ is among the world's largest concert organs, with 146 ranks and 10,010 pipes.

Please help us spread the word about this exciting opportunity on social media and by sending the attached flyer to anyone you know who may be interested in competing. Please post this flyer on bulletin boards and other areas in your organization where information is publicized.

For more details, visit www.longwoodgardens.org/organcompetition.

Tickets to the competition are on sale now. Learn all the details and purchase tickets here.

EROI Report



Craighead-Saunders organ

The opening concert for the EROI/Bach Society Symposium, Bach and the Organ, held September 27-30 at the Eastman School of Music, was a recreation of the Felix Mendelssohn Organ Concert in Leipzig 1840. Mendelssohn has been credited with re-introducing the music of J.S. Bach to the world. Eastman professors Hans Davidsson, David Higgs and William Porter played the concert on the stunning Craighead-Saunders Organ at Christ Church, Rochester. The organ built by GOArt in 2008 is a research copy of a historical 1776 instrument from Vilnius, Lithuania. On Friday attendees heard a Bach recital by Eastman students. The evening concert was a recital by Jaques van Oortmerssen, Professor of Organ at the Amsterdam conservatory, also at Christ Church. Works played included *Piece d-Orgue*, *Canzona in D Minor* and the *Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major*, all by Bach.

An afternoon recital on Saturday was play by Joel Speestra on a pedal clavichord. David Higgs introduced the program and described the value of the pedal clavichord for organ study. It was enlightening to hear Bach Preludes and an organ trio sonata played on this instrument. The evening program was a gala concert of festive cantatas with organ. In addition to Bach, two unpublished cantatas by the composer Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel were played by the Boston Early Music Festival Chamber Ensemble with the Christ Church Schola Cantorum. The high quality of the Stölzel works made one sorry that the bulk of this composers works have been lost.

The first concert on Sunday afternoon was on a magnificent Paul Fritts instrument of 2008 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Robert Bates played Bach's *Clavierübung III*. The final concert was at the Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester on an Italian Baroque organ that is installed in the fountain court there. Eduardo Bellotti, who is teaching at Eastman this semester,

played a program titled "Bach and the Italian Influence".

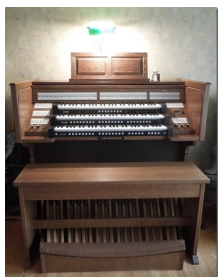
This Date in Musical History



Alexandre
Guilmant

Auld Lang Syne was the theme for improvisation given to Alexandre Guilmant at his Euclid Avenue Baptist Church recital, in Cleveland on this date in 1893. Euclid Avenue Baptist was known as "Rockefeller's Church" and John D. was superintendent of the Sunday School at the time of this concert. Here is a link to music by Guilmant that can be [downloaded for free](#). Here is a [link to a website](#) with all things Guilmant.

Organ For Sale



Johannus Sweelinck 30 - platinum edition for sale. Asking \$8,000. Contact:
Margie Metcalf
242 Parkview Avenue
Wadsworth, OH 44281
330-317-2435

Featured Recital



Barbara
MacGregor

Fairlawn Lutheran Church will open the 15th anniversary season of Parish Arts Concerts with a recital by organist, Barbara MacGregor, on Sunday, October 7th at 4 p.m. The program will feature the church's Holtkamp pipe organ and will include music by J.S. Bach, John Cook, Paul Dukas, Jean Langlais, Dan Locklair, Billy Strayhorn and Charles-Marie Widor.

Barbara is Sub-Dean of the Cleveland Chapter AGO. She is Professor Emeritus from the University of Akron where she taught organ for many years. She was also Director of music at Holy Trinity Church in Akron where she headed a very successful organ recital series. Barbara maintains an active performance schedule. She also was local co-chair of the semi-finals of the NYACOP held in Cleveland in May.

The program is free and open to everyone. A reception will follow. Fairlawn Lutheran Church is located at 3415 W. Market St. just west of Summit Mall 330-836-7286

Other Concerts of Interest

Some of our concert listings have been gleaned from ClevelandClassical. For a complete list of concerts plus previews, reviews and more from Cleveland's Classical music scene click the link www.clevelandclassical.com.

Wed., October 3 12:15 pm - Florence Mustric, organ. "Melodies from Ireland and Wales". Music Near the Market Series. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Fri., October 5 8:00 pm - B-W Choral Gala, Dirk Garner, Robert Vance & Stephen Gross, conductors. Program includes selections from Duruflé's Requiem. Gamble Auditorium, Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory, 96 Front St., Berea. Free.

Sun., October 7 Jeffrey Sawders, Organ. Dedication Recital of Johannus Organ in Avon United Methodist Church, 37711 Detroit Rd., Avon. Works by Bach, Brahms, Buxtehude, Franck, Gigout, Lang, and Renaud.

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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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