

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 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

I must confess as I write this on Monday, that I will be unable to attend the Daryl Robinson recital this week. Even as I was writing to encourage your attendance, I knew I would not be able to attend as Wednesday is my choir rehearsal evening. I suspect that this against the grain tradition goes back to the days when Robert Shaw was the Director of Music at First Unitarian Church and had other duties on Thursday evenings. In any event the program committee had to go with the date that was available at the Cathedral for scheduling this concert. We are most grateful to the Helen D. Schubert Concert Series, St. John Cathedral and its Music Director and AGO member Greg Heislman for co-sponsoring and hosting the recital. I hope that many of you were able to attend the recital in support of organ music and the Guild in Cleveland. ClevelandClassical.com was scheduled to cover the concert. Next week we hope to have a link for the review of the concert.

Be sure to check today and in successive weekly updates for updated information about our next chapter event--the November hymn festival with John Ferguson.

Best to you,

Fern

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

NOVEMBER CHAPTER EVENT

HYMN FESTIVAL WEEKEND led by John Ferguson - November 10-12



John Ferguson

This is a wonderful opportunity for Cleveland and Lorain County AGO 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. Contact our Sub-Dean, Barbara MacGregor , macmus@roadrunner.com if you have questions about the weekend.

Saturday, November 10th

9:30 am - 12:30 pm *Morning choir rehearsals.*

12:30 pm "*Lunch with Ferg*". Conversation on church music. Cost is \$8. Menu: Cyclones Pita wraps, salad, hummus & veggies, cookies, coffee, tea. Email lunch reservations to

David Gooding (dvdgooding@aol.com)

Sunday, November 11

4 pm *Hymn Festival Concert* at Messiah Lutheran Church, 21487 Lorain Rd. Fairview Pk. Free parking in the adjacent church lots and across the street. We have over 100 choir members singing. Half of the group will be in the Balcony with the Schlicker pipe organ and half in the Chancel with bells and percussion instruments. You can [download a flyer](#) to print and post. Invite your congregation to join in a truly inspirational afternoon of song.

Monday, November 12

7 -9 pm *Hymn Playing Class* at Prince of Peace Lutheran, 28455 Center Ridge Rd. Westlake. This free class is sponsored by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for all area organists. It is being offered in response to requests that the AGO hold occasional programs using electronic instruments. The organ is a 3-manual Rodgers. Contact [Don Jackson](#) for further information or if you would like to play a hymn in the class.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is on Monday, October 29 from 1:30-3:00pm at the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, 21600 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights.

CHAPTER POSITION AVAILABLE

We are in need of a Historian/Archivist for our chapter. This person would collect items that represent the work of our chapter-copies of Executive Committee minutes, flyers, programs, directories, Annual meeting reports, reviews of AGO concerts, newspapers items, proclamations, and anything else the chapter does for the year. These items are taken once a year to the Cleveland Public Library where our chapter history is archived. This could be an off-board position. If you are interested contact Dean, Fern Jennings at dean@agocleveland.org

This Date in Musical History

On this date in 1893, Charles Gounod, French composer of sacred music, died. Gounod is best known for his setting of the *Ave Maria*, a melody which he set over Bach's C Major Prelude from the Well-Tempered Clavier. He is also the composer of "March of a Marionette"--a piece known to many as Alfred Hitchcock's theme music. A piece which works well as an organ Postlude is "March Pontifical" or "March Romaine" as it is usually titled in organ collections.

This piece is the official anthem of the Pope.

Charles Gounod

Pipe Organs For Sale

Leek Pipe Organ Company has a number of pipe organs for sale from Bowling Green's pipe organ collection. They have maintained the school's collection since the 1980s. To see instruments for sale or to learn more about their pipe organ services, visit <http://leekpipeorgans.com/consultation/for-sale.html>

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.

Friday, October 19 7:30 p.m. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Cantores Cleveland. "Where the Action Is" A Tale of Renaissance Rivalries. The second in a three-part series: The Sounds of Change. Cantores Cleveland vocal ensemble presents a multi-disciplinary program of middle and late Renaissance music and art. Tickets: www.cantorescleveland.org

Saturday, October 20 7:30 pm - Singers' Club & Western Reserve Theatre Organ Society Wurlitzer Evening, with organist Craig Wilson. A musical retrospective celebrating the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ era including a classic Buster Keaton film. Masonic Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 3615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. \$25 box seats, \$15 general, \$10 students (\$18 & \$15 at the door).

Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. Brecksville United Church of Christ, 23 Public Square, Brecksville, Ohio. The Cleveland Duo & James Umble. Stephen Warner (violinist with The Cleveland Orchestra), Carolyn Warner (violinist and keyboardist with The Cleveland Orchestra), and James Umble (nationally-known saxophonist) comprise this unique ensemble, which features repertoire ranging from traditional and familiar classical to folk, ethnic, avant-garde and even jazz.

Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. Westbrook Park United Methodist Church, 2521 12th St., NW, Canton, Ohio 44708. Katelyn Emerson, organ. Katelyn is the 2011 Region V Young Competition Winner in Organ,. She will perform a full recital at the church. A reception will follow. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Canton Chapter AGO.

Wednesday, October 24 12:10 pm - Elizabeth DeMio & Todd Wilson, piano four hands & singers from Trinity Cathedral Choir. Brahms-Fest III: Brahms's Hungarian Dances & Liebeslieder Waltzes, op. 52. Trinity Brownbag Concert Series. Lunches welcome, \$5 lunch available. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Wednesday, October 24 12:15 pm - Robert Myers, organ. "Luther wrote the tunes". Music Near the Market Series. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Friday, October 26 7:00 pm - Tom Trenney, organ & Silent Film. Nosferatu, The Vampire. E.M.

Skinner organ. Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 5th Avenue, Youngstown. Free.

Friday, October 26 8:00 pm - Kevin Bowyer, organ. All-J.S. Bach including the Prelude & Fugue in D & Toccata, Adagio & Fugue in C. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. \$15. [Order online](#).

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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

