

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

Did you weather the storm OK? My power is out at home and so I am hanging out at my church with my dog. Technically the church is closed so it is peaceful. Sunday in a bit of presentiment my choir sang "How Can I Keep from Singing". ... "No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging." Yes. Singing. These unexpected events do make us feel disoriented. We want to know what happened to others. Without access to our usual amenities we are adrift. Things take longer. We miss the certainty of our normal life and its amenities. Some of the update is in my home computer which I can't access right now. Well, we will see what comes together here.

Included in this month's TAO is information about how to vote on the proposed national AGO bylaws changes. You can vote online or by mail. The text of the full bylaws are in the magazine. These have been discussed and approved by the National Council and now must be ratified by the general membership. Also you may have missed the article by Jim Riggs "Cleveland Celebrates the Organ" in the

October TAO. This three column article describes last year's Organ weekend and the NYACOP semifinals hosting. The article puts our chapter in the spotlight. Thanks, Jim!

Fern

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

NOVEMBER CHAPTER EVENT

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



John Ferguson

The name of John Ferguson is joined with the words "hymn festival" through his many years of hymn events throughout the country. Emily Brink, Past President of the Hymn Society, notes "He involves everyone present. Everyone gets to perform". Come prepared to sing, listen and learn with one of our great hymn improvisation performers and arrangers. Contact our Sub-Dean, Barbara MacGregor, macmus@roadrunner.com if you have questions about the weekend.

Saturday, November 10th

9:45 am - 12:30 pm Morning choir rehearsals.

12:30 pm "Lunch with Ferg" for choir directors and organists.

Conversation on church music. Menu: pita wraps, salad, hummus & veggies, cookies, coffee, tea.

Cost is \$8.00 Email lunch reservations to David Gooding (dvdgooding@aol.com) Space is limited for the lunch.

Sunday, November 11

4 pm Hymn Festival Concert at Messiah Lutheran Church, 21487 Lorain Rd. Fairview Pk.

Theme: Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving - 100 singers, brass, bells, percussions, readers. Free parking in the adjacent church lots and across the street.

You can download a flyer to print and post. Invite your congregation to join in a truly inspirational afternoon of song.

Workers are needed as greeters and also to serve punch immediately following the program. If you can help, please contact Barbara Bartels

(bpiloco@aol.com / 440-333-6259) or Dawn Reilly (ReillyJDawn@aol.com / 440-777-7359).

Monday, November 12

7 -9 pm Hymn Playing Class at Prince of Peace Lutheran, 28455 Center Ridge Rd. Westlake. This free class with Dr. Ferguson is sponsored by Prince of Peace 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.

Dr. Ferguson suggests that everyone attending think about how they would play the following hymntunes; AURELIA, ST. ANNE and NIACEA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

The Executive Committee at its October 29 meeting accepted the resignation of James Clouser from the Executive Committee. Chris Toth was approved to fill his unexpired term. One additional member was approved to the Nominating Committee. That committee, headed by Peg Limkemann, consists of Peg, Tim Hemry, Carmen Massaro, Hildred Tornberg and Don Shultzaberger. They have already started to work on next year's slate of officers. If you are called we hope that you will seriously consider nomination to a position in the AGO. The organization only functions to the extent that members are willing to step up and do things.

MEMBER YEARBOOKS

This year's membership directory is in the mail. Many thanks to Grant Wiswell for putting together the book and soliciting advertisements. At this point ad revenue is higher than the cost of printing and mailing the books. Grant received assistance from Chris Toth and Don Jackson in the production of the books. When you receive your book please let us know of corrections. We will print an update as needed.

We would like to thank our advertisers and ask you to take advantage of the service they offer. This year advertisers are: American Institute of Organbuilders, Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Canton, Bunn=Minnick Company, Church of the Covenant, Fairmount Music Series, First Lutheran Church, Lorain, First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, Gerard's Church & Classical Organs, Gesu Church, Henry Pipe Organ Co., Ltd., Holtkamp Organ Company, Leek Pipe Organ Company, Muller Pipe Organ Company, T.S. Good Church Organ Company.

QUIMBY COMPETITION

We have received notification from our Regional Councilor, David Lamb, that our application to hold a Quimby Regional Competition for the Young Organist has been accepted. Our competition will be held on Saturday, March 23 at Fairmount Presbyterian Church. Bob Moncrief is the coordinator of that competition. There will be eight local competitions in our region- more than any other region and two more than the published maximum. Special dispensation was given to Region V to have the extra competitions due to the high level of interest by local chapters. This means the competitiveness will be particularly high in our region. Our chapter has traditionally sponsored a good share of winners in the Region and we expect high level applicants as usual. Students can apply for the competition in either their home or school chapter.

KEVIN BOWYER CONCERT REVIEW

Here is a link to the [review on ClevelandClassical.com](#) of the recent recital by British organist Kevin Bowyer on the legendary Beckerath organ at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cleveland

MEMBER NEWS

David Gooding is having knee surgery this week.

Maureen Moskalsky is recovering from an ankle fracture.

THIS DATE IN MUSICAL HISTORY



William Mathias

On this date in 1934 Welsh composer William Mathias was born. Mathias composed a good number of organ works which still sound fresh. Here is a link to a [performance of his "Processional"](#) played by Christopher Herrick at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Great slide show of St. Paul's accompanies the recording.

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, November 2 7:30 pm - Case Concert Choir, fall concert. Music by Brahms, Whitacre, Ola Gjeilo & works celebrating the centennial of the birth of Norman Della Joio. Harkness Chapel, Case Western Reserve University, 11200 Bellflower Rd., Cleveland. Free.

Friday, November 2 Midnight - 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.

Saturday, November 3, 7:30 pm Renaissance and Baroque music for soprano and continuo; programmatic music for organ including Kuhnau: Biblical Sonata #1, Fumagalli: Capriccio "The Hunt", d'Antalfy: Sportive Fauns and music from Walker's Southern Harmony. Joy Fenton, soprano; Christopher Toth, organ; Robert Anastos, cello. Brecksville United Methodist Church, 65 Public Square, Brecksville.

Sunday, November 4 3:00 pm - B-W Men's Chorus & Choirs of Shaker Heights High School, Frank Bianchi & Robert Schneider, conducting. Program to be announced. First Baptist Church, 3630 Fairmount Blvd., Shaker Heights. Freewill offering. .

Sunday, November 4 at 5:00 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1250 W. Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio, 44313. Choral/Orchestra Zadok the Priest and Bach Magnificat.

Sunday, November 4 8:00 pm - Singers Companye, Samuel Gordon, conducting, with Rachel Morrison & Amy Petrongelli, sopranos, Cynthia Wohlschlager, mezzo-soprano, Patricia LaNasa, alto, Kyle Kelvington, tenor & Roger Sell, bass. "The Austro-Bavarian Connection. Mozart's Vespers, K. 339, Pasquale Anfossi's Marian Litany & concerted motets by Andreas Hammerschmidt & Johann Simon Mayr. St. Hilary Church, 2750 W. Market St., Akron. \$10, \$7 seniors & students

Wednesday November 7 12:10 pm - Jackie Warren, piano & Todd Wilson, organ. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Trinity Brownbag Concert Series. Lunches welcome, \$5 lunch available. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Wednesday November 7 12:15 pm - Florence Mustric, organ. "Playing Favorites". Music Near the Market Series. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Wednesday November 7 7:30 pm - Tenebrae (UK), Nigel Short, founder & director. Russian Choral Music. Rachmaninoff's Priidite poklonimsya, Blazhen muzh & Vzbrannoy voyevode, (All-Night Vigill), Great Litany (Liturgy of St John Chrysostom), Cherubic Hymn, Bogoritse Devo & Nÿne otpushchayeshi, Chesnokov's Izhe Heruvimi & Svete tihi, Kalinnikov's I will love thee, Mealor's Now sleeps the crimson petal, Salvator mundi, Locus iste & Ubi caritas, Pärt' The Beatitudes, Tchaikovsky's Legend (The Crown of Roses) & Kedrov's Otche nash. Helen D. Schubert Concert Series. Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, E. 9 & Superior, Cleveland. 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



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