

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

There are two opportunities for members to give a gift to the AGO this season. We hope you will consider a gift to the Chapter. The first is to the AGO Scholarship Fund. See Carol Neff's letter below in this regard. The Executive Committee has set a goal of \$2,000 for the fund this year. For years the expectation has been that proceeds of the Chapter Investment Account would be used for this purpose but as you know investments are producing little income at this time. We just need to step up and annually fund through our gifts this important work of the AGO. The suggested donation to the scholarship fund is \$20. If you can do more, we thank you.

A second place for gifts to the AGO is through the funding of one or a part of one of the prizes for the Regional Young Artist Competition. We will be hosting our chapter competition in March. The winner of our local competition will go on to the Regional level competition in June. We have a good track of record of our local winners who go on to win at the Regional level. The prize levels for the competition are \$500: first prize, \$300; second prize; and third prize, \$200. In addition

the winner will receive from the Chapter funds to attend and compete at the Regional Competition. We are seeking named prize donors for the various prizes. A prize could be given by one individual or company or by several individuals pooling their gifts. I would be happy to discuss various options with you if you are interested.

We thank you in advance for your generosity,

Fern

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

DECEMBER CHAPTER EVENT



Christmas Concert: Todd Wilson, organist and conductor Jody Guinn, harp

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 - 12:10 pm
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
2230 Euclid Ave. at East 22nd St. Downtown Cleveland.

Britten: Ceremony of Carols, treble voices and harp; Carols for harp and organ.

This performance is one of the Wednesday 12:10 p.m. BrownBag concerts held in the gothic splendor of Trinity Cathedral. For more information about Trinity Cathedral Music and Art events see <http://trinitycleveland.org/music-and-art/>

AGO members will sit together at the concert - look for a member with the AGO sign. A freewill offering will be received. Bring a lunch or purchase one for \$5. to eat during the program. Those who want to have lunch together following the concert will go to Elements Bistro, www.elementsoneuclid.com. Please send reservations for lunch at Elements to Elizabeth Lenti - elenti@dohio.org by Friday, December 7.

Parking information: Trinity Cathedral and Trinity Commons are located on the southeast corner of East 22nd Street and Euclid Avenue, in downtown Cleveland. The Trinity parking lot entrance is on Prospect Avenue, east of East 22nd Street. Overflow parking is available in the Cleveland State University Prospect garage, east of the Trinity parking lot. Parking at Trinity is free for those attending Cathedral events. To exit the Trinity parking lot you will need to pick up a ticket from Trinity's Reception Desk. If you have parked in CSU's Prospect Garage, your ticket can be validated at Trinity's Reception Desk.

Questions? Please contact Barbara MacGregor, Sub-Dean/Program Chair:
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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 28 7:30-9pm, First Unitarian Church of Cleveland

FROM THE TREASURER

Dear Colleagues,

Several years ago the IRS stopped accepting canceled checks as proof of tax deductible donations. I have compiled a list of donations to date this year and will be sending IRS compliant letters to donors in early January.

If you would like to make a donation to the chapter and receive credit for 2012 tax reporting, be sure your donation is postmarked no later than December 31, 2012. Donations should be sent to:

Donald Jackson, Treasurer
Cleveland Chapter, AGO
20508 Hilliard Blvd.
Rocky River, OH 44116

Undesignated donations will go into the general fund for current programming. You may also designate a gift to any of three special funds: scholarship, competitions, and concerts.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Don Jackson, treasurer
donclef@aol.com

YEAR-END AGO SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE

The Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists sponsors a scholarship program for organ students in the Cleveland area. The scholarships pay for a portion of the costs for private lessons or college fees for qualified students.

Many of our area's top teachers assist this program with reduced fees for lessons, helping to locate practice facilities, providing music, and other resources. Funding for these scholarships comes from the Cleveland AGO Scholarship fund, and from donors. Please consider this opportunity to support our educational program with a tax-deductible contribution today.

Donors will be recognized in the weekly AGO update and in our Annual Report. Gifts can be made in honor of or in memory of a special person.

All checks should be made payable to Cleveland Chapter, American Guild of Organists with Scholarship Fund on the memo line. Please mail your check to Don Jackson, AGO Treasurer, 20508 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116-3325

If you are interested in sponsoring a specific scholarship, please contact Carol Neff, Scholarship Chair; 216-970-5654, carol8861@aol.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Will Gotmer, 2641 N Moreland Blvd Apt 11, Cleveland OH 44120-1474,
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Will is Director of Music at Christ Episcopal Church in Shaker Heights. Will joined the staff at Christ Church in the Fall of 2012. He graduated with a degree in Sacred Music in 2012 from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where he studied organ with Ken Cowan. Welcome Will! Please add him to your member directory.

AGO GIFTS

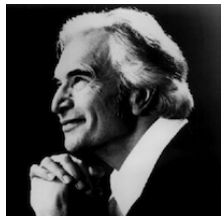
This year as you plan your holiday purchases, keep in mind the Guild's online catalog of educational resources. They have just added a new convention workshop recording from the 2012 Nashville Convention. Tom Trenney's well received workshop on Improvisation and Service Playing was recorded as a DVD and is now available for \$10. This year with every holiday purchase, they will enclose a complimentary CD featuring the 2010 NYACOP winner Dongho Lee. You may also substitute Universe of Poetry, by the 2008 NYACOP winner, Michael Unger, or Water and Light, by Scott Montgomery (2006) by adding either one to your shopping cart.

The gift selections can be found at agohq.org or in this month's TAO. To login to your account, enter your username, which is the first initial of your first name, followed by your last name, e.g., jdoe for "John Doe." Your password is your member ID, which is found each month on your TAO Magazine address label. You can also contact AGO National Headquarters for your password or other assistance logging in. All current members will receive a 10% member discount.

YOU MAY HAVE MISSED ...

Two great pieces from NPR on Tuesday. One an interview with Alisa Weilerstein about her new recording of the Elgar Cello Concerto with Daniel Barenboim and the other a piece about the original edition Bay Psalm Books owned by Old South Church in Boston. The church plans to auction off one of the books. The piece did not say how much the auction is expected to fetch for the church. Here is the link: <http://www.npr.org/programs/all-things-considered/>

TODAY IN MUSIC HISTORY



Dave Brubeck

Today would have been the 92nd birthday of Dave Brubeck, who, sadly, died one day short of that milestone on Wednesday, December 5, 2012. Here is a [link to his bio](#). Currently on the site you will hear some of Brubeck's Christmas arrangements- not the usual "muzak" types. Fun. Here is a link to his [New York Times obituary](#).

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, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 North Prospect Street in Downtown Akron, Ohio. Lessons and Carols. Trinity Choir, Brass, Bells.

Saturday, December 8 3:00 pm & 8:00 pm - BW Men's Chorus Holiday Concert, Frank A. Bianchi, conducting, with Mr. Sun's Echo. Candlelight processional, soloists, organ, brass ensemble & audience sing-along. Gamble Auditorium, Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory, 96 Front St., Berea. Tickets \$10 general, \$15 reserved seating.

Saturday, December 8 3:00 pm - Chagrin Valley Chamber Music: Handel's Messiah, Michael Gelfand, conducting the Western Reserve Academy Chorus & Cleveland Virtuosi Orchestra, with Margaret Karam, soprano, Lara Nie, mezzo-soprano, Daniel Doty, tenor & Brian Keith Johnson, baritone. Chagrin Valley Chamber Music Series. Valley Lutheran Church, 87 East Orange St., Chagrin Falls. \$25 preferred seating, \$20 general, \$15 students. Call 440.836.3179. www.chagrinmusic.org

Sunday, December 9 9:00am and 11:00 am The Federated Church, 76 Bell St. . Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. "Laud to the Nativity" (Respighi) with choir, soloists and instrumentalists, freewill offering.
Sunday, December 9, 2012, 3:00pm Buxtehude Advent Music, First Lutheran Church, 603 Washington Ave. Lorain, OH 44052" Organ, choral, and instrumental music by Buxtehude will be set in a reflective service of Evening Prayer. Four violins and a viola da gamba will join First Lutheran's Adult Choir under Director of Music Brian Wentzel. Free and open to the public."

Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. The Music of H. Leslie Adams. Selections from "Nightsongs" sung by Mark Doss, Grammy-Award Winner ("Best Opera Recording") and Lead Bass-baritone, Teatro Regio de Torino. Cleveland Music School Settlement 11126 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m.: Fairlawn Lutheran Church, 3415 W. Market Street, Fairlawn,

Ohio. Christmas Concert, Master Singers Inc. Chorale.

Tuesday, December 11 7:30 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Apollo's Fire. Sacred Mystery - A Celtic Christmas. Jeannette Sorrell's celebration of Celtic artistic traditions interweaves renaissance choral music with ancient pagan carols, folk dances and joyous fiddle tunes. A colorful band of bagpipes, flutes, strings and Celtic harp joins the exquisite Apollo's Singers. Tickets: www.apollosfire.org

Wednesday, December 12 12:10pm Trinity Episcopal Cathedral 2230 Euclid Ave. at East 22nd St. Downtown Cleveland. A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten. The sopranos and altos of the Trinity Cathedral Choir with harpist Jody Guinn present this holiday favorite.

Wednesday, December 12, 7:30pm, CityMusic Cleveland Concert. Conductor Stefan Willich and oboist Rebecca Schweigert lead a program including the Mozart Oboe Concerto and Mendelssohn Symphony No. 4. Fairmount Presbyterian Church 2757 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland Heights.

Friday, December 14, 7:00 pm - Cantores Cleveland & Choir of Mary Queen of Peace, Barbara Margolis & David Jaronoswki, conducting. Advent Lessons & Carols, including music by Palestrina, Bruchner & Elgar. Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Road, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Sunday, December 16, 3:30 p.m St. Sebastian Church, 500 Mull Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44320. A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols. Lynn Frey-Steward, CAGO, MM-Director of Music, Parish Choir, Praise & Worship Ensemble, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir and Gregorian Schola . Reception to follow.

Sunday, December 16, 4:00pm. Holiday Concert and Carol Singalong with Burning River Brass, The Federated Church, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. Freewill Offering for general seating or patron seating available.

Sunday, December 16 4:00 pm - NEOVocE (North Eastern Ohio Vocal Ensemble), Jennifer Cochran, director, Daniel Hathaway, organ & piano. Thirteen professional opera singers perform fifteen sacred carols and Christmas Hymns arranged by John Rutter. North Royalton Methodist Church, 13601 Ridge Rd., North Royalton. Freewill offering.

Wednesday, December 19 12:10 pm: Annual Messiah Sing Trinity Chamber Orchestra, soloists, and YOU in the massed choir! Todd Wilson, conductor. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

Friday and Saturday, December 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, December 23 at 3:00 p.m. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. Quire Cleveland. Tickets: www.quirecleveland.org.

Sunday, December 23, 11:00 AM, Saint-Saëns Christmas Oratorio The Fairmount Choir and Orchestra perform this beautiful pastoral work depicting the Nativity of Christ. Minister of Music Robert Moncrief conducts. Fairmount Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, December 29 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.: Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. 216.771.3630. www.trinitycleveland.org. THE BOAR'S HEAD AND YULE LOG FESTIVAL. 50th Anniversary. A Cleveland Christmas tradition, the festival is a multi-sensory Elizabethan Christmas experience with pageantry and music that celebrates the light of Christ coming into the world. Freewill offering boarsheadcleveland.org.

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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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