

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



A dozen or so of us gathered in the Gallery of the Church of the Covenant this past Saturday to view the new Newberry Organ in the early stages of its installation. It was amazing that the organ, which had been in pieces in the nave, having only arrived on Monday, had been erected and while not playable yet was certainly on its way. Jonathan Moyer described the long process of conceiving of a new Baroque organ for the gallery, identifying a builder, and the acoustical and nave restoration work that took place prior to the actual building of the organ. The balcony was rebuilt to accommodate the new organ. Organ builder, Bruce Fowkes, described some of the detail of the organ including the tuning, case work, and voicing that will take place in the coming weeks.

Jonathan described the planned use of the organ as a showcase for Baroque music. There is a planned partnership with Case Western Reserve University to present Baroque music concerts. A number of events are planned in conjunction with the new instrument including an Open House from 10am- noon on March 2 and Baroque Vespers and Recital on March 3 at 5pm by Peter Bennett of CWRU. The dedication service and concert will take place on Sunday May 12 featuring a recital by James David Christie at 2pm.

It is exciting to see an important new instrument being installed in Cleveland.
Best to you,

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Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 4, 7:30 pm
First Unitarian Church of Cleveland
21600 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TREBLEFEST

Saturday, February 9, 2013, 9:30-4:00 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

AGO members are welcome to attend all or any part of the day to observe a master choral conductor working with young voices. There is a change in the clinician for



TrebleFest. Ben Hutto, past president of the RSCM and the Association of Anglican Musicians and Performing Arts Coordinator at the National Cathedral School for Girls, is replacing Stephen Cleobury who has had to withdraw from this event. The choral music listed below is useful for all treble voices including women's choirs. No registration fee charged for observers - a free-will donation in the basket at the registration table will be appreciated.

Ben Hutto

Lunch is available for \$5. Free parking in the Cathedral lot. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes with Evensong at 3 p.m.

Contact Dr. Richard Nelson for further information: richard.nelson@case.edu

Repertory for the rehearsals and Evensong is from the Anglican choral tradition:

Introit: I will worship - George Dyson
Responses - plainsong
Psalm 23 - John Goss (chant)
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis - Philip Moore
Anthem: A Song of Wisdom - Charles Stanford

CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP: "Resources for Today's Church Musician" co-sponsored by Cleveland AGO and Cleveland National Pastoral Musicians

Saturday, March 9, 2013, 9:30am - 2:45 pm
Ursuline Educational Center, Pepper Pike.

Link for driving directions and other information: www.ursulinesisters.org/ursuline-educational-center

We will gather for coffee, sweets and staff introductions at 9:30 a.m. and will continue with choices from five different class sessions presented by our area leadership.

10 a.m. Choral Resources for Smaller Choirs - Clifford Hill

11 a.m. Copyright Issues in the Digital Age - David Powers, Bob Soeder

11 a.m. Organ Resources for the Easter Season - Barbara MacGregor

1 p.m. Electronic Organ Technology and MIDI - David Powers, Christopher Toth

1 p.m. Professional Development: Résumés and Certification - Dan Bergen, Fern Jennings, Tim Robson.

The day will include a buffet lunch and will conclude by 2:45 p.m. in the chapel with a reflective service of Word and Music for Lent. Come prepared to find resources for your work and your spirit and to join in community with other musicians.

Prior registration is required and can be [done online](#) or by contacting Registrar, Ruth Novak at rnovak.stmarysberea@gmail.com . 216-210-0542.

Registration fees are \$25. for AGO or NPM members (\$20. if paid by Feb. 15) and \$35. for non-members.

A flyer for the event is [available as a PDF download](#). If you have trouble with this link, go to agocleveland.org and you will find the link at the bottom of the home page.

MEMBER NEWS

Dr. Richard Ruggles, long-time member of the AGO, died on Jan. 20. He was 93. A pioneering ear, nose and throat specialist he specialized in treating deafness. According to his obituary he bought a house in Cleveland Heights in 1954 mostly because it came with a pipe organ. Is it any wonder that his son Charles became an organ builder? [Here is a link](#) to his obituary.

MATT SKITZKI CD

Matt Skitzki is releasing a new jazz CD next week. Love the title: "Do What You Are Good At". Included are tracks by notable Cleveland Jazz personalities Ernie Krivda, Tara Hawley, Howie Smith and Ken Peplowskey. In addition to his jazz career Matt is organist at the Church of the Western Reserve in Pepper Pike. The CD release will a party on board the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad. Have a blast, Matt! Here is [link to Matt's web site](#) where you can order the CD or see a video of the recording day.

AGO CLEVELAND GOOGLE CALENDAR

Do you use the Google Calendar on our website: [agocleveland.org](#)? The idea behind this calendar was to have a resource for members to use when planning their own programs. This calendar extends farther ahead than our weekly update calendar listings. At this time we need a member who is willing to post those updates. Training will be provided. Please contact dean@agocleveland.org if you are willing to take on this task.

REGIONAL CONVENTION

The website and registration for the Region V Convention to be held in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek June 30-July 3 are now open. <http://www.agokalamazoo.org/>. Schedules, information about recitalist and organs are available on the site. They are billing this as a walkable convention other than the bus ride to Battle Creek. Plenty of time is allowed for lunch or returning to your room during the day. A four hour drive from Cleveland with an affordable registration and accommodation price makes this an excellent value in a close-to-home convention experience for Clevelanders. Did I mention I will be presenting a workshop on Guild Exams?

TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

German composer, organist and harpsichordist Max Drischner was born on this date in 1891. He shared an interest with Albert Schweitzer of a technique called "Silesian organ technique" which evidently involved a kind of kinesetic analysis and they developed a close friendship. Here is a link to Diane Bish playing his "O Run Ye Shepherds to the Manger" on the Kney organ at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto.

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Noel "O Run Ye Shepherds to The Manger" Max Drischner

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.

Sunday, February 3 2:00 pm Robert Schneider & Betty Meyers, organ & piano. Works by Langlais, Brahms, Callahan, Debussy & Pachelbel. Reception to follow. First Baptist Church, 3630 Fairmount Blvd., Shaker Heights. Freewill offering.

Wednesday, February 6 12:15 pm Todd Wilson and Elizabeth Lenti play music for four hands and four feet on Trinity's two Flentrop organs. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland

Wednesday, February 6: 12:15pm. Trinity Lutheran Church, West 30 Street at Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. Florence Mustric: "Bach and forth we go," transcriptions by Bach of his own music and music by other composers.

Friday, February 8 6:30 PM, Andersen Hall - Dinner and Song: Lisa and Friends Fairmount celebrates Lisa Litteral's 20th anniversary as soprano soloist with dazzling music by all the soloists and tantalizing food. Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights

Friday, February 8 6:30 pm - Oberlin Faculty Recital: Jonathan Moyer, organ. Program to be announced. Flentrop organ. Warner Hall, Oberlin Conservatory, 77 W. College St. Free.

Saturday February 9 3:00 pm. Treblefest Evensong. Triinity Episcopal Church. 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

Sunday, February 10 3:00 pm - Mara Wehrung, organ & Tina Beltaviski, soprano. J.S. Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in c, BWV 537, Haydn's Nun beut die flur, Robert Buckley Farlee's Cristo Vive, Mozart's Et incarnatus est, Mendelssohn's Organ Sonata VI in d & Mozart's Exsultate jubilate. Reception to follow. Gesu Church, 2470 Miramar Boulevard, University Hts. Freewill offering.

Sunday, February 10 4:00 pm John Ferguson Hymn Festival. Holy Trinity Church 50 N. Prospect, Akron

Sunday, February 10 3:00 pm. Mara Wehrung, Organ. Gesu Church. 2740 Miramar Blvd., University Heights.

Wednesday, February 13 12:15pm. Trinity Lutheran Church, West 30 Street at Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. Wesley Hall: student at Oberlin Conservatory of Music

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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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