

# 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](mailto:admin@agocleveland.org) Have a news item for a future issue? Send to: [newsletter@agocleveland.org](mailto:newsletter@agocleveland.org). The deadline each week is Wednesday at noon for Thursday publication.

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## From the Dean



Friends,

There is one more week remaining to register for our upcoming "Resources for Today's Church Musician" Workshop which will be held on Saturday, March 9. We are partnering to present this workshop in conjunction with the Cleveland National Pastoral Musicians (NPM). Your program committee put this workshop together in response to a member survey which indicated interest in practical music for church musicians and the use of electronic instruments in worship. The lovely venue of the Ursuline Education Center was chosen in part because it has a late model Rogers organ and a lovely chapel.

Please look over the list of workshops below and follow the directions on how to register. Please note that registrants will receive a packet of choral music to take home which has been put together by Cliff Hill of

Cliff Hill Music Co. Lunch is also included in the registration fee of \$25 for members. There is a special student fee of \$12.

Do join us for a time of sharing of ideas and resources as well as fellowship around lunch.

I hope to see you there.  
Fern

# Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**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](http://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. All sessions are directed toward the changing needs of the field of church music.

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Ursuline Chapel

## SCHEDULE

10 a.m. Choral Resources for Smaller Choirs - Clifford Hill. Packets of free choral music are included in the registration fee.

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 [novak.stmarysberea@gmail.com](mailto:novak.stmarysberea@gmail.com) . (216-210-0542). A flyer for the event is [available for download](#), as is a registration form, if you prefer to mail in your [registration form](#) and check rather than to do it online. If you have trouble with these links, you can find them at the bottom of the home page at [agocleveland.org](http://agocleveland.org).

Registration fees are \$25. for AGO or NPM members and \$35. for non-members.

## NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 29: Location TBA

## CLEVELAND CHAPTER RCYO

Our Chapter's Competition for the Young Organist will be held on March 23 at 1:30 pm at Fairmount Presbyterian Church 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights. This event is open to members. (No talking, or applause please.) We have two competitors this year. Our winner will go on to the Regional Competition in Kalamazoo this summer. You may remember that our last winner, Katelyn Emerson won the Regional Competition that year.

## ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Do you know someone studying organ? A beginner? A college student? A private student? Encourage them to apply for one of our scholarships. The application deadline is March 31. [Here is a link](#) to the application. If you'd like to receive an application in the mail, please let me know.

And you may still give a tax-deductible donation to support our scholarships for the study of the King of Instruments! Here is a link to the [donation form](#). (If you have trouble with these links, you can also download them from the home page at [agocleveland.org](http://agocleveland.org))

Thanks for your support!  
Carol Neff, CAGO  
Chair, AGO Scholarship Committee

## NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member Elaine Stone. She writes: My husband and I moved to Medina from Gettysburg, PA a year ago. We are originally from Indiana. Currently I am substituting as organist/pianist in the Medina area.

## MEMBER NEWS

We have belatedly learned of the death of member Charles Teare. A memorial concert was held in September at Trinity Cathedral.

Peg Limkeman has been named Minister of Music Emerita by Lakewood Presbyterian Church. Congratulations, Peg!

## LISA RAINSONG'S BLOG

Known to many church musicians as a singer and composer Lisa Rainsong in addition to teaching theory at CIM teaches birdsongs. If you are interested in the outdoors and the world of natural sounds you will be interested in her new blog. Lisa writes:

Hi, all,  
I've just launched my "Listening in Nature" blog, where I'll be sharing recordings, photos, and observations from the field and even from the neighborhood. It will be specific to NE Ohio and will follow the natural world's progression of bird songs, amphibian songs, insect songs, and whatever else I hear out there that might be interesting. I'm new to blogging, but not to teaching. I very much want to reach more people with information about what they are hearing - or what they will hear if they listen more closely. It's all about natural history education, of course, and I hope people will become engaged and curious as they hear more of what's going on in nature. My hope is that they

will also become more invested in protecting nature's musicians and their concert halls as well.

<http://listeninginnature.blogspot.com/>

Lisa

## 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

French composer and organist [Charles Marie WIDOR](#) was born in Lyon in 1844 on this date. Need we say more?

Here is a performance of the Allegro from Widor's Sixth Symphony on the Cavaille-Coll organ in St. Sulpice, Paris, where Widor was organist from 1870-1933, played here by Daniel Roth, the current titular organist at St. Sulpice.



Daniel Roth - Widor 6th symphony - Allegro (organ)

## 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](http://www.clevelandclassical.com).

Sunday February 24 1:00 pm - Concerts at Old Stone: Afternoon Soirée, with Jill Pearson, soprano, JR Fralick, tenor & Patrick O'Donnell, piano. Songs and duets by Ivor Novello, Leslie Adams and others. Old Stone Church, Public Square, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Sunday February 24 at 4:00 PM Dr. Jonathan Moyer, Director of Music and Organist at Church of the Covenant in Cleveland and Professor of organ at Baldwin Wallace University and Oberlin College will present a free organ concert at Church of the Savior United Methodist on the 80 rank Aeolian Skinner organ. 120 Cleveland Ave. SW Canton, OH

Sunday, March 3, 5:00 pm Baroque Vespers & Recital Peter Bennett Church of the Covenant. 11205 Euclid Ave. Cleveland

Wednesday February 27 12:10 pm - Chamber Music from CIM, with Anthony Bracewell, violin, Alexander Cox, cello & Elizabeth DeMio piano. Music by Ravel. Brownbag Concert Series. Lunches welcome or purchase one for \$5. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Wednesday February 27 12:15pm. Robert Myers "Precursors of Bach," music by Kerll, Boehm, Krieger, Kuhnau, and others. Trinity Lutheran Church, West 30 Street at Lorain Avenue, Cleveland.  
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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:  
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