

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

Many thanks to Bob Moncrief, Director of Music at Fairmount Presbyterian Church and to our Sub-dean, Barbara MacGregor, for their work organizing and publicizing the Christopher Houlihan concert. About 125 people attended the concert. A number traveled some distance to hear the artist. The church provided a delicious reception afterward and a raffle was held for Houlihan CD's. It is always thrilling to hear Fairmount Church's large Schantz organ in concert. Add hearing one of our up and coming young American concert organists and it made for a memorable event. Here is a [link to Tim Robson's review](#) of the concert in Classical Cleveland.

Best to you,

Fern

Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 29: Location: Trinity Cathedral, E.22nd St. at Euclid Ave., downtown Cleveland. (parking off of Prospect Ave. one block south of Euclid.)

ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, MAY 19, 4:00 PM

Our annual Meeting will be held at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 14502 Detroit Ave., Lakewood. We will hear a concert at 4pm by Good Company, a Vocal Ensemble. The concert is entitled "Plaintive Notes" and includes music by Pergolesi, Monteverdi, David Conte, Eric Whitacre, Rebecca Clarke, Emma Lou Diemer, and more. Karen Weaver is the director. Chapter member Patrick Wickcliffe will accompany.

A reception will follow the concert. Hearty appetizers and desserts will be served. Our annual meeting will begin at about 6pm.

MEMBER NEWS

Healing wishes **Chris Toth** who is hospitalized.

CIM organ alum and **Karen MacFarlane** artist, **Jonathan Ryan**, spent a few days visiting friends in Cleveland. He was the house guest of **Max Bunker** and **Tony Bianchi** and showed up at the **Christopher Houlihan** recital.

FESTIVAL OF THE LITURGICAL ARTS

We received this from Nicole Keller. This looks to be a fabulous opportunity to hear national leaders in music and worship close to home. The cost is only \$65 to an individual. Here is a link to the [registration page](#).

Greetings!

We are excited to invite you to the 2013 Festival of Liturgical Arts of the Western Reserve (FLAWR), a conference for musicians and clergy committed to creating inspired and passionate liturgy. This year's Festival is entitled Allies or Rivals? and continues our exploration of the relationship between clergy and musicians with a focus on some particular challenges and opportunities for smaller congregations. We are pleased to partner with Lakewood Presbyterian Church, a diverse community of faith serving the community on the west side of Cleveland. Their recently renovated facility is a wonderful space for worship and fellowship and is within walking distance of downtown Lakewood's restaurants and coffee shops.

Colleagues or employees? Fellow servants or hired help? Allies or rivals?

How do you define the relationship between the clergy and the musician where you serve? What aspects of the relationship are successful, and what aspects need an overhaul? Are YOU willing to work for change?

This year's Festival features a faculty with a broad range of service in congregations of various sizes and experience in training the new generation of servants and a dedication to the continuing education for those already on the ministry front:

James Bobb

Assistant Professor of Organ and Church Music
Minister of Music to the Congregation
Conductor of the St. Olaf Cantorei
St. Olaf College, MN

Rev. William Doubleday

Priest in Charge
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mt. Kisco, NY

Nicole Keller

Director of Music and General Administrator
The Community of Saint John, Hudson, OH

Dr. C. M. Shearer

Professor Emeritus

Kent State University, OH
Brian S. Suntken
Minister
The Community of Saint John, Hudson, OH
Dr. Paul Westermeyer
Professor of Church Music
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

We look forward to welcoming you at this year's Festival!

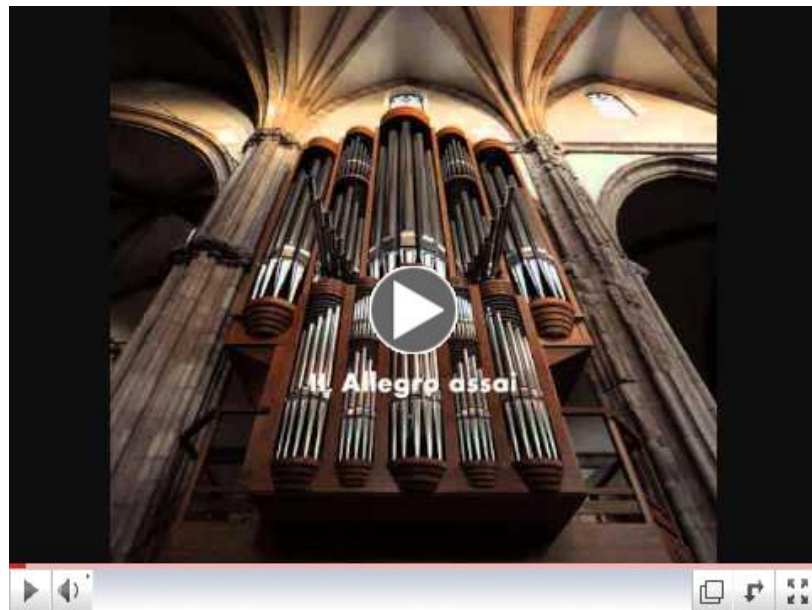
Sincerely,
Nicole Keller and Brian Suntken,
Festival Directors
Festival of Liturgical Arts of the Western Reserve
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TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY



Paul Hindemith

On this date in 1963 Paul Hindemith's Organ Concerto was given its first performance at a jubilee concert for the New York Philharmonic, Hindemith conducted with soloist Anton Heiller. Hindemith was in poor health at the time and died later in that year but continued to compose almost until the end. Here is a link to a You Tube performance with Martin Haselböck and the Wiener Symphoniker conducted by Raphael Frübeck de Burgos.



Paul Hindemith: Concerto per organo e orchestra (1962) (1/3)

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 April 26 7:30 pm. Schola Antiqua of Chicago, Michael Anderson, artistic director. Machaut's Musical Monuments: a program of notable works by the 14th century's most celebrated composer, Guillaume de Machaut. Highlights include a complete performance of Machaut's Mass for Our Lady, as well as a sampling of the composer's enigmatic motets and playful song repertory. Cathedral of St John, Helen D Schubert Concert Series, 1007 Superior Ave (at E 9th St), downtown Cleveland. FREEwill offering; Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E 9th St.

Sunday April 28 2 pm "A Music Ministry Celebration of The First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland" in celebration of the 20th anniversary year of Dr. Robert Schneider as Director of Music and Organist. Music will include Laudate Dominum by Mozart, Concerto for Handbells and Organ by Michael Helman, Ubi Caritas by Paul Halley, the Cleveland Premiere of Te Deum by Mark Hayes. 3630 Fairmount Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio 44118. Free and Open to the Public.

Sunday April 28 3:00 pm. Gesu Combined Choirs with tenor Leodigario del Rosario. Gesu Church. 2740 Miramar Blvd., University Heights.

Sunday April 28 4:00 pm. The Antioch Spiritual Arts Choir & Dance Ensemble from Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland, OH. Under the direction of Helen Turner-Thompson, the choir will perform a wide variety of Gospel and inspirational music, accompanied by a four-piece instrumental ensemble. Members of Antioch's dance team will be featured during several numbers. Brecksville United Church of Christ at the intersection of Routes 82 & 21 at 23 Public Square in downtown Brecksville.

Sunday April 28 4:00 pm. Peter Richard Conte, Organ. Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown.

Sunday April 28 7:00 pm. 7:00 pm - River Valley Ringers, Elizabeth Lucas, conducting. Handbell music by Donald Allured, Cynthia Dobrinski, Kathy Moglebust, Arnold Sherman & others. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3740 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Hts. Freewill offering.

Tuesday April 30 12:00 pm - Josh Rzepka, trumpet & Chris Toth, organ. Program to be announced. Music for Tuesdays series. Lunches welcome. Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. Freewill offering.

Wednesday May 1 12:10 pm. Oberlin Collegium Musicum, Steven Plank, director. Oberlin's superb singers present a concert of 16th-century music celebrating the lives of saints. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave. Cleveland.

Wednesday May 1 12:15 pm - Florence Mustric, organ. "Ain't nothin' but a scale". Music by Bach, Alain, Elmore and others. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Sunday May 5 1:00 pm - Old Stone Choir in Concert, JR Fralick, conductor, Emily Meixner, organ. Choral, ensemble & solo works. Concerts at Old Stone Series. Old Stone Church, Public Square, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Sunday, May 5, 3pm. John Sherer, Organ. First Lutheran Church, 603 Washington Ave. Lorain.

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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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