



## Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

### American Guild of Organists

May 2, 2013

#### From the Dean



Fern Jennings

This spring feels like a marathon of classical music concerts. The dedicated concert attendee has a difficult time deciding which to support. Two notable events for organists and choral directors take place this weekend. The first is the **Choir Festival Jubilation!** This takes place on Friday and Saturday at St. John's Cathedral. Six choirs will compete for actual money prizes. If you can't go down to the Cathedral the competition will be broadcast live on WCLV. You will find a feature article on the competition and the other major event happening this weekend on Cleveland Classical. It is not often we get to celebrate a new organ in Cleveland but that will happen this Sunday at the Church of the Covenant. The Richards, Fowkes and Co. Gallery organ will be dedicated at a **10 am service followed by a 2 pm recital by James David Christie.** Jonathan Moyer, music director of the Church of the Covenant is to be congratulated on the completion of this project.

Hope to see you at an event!

Fern

## Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

### 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. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. Our annual meeting will begin at about 6pm.

### NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 3, 7:30 PM

Location: Cliff Hill Music Co. 5121 W. 161st St., Brook Park.

Current and incoming officers and executive committee members are urged to attend.

### ELECTION RESULTS

## RESULTS OF 2013 AGO CLEVELAND CHAPTER ELECTION

**DEAN** FERN JENNINGS, CAGO  
**SUB DEAN** BARBARA MACGREGOR, AAGO  
**SECRETARY** JANICE JONES, SPC  
**TREASURER** DON JACKSON

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PAUL GUYER, CAGO  
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GRANT WISWELL

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Limkemann, Nominating Committee Chair, May 2, 2013

## MEMBER NEWS

Past-Dean and long-time Cleveland AGO member **Dr. Margaret Scharf** was honored last Thursday, May 2nd with a recital of former and current students and a lunch reception at the Baldwin Wallace University Chapel. She is retiring following a long tenure as Lecturer in Organ at BW. Maggie and Warren Scharf will continue to share duties as organists for the weekly BW Chapel services.

## THE NEWBERRY ORGAN DEDICATION AT THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland  
Sunday, May 12, 2013



### 10:00 AM

Dedication Service  
featuring organ, period instruments, and choir

Sing Joyfully by William Byrd  
Psalm 150 by Heinrich Schütz  
Omnes gentes plaudite by Giovanni Gabrieli

### 11:30 AM

Lecture by Jonathan Moyer, Director of Music at Church of the Covenant

### 2:00 PM

Dedication Recital by  
JAMES DAVID CHRISTIE  
Chair of the Organ Department, Oberlin College

## JUBILATION CHOIR FESTIVAL

On Thursday & Friday, May 9 & 10 at 8:00pm the final rounds of the sixth annual WCLVJUBILATION Elizabeth Stuart Church Choir Festival, cosponsored by the Cathedral of St John, featuring six Church Choirs from Northeast Ohio will be held.

Choirs performing Thursday evening:

Gesu Parish Choir (University Hts)

St Casimir Parish Choir (Cleveland)

St Sebastian Parish Choir (Akron).

Choirs performing Friday evening:

Suffield United Church of Christ (Mogadore)

St Hilary Parish Choir (Fairlawn)

Ensemble of Federated Church, UCC (Chagrin Falls).

The six choirs will each present a 20-minute program adjudicated by a panel of distinguished judges: Robert Page, Frank Bianchi, Peter Jarjisian. The annual Festival will be broadcast live over WCLV FM104.9, hosted by Robert Conrad, president, WCLV.

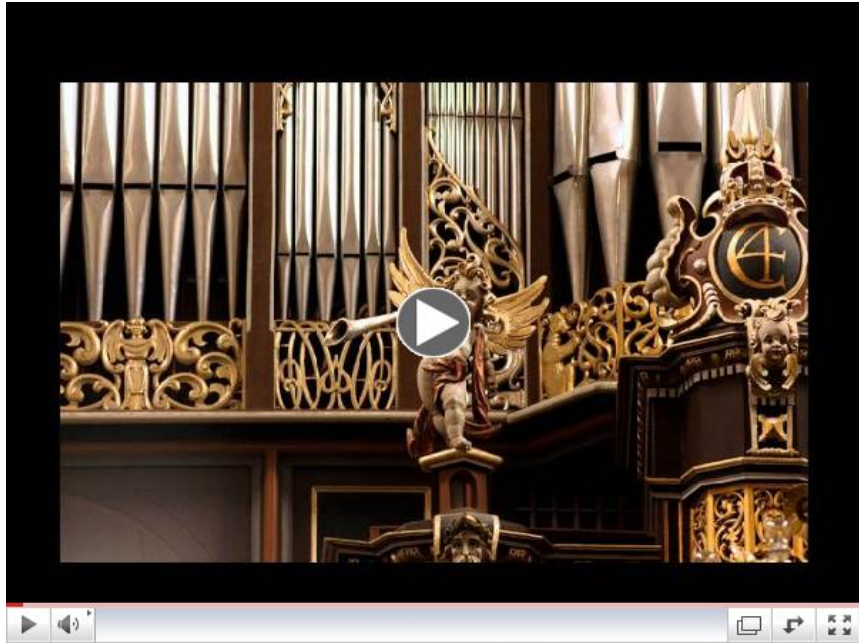
Cathedral of St John, Helen D Schubert Concert Series, 1007 Superior Ave (at E 9th St), downtown Cleveland. Freewill offering; Free secure parking: Cathedral Garage on Rockwell Ave at E 9th St.

## TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY



Dietrich Buxtehude

In the year 1707 organist and composer Dietrich Buxtehude died in Lübeck. Buxtehude's last position, from 1668 was at the *Marienkirche* in Lübeck. As was often the custom at the time in order to secure the post Buxtehude married his predecessor's daughter. There he instituted a series of musical performances called *Abendmusik* which attracted musicians from a wide area. The story is that when George Fridrich Handel and Johann Mattheson showed up to a concert, Buxtehude offered his position to the one that would marry his daughter. They declined and supposedly left town the next day. Famously, a young J.S. Bach walked 250 miles to hear Buxtehude play and stayed for three months.



Buxtehude - Preludium und Fuge in a Buxwv 153, performed by Lionel Rogg

## 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).*

Thursday May 9 8:00 pm - Jubilation! The Elizabeth Stuart Church Choir Festival, Final rounds, part one. Choirs of The Church of the Gesu, Cleveland Heights, Joseph Metzinger, director, with Julia Russ, accompanist & James Thompson, violin; St. Casimir Parish (Neff Road), Cleveland, Rita Cyvas-Kliorys, director, with William Shaffer, accompanist; & St. Sebastian Catholic Parish, Akron, LynnFrey-Steward, director, with Jeffrey Beshore, accompanist. Sponsored by WCLV and the Cathedral of St. John. Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, E. 9 & Superior, Cleveland. Free. Broadcast Live on WCLV, 104.9 FM.

Friday May 10 7:30 pm - Choral Arts Society of Cleveland, Martin Kessler, conducting. Voz y Corazón: a fiesta of choral music from worlds old and new in the Spanish language. St.. John Cantius Church, 906 College Ave. SW, Tremont, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Friday May 10 8:00 pm - Jubilation! The Elizabeth Stuart Church Choir Festival, Final rounds, part two. Choirs of Suffield United Church of Christ, Mogadore, David Baughman, director & Eleanor Brooks, accompanist; St. Hilary Catholic Parish, Fairlawn, Carissa Young, director and accompanist & Jacob Young, conductor; & The Federated Church, Chagrin Falls, Amanda Powell, director, Marcia Snavely, accompanist, Eric Polack, drums, Eric Limbach, bass & John Nichols, percussion. Sponsored by WCLV and the Cathedral of St. John. Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, E. 9 & Superior, Cleveland. Free. Broadcast Live on WCLV, 104.9 FM.

Sunday May 12 11:00 am The children and youth of Fairmount present Allen Pote's The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple. Fairmount Presbyterian 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights

Sunday, May 12 10:00 am The Newberry Organ Dedication service, 11:30 am Lecture. Church of the Covenant. 11205 Euclid Ave. Cleveland

Sunday May 12 2:00 pm - Church of the Covenant Gallery Organ Dedication Recital by James David

Christie, Oberlin Conservatory, with the Covenant Choir and period instruments, Jonathan Moyer, conducting. Schütz's Psalm 150, Sweelinck's Ricercare, Scheidt's Magnificat, Tone 9, dances from the Susanne van Soldt MS, Jacob Praetorius's Was kann uns kommen, Storace's Chaconne in C, Böhm's Präludium in C, Buttstett's Fugue in e, J.S. Bach's Fuga sopra il Magnificat & Wenn dich Unglück tut greifen an, BWV 1104, Buxtehude's Präludium in g, BuxWV 148 & Giovanni Gabrieli's Omnes gentes plaudite. Richards, Fowkes Co. organ. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering

Wednesday May 15 12:10 pm The Kenny Davis Jazz Quartet  
Trumpeter Kenny Davis and the members of his quartet are all stars of the Cleveland jazz scene and beyond. Don't miss this highlight of the Brownbag season! Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave. Cleveland. Sponsor: The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

Wednesday May 15 12:15 pm - Travis Gu, organ (Oberlin Conservatory). Program to be announced. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, 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](mailto:placement@agocleveland.org)

## About These Updates

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:

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