



Summer Update - Cleveland Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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From the Dean



Fern Jennings

I have spent an enjoyable part of my summer early mornings and evenings on my screen porch listening to the animal orchestra outside. The sounds of cicadas, crickets, frogs and other insects are punctuated by the songs and cries of birds. Add to this the sound of wind in the trees or the patter of rain to make a fitting summer soundtrack to my reading of Bug Music-How insects Gave Us Rhythm and Noise by musician and philosopher David Rothenberg. Part science, part philosophy, part nature log, Rothenberg makes us aware of the sounds that insects make around us. His inspiration was the emergence of the seventeen year magicicadas in the East. Our own Ohio cicadas are due to emerge in 2016. Rothenberg has recorded a companion CD to the book on which he

plays
clarinet
and sax
with the
insects

or enhances the soundscape with electronic sounds.

I doubt I will have my choir sing along with recorded insect tracks although I have toyed with the idea of singing in my church's beautiful permaculture garden in the evening. Rothenberg makes a case that the rhythm of insect sounds inspired the first efforts of humans at making music. There is mystery in the woods out there- in the variety of tone, pitch, and rhythm of these non-human sounds.

Rothenberg writes: "These melodies and rhythms really can reach from our species on out into the world of cicadas, a species very different from us in so many ways except that they, too, need to sing, mate, live, and die."



All the best to you for enchanted summer evenings,

Fern

WEEKLY UPDATE ON HIATUS

We are taking a break from weekly updates for the summer but remember that job postings are always available on our website agocleveland.org. We will be updating our Google calendar

throughout the summer so continue to send your calendar listings to newsletter@agocleveland.org. The weekly publication will resume on August 29.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 19 7:30 pm Brecksville United Methodist Church, 65 Public Square, Brecksville

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 am. Tour and demonstration by Chris Holtkamp at the Holtkamp Organ Company, 2909 Meyer Ave. Cleveland, followed by lunch at the Market Garden Brewery. Guests are most welcome to attend both the tour and lunch - plan to invite a friend.

HAVE YOU RENEWED

If you have not sent you your membership renewal, please to so. The deadline is approaching to have your name listed in our member directory.

YEARBOOK AND DIRECTORY

The 2013-2014 Yearbook & Directory is being prepared for the Cleveland Chapter's upcoming year. We are accepting display advertisements to help cover the production costs, freeing funds for Chapter programs and workshops. I have mailed letters with information to about 40 previous and prospective advertisers.

The rates are the same as in the previous two years:

Full page -- Back cover \$150. Inside cover \$120. Inner pages \$100.

Half page -- Back cover \$85. Inside cover \$70. Inner pages \$60.

Quarter page -- Back cover \$55. Inside cover \$40. Inner pages \$35.

Business Card -- Only inner pages \$25.

If you are interested in placing an ad in the Yearbook, and do not receive a letter in the next few days, please contact me for further information. Please submit payments and camera-ready ad copy when you can, and no later than Friday, September 6. Copy should be print quality, high resolution, in a computer file such as JPG or TIF; I can convert PDF files, hopefully with minimal loss of resolution.

Thank you,

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CONCERT DATES AND NEWS ITEMS

Remember to send your concert dates for our on-line Google calendar to newsletter@agocleveland.org. Also send items for the weekly update- member news, feature articles, reviews, etc. to dean@agocleveland.org.

Quick Links

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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

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:

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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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.