



Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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From the Dean



Fern Jennings

Perhaps you have seen the news feature "Made in America". On it reporters focus on an industry or product that you can buy that is made in this county. "Made in America" represents an ideal of how to get our populace back to work and restore prosperity in the U.S. There is a local industry here in Cleveland that still makes its product by hand much the way it has for many years. Each of item of its output is individually designed and built to specification. It has remained in the same family for 150 years. That company is the Holtkamp organ company and its product is pipe organs.

I have always found it fascinating to visit a pipe organ shop. My admiration is vast for the craftsmen and women who put together these incredible instruments. The detail from design, to pipe modeling to woodworking and assembling the finished instrument on its site are amazing. Today precision design and power tools are used to create the product but the basic techniques and design aesthetics are handed down generation to generation.

To quote from the company's website: "The Holtkamp firm is much the same today as it was in 1922 when it opened its new factory at 2909 Meyer Avenue. It remains small, employing about twenty skilled craftsmen. In fact the firm may well be of optimum size for the production of pipe organs; large enough to allow the employ of specialists in certain phases of the art of organ building yet small enough for the proprietor to assume a direct control and interest in every phases of the 4 or 6 organs that leave the factory in an average year."

We hope you will join us on the tour of the company as listed below on Saturday, September 28. After we will go up the street to another fine local business, the much newer Market Garden Brewery, for a time of food and fellowship. The registration deadline has been extended and an incorrect link to the Subdean has been fixed. If you tried the link and had your message returned please try again.

Fern

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM and LUNCH

AGO Holtkamp Organ Company Tour
Saturday, September 28 - 10 am
2909 Meyer Avenue, Cleveland

Our opening program will be given by Cleveland Organ Builder and AGO member, Chris Holtkamp at the Holtkamp Organ Company shop. Even if you have visited the shop in the past this will be a great opportunity to invite another organist colleague, choir director, clergy, spouse, partner or organ enthusiast to learn more about pipe organ construction. Guests are welcome for the tour and for a fellowship lunch at Market Garden Brewery near the West Side Market. Send reservations for the tour and lunch by September 20 to subdean@agocleveland.org or leave message at 330-666-5479.



Market Garden Brewery and Restaurant, 1947 W. 25th Street, Cleveland, will offer an Oktoberfest and regular menu. See menu and prices at www.marketgardenbrewery.com

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 7, 7:30 PM
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland

TAKING AN AGO EXAM THIS YEAR?

Last spring the chapter offered rebates to students who took an AGO exam. Two students took advantage of this offer. Emily Meixner and Jarred Sorauf, students of Todd Wilson at the Cleveland Institute of Music, took and passed the CAGO exam.. The Executive Committee has voted to extend this offer to any chamber member, student or regular. The first five members to apply for (and take) a Guild exam will be rebated \$100. We hope this will encourage members to take the exams. Information on the Guild exams can be found on the national website <http://www.agohq.org/education/index.html>. The deadline to take the CAGO exam in November is coming up on September 15. Other dates and the requirements of the exams can be found on the national site as well. Contact Fern Jennings for more information.

CHAGRIN FALLS ECUMENICAL CHOIR TO PERFORM VERDI

On Oct 6 an ecumenical choir with churches/synagogues/chorales will have an amazing collaborative experience with the Chagrin Valley Film Festival and the Chagrin Studio Orchestra, Steve Eva, conductor. Under Steve's direction, we are going to perform 35 minutes (The Dies Irae section) of the Verdi Requiem following a powerful documentary about 150 prisoners in a concentration camp who sang the entire Requiem by memory in an act of defiance against their captors.

The film/concert is the evening of Sunday, October 6 and a rehearsal will be held Saturday morning, October 5. Everything takes place at the Federated Church, Chagrin Falls.

We would like to invite your choir to participate. If the entire choir cannot be involved and you have individuals who would like to join us, we will be practicing at The Federated Church every Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30pm, starting August 27.

The area's best operatic soloists will join us as the quartet of soloists.

If you have any questions, contact Marcia Snavely at marciasnavely1@aol.com or 440 338 6606.

TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

French composer and harpsichordist Francois Couperin died on this date in the year 1733. Primarily remembered as a harpsichordist, Couperin published two Masses for the organ: the Mass for the Parishes and the Mass for the Convents. The selections follow the standard mass settings. The longest is the "Offertoire sur les grands jeux" from the first Mass. It is in a French Overture style. Of

the many YouTube performances I liked this one for the quicker tempo. (FJ)



Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux (Messe Paroisses) -
F. Couperin

Concerts and Events of Interest

Remember to send us your concert listings for our Google calendar and weekly updates. Send them to newsletter@agocleveland.org. 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.

Marathon 5. Sunday, September 15, 2:00 pm. Trinity Lutheran Church, Lorain Avenue at West 30, near downtown Cleveland. Trumpeters Josh Rzepka and Matt Wirfel join Florence Mustric organ.

Organ Master Class with Paul Jacobs. Saturday, September 21, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown

Paul Jacobs, Organ. Sunday, September 22, 4:00 pm. Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown. Tickets: 330-259-0555

Holtkamp Organ Company Tour. Saturday, September 28, 10am - 1pm. Holtkamp Organ Company, 2909 Meyer Ave, Cleveland. Cleveland AGO organ factory tour followed by lunch at Market Garden Brewery, 1939 W. 25th St. Cleveland. See menu at www.marketgardenbrewery.com

Hector Olivera, Organ. Friday, September 27, 7:30pm. Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights

Hector Olivera, organ. Sunday, September 29, 3:00pm. First United Methodist Church 245 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls

Nicole Keller, organ. Sunday, September 29, 3:00pm. First Lutheran Church of Lorain, 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

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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