



Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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From the Sub-Dean



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Sixteen young piano students and an equal number of parents and teachers shared a great day of learning last Saturday at Baldwin Wallace University. Our program included an introduction to the pipe organ with videos, performances, displays of pipes and mechanics and, of course, PIZZA. James Leek provided each student with an organ pipe souvenir and Tim Henry presented everyone an engraved Draw Knob key chain. We concluded with a recital of all students playing the four-manual console in Gamble Auditorium.

Our thanks to the BW Chapel staff for hosting us and the BW Conservatory of Music Outreach Program for co-sponsoring the event with us. We hope to have laid the groundwork for some future organ students and also general interest in the organ for all who attended.

Special thanks to our excellent staff of Cleveland AGO members who worked on PPP: Co-chair Nicole Keller, James Buncher, Susan Huszai, Annie Kaschube, James Leek, Carol Neff, and Brian Wentzel.

*See more photos at <https://www.facebook.com/BWOrganDept>



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS



Jazz Vespers

Sunday, April 6 - 7:30 pm

SACRED JAZZ VESPERS

Swing to the Lord a New Song

Forest Hill Presbyterian Church
3031 Monticello Blvd. Cleveland Heights

Forest Hill Church choirs (Anne Wilson, director) join a jazz combo from the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra in performing sacred works in jazz styles. Join your fellow AGO members in experiencing this special musical service.

Reception with New Orleans bread pudding with bourbon sauce afterwards!

Free program and free-will offering received. Guests expected and welcome!

PRE-PROGRAM DINNER. For Chapter members and guests who would like to meet for dinner before the program we will meet at the Thai Lotus House 1918 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights. <http://www.lotusthaihouse.com/> at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Fern Jennings if you are planning to attend.

Bach Institute Open House

Friday, April 25 - 1 to 3 pm
Baldwin Wallace Conservatory, Berea

Mel Unger, Bach Institute Director, will share treasured scores from the Bach library.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2014, 7:30 pm, Church of the Savior, 2537 Lee Road.
We have been invited by Bob Day to view the new organ console of the church at 7:00 pm. Bob will demonstrate the console and invites us to play if we like.

ONCARD

The AGO's new Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues (ONCARD) system allows members to pay their dues online using a credit card. Members can also update their personal information, search for Guild members, and make contributions.

Members will be able to review and update their personal information starting the first week of March.

In April we will launch the 2014-2015 dues season and will begin invoicing members by email.

CHAPTER NOMINATIONS

The report of the 2014 nominating committee and bios of the candidates can be found on our website: agocleveland.org.

ORGAN WORKSHOP

Friday, March 14, 2014 7:00 to 9:00 PM

The Steinway Cleveland Piano Gallery and the T.S. Good Church Organ Company will present an organ workshop at our showroom: 334 East Hines Hill Road, Boston Heights, Ohio 44236, (Just off Route 8 by the Turnpike)

Dan Miller, renowned organist, will present a workshop for organists and organ music lovers, entitled "Sound Choices For the Organist."

Dan will offer tips and practical suggestions to organists to expand their opportunities for creative selection of organ stops and managing console functions. He will also offer useful organ music repertoire ideas, always of interest to the organist. Participants will explore creative organ stop and ensemble selections for any worship style. ("Make me sound good!"), discover useful repertoire including free internet downloads, and learn about organ record and playback.

Free organ music by Dan Miller will be given to each attendee.

Call 800-356-0437 if you have questions.

THIS WEEK IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

On March 14, 1681 German composer **Georg Phillip TELEMANN** was born in Magdeburg. He was appointed organist at the Neue Kirche in Leipzig in 1704. A few years later he was appointed to the court at Eisenach where he briefly overlapped with J.S. Bach. Following his wife's death he went to the free city of Frankfort-am- Main where his title was Director of Municipal Music. In 1721 he took the post of Kantor of the Hamburg Johanneum. Though briefly tempted by the post of Kantor of the Leipzig Thomaskirch, a post which ultimately went to Bach, he remained in Hamburg until his death in 1767. He was a prolific composer of church cantatas, Passion settings, and orchestral suites as well as organ music. Here is a link to a performance of his Twenty little fugues for organ:



G.P. Telemann 20 little Fugues for Organ TWV 30:1-20,
Franz Loerch Organ

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.

West Shore Chorale & Chamber Orchestra. Friday, March 14 7:30 pm. John Drotleff, conducting, with Coeli Ingold, soprano & Thomas Scurich, baritone. Brahms's A German Requiem (chamber orchestra version by German composer Joachim Linckelmann, 2010). Helen D. Schubert Concert Series. Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, E. 9 & Superior, Cleveland. Free. Free Parking in the Cathedral Garage, Rockwell & E. 9th.

American Guild of Organists, Akron Chapter. Friday, March 14 7:30pm. Organists Mario Buchanan, Daniel Fortune, Robert Quade, Nancy Robinson & Mary Ragna Yetter with Carolyn Curtis, trumpet, play a one-hour concert of music by J.S. Bach. First Methodist Church, 263 E. Mill St., Akron. Freewill offering.

Dan Miller, organist & composer/arranger. Sun, March 16, 3:00pm. Divinity Lutheran Church, 11877 Blossom Ave, Parma Heights. Divinity Lutheran Church's 65th Anniversary Concert Series Presented by Arts in Action Featuring Dan Miller, Organist, Composer & Arranger. Mr. Miller will be playing on the 132 rank Rodger/Rufatti pipe organ.

The Choir of The College of William and Mary, Dr. James Armstrong, Director. Sun., March 16, 7:30 pm. Featured works of the 66-voice choir from Williamsburg, Virginia are: R. Nathaniel Dett's oratorio Chariot Jubilee for tenor soloist, choir, organ; Alexander Kastalsky's Orthodox Requiem, in memory of WWI troops; and a newly commissioned work by Estonian composer Piret Raps-Laul. Admission free. Reception follows. Fairmount Presbyterian Church. 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights.

Music for Tuesdays, Chris Toth, organ. Tuesday, March 18, 12:10pm Ever the unexpected:

Howells's Psalm-Prelude III, J.S. Bach's Passacaglia, DeLamar's Four Eclogues, Orff's Carmina Burana & Wills's Variations on "Amazing Grace". Lunches welcome. Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. Freewill offering.

Trinity Brownbag Concert: Bach's 329th Birthday Celebration. Wednesday, March 19, 12:10 pm. Arias and choruses from J.S. Bach's Cantatas BWV 78, 211, 208 and 147 & the Double Concerto in c for oboe and violin. Lunches welcome, \$5 lunch available. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Robert Myers, organ. Wednesday, March 19, 12:15 pm. Passion Week music by J.S. Bach & others. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.
Arts Renaissance Tremont: Bach 329th Birthday Bash, Friday, March 21, 7:00pm. Trinity Chamber Choir and Strings, Todd Wilson & Elizabeth Lenti, conducting, with Tamer Edlebi, oboe & Jinjoo Cho, violin. Arias and choruses from J.S. Bach's Cantatas BWV 78, 211, 208 and 147 & the Double Concerto in c for oboe and violin. Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2592 W. 14th St., Tremont, 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

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 Tuesday at 5 PM for Thursday publication.

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