



## Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

### American Guild of Organists

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#### From the Dean



Fern Jennings

Although the first day of Spring is this Friday, it still seems, as I write on this chilly Monday, that winter is not quite ready to loosen its icy grip on us. The first crocus still seems weeks away. Nevertheless, the increasing hours of daylight lifts our mood, opening us to new possibilities, with hope for the warm days that lie ahead. Perhaps you are thinking of summer plans, or just the prospect for more out of doors time. In our business what occupies us is Lent and the possibility of Resurrection now just a month away.

My new possibility arrived in the form of a phone call requesting that I accept nomination as Regional Councillor for our Great Lakes Region- Region V. Our current R.C., David Lamb, who recently visited us, is not running for re-election as he is running for a national office. A previously announced candidate had withdrawn at a late date. I considered this request and decided to accept. I believe I have organizational and communication skills to offer to the region. I look forward to the opportunity to travel in the region to meet colleagues in other chapters. I am excited about the possibility of working with national leaders in this organization I have been a member of for so long.

Because this was a late nomination, my picture and statement will not appear in the April TAO with the other candidates. It will appear on the election website, once it is active, where you will go cast your ballot. The election takes place from April 1-30. Please pass this information along to others in the region you may know. I would appreciate your vote!

Yours for new possibilities,

Fern

#### 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

You should have received in your inbox by now a notification from AGO headquarters about how to access your personal information on the Oncard system. Please follow the directions to go to the site and make sure your information is correct. We will use this information for our chapter directory so it is important that you keep it updated. We have also added a Cleveland Chapter specific listing for the chapter substitute list.

## CHAPTER NOMINATIONS

The report of the 2014 nominating committee and bios of the candidates can be found on our website: [agocleveland.org](http://agocleveland.org).

## HOLTKAMP ORGAN COMPANY OPEN HOUSE

What: Holtkamp Organ Company Open House

When: Saturday 5 April, 2014 from 10:30 AM - 12 noon

Where: 2909 Meyer Avenue, Cleveland, OH

What to see: 10 stop house organ to go to Ashland, KY, assembled and ready to play.

How: Call or email to let us know if you will be attending, and the name and number of your party. 216 741 5180 or [Office@holtkamporgan.com](mailto:Office@holtkamporgan.com)

Coffee, tea and breakfast snacks will be served

## ORGAN SHOES OFFER

For a limited time, Roland Classic dealers in the U.S. are conducting a special survey to learn more about organists' views on the Roland Classic C-330 console organ. Between now and April 30, 2014, while supplies last, each person who completes an in-store evaluation of the C-330 will receive a free pair of OrganMaster shoes from Rodgers - a \$60 value! Contact Dave Powers of T.S. Good Church Organ Company at 800-356-0437, extension 1346, or e-mail him at: [dpowers@tsgood.com](mailto:dpowers@tsgood.com) today to schedule your in-store evaluation, and learn even more reasons why the C-330 is a smart choice for today's organist. The organ is a compact design suited for home use.

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## THIS WEEK IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

Johann Sebastian Bach was born on March 21st 1685, the son of Johann Ambrosius, court trumpeter for the Duke of Eisenach and director of the musicians of the town of Eisenach in Thuringia. How can we organists be other than in awe at this event and rejoice in the life of our beloved composer of music for the organ? If you can't attend one of the birthday events, do sit down at the organ play some of his music in his honor. Here is a quote from the master:

***The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.***

Here are two videos celebrating Bach's organ works, one traditional, the other more unusual (You can decide which is which.)



J.S Bach Toccata in D minor  
Glass Duo



Bach - Vater unser  
Jean Guillou at St. Eustache

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.clevelandclassical.com).*

**Arts Renaissance Tremont: Bach 329th Birthday Bash**, Friday, March 21, 7:00pm. Trinity Chamber Choir and Strings, Elizabeth Lenti, conducting & organ, with Tamer Edlebi, oboe & Jinjoo Cho, violin, and vocal soloists Judith Overcash, Erin Smith & Malina Rauschenfels. Arias and choruses from J.S. Bach's Cantatas BWV 78, 211, 208 and 147, organ Prelude & Fugue in a, BWV 543 & the Double Concerto in c for oboe and violin, BWV 1060R. Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2592 W. 14th St., Tremont, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

**Emily Meixner, organ**. Friday, March 21, 7:00pm. Second Master of Music recital for this CIM organ major. Gustav Merkel's Organ Sonata duet for four hands and four feet, Bach's Trio Sonata no. 3 in D Minor, De Grigny's Hymnus Veni Creator, and Cesar Franck's Choral no 2 in B Minor. St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland.

**Mary Beth Ions, violin; David Gooding, piano**, Tuesday, March 25, 12:10 pm.  
" Making music is what we do!" Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. Freewill offering.

**Katelyn Emerson, Organ**. Oberlin College student. Tuesday, March 25, 12:15. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland.

**Trinity Brownbag Concert: Jackie Warren, piano & Todd Wilson, organ**. Wed. March 26, 12:10 pm. Piano jazz and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Lunches welcome, \$5 lunch available. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

**Robert Myers, organ**. Wednesday, March 26, 12:15 pm. Passion Week music by J.S. Bach & others. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

**Stambaugh Organ Series: Edward Moore, organ & Nathan Carterette, piano**. Sunday, March 30, 4:00 pm. The Star-Spangled Banner, J.S. Bach's Komm, süsßer Tod (arr. Virgil Fox), Liszt's Totentanz, Vierne's Carillon de Longpont, Ravel's Jeux d'eau & Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown. Tickets available online.

**Bach Birthday Concert, Brian Wentzel, organ**. Sunday, March 30, 3:00 pm. Prelude and Fugue in B minor, Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, Trio sonata No. 1 in E flat, Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Canonic Variation on Von Himmel Hoch, Concerto in A minor after Vivaldi, Jesu, Joy (with Choir) and Prelude and Fugue in D Major. First Lutheran Church 603 Washington Ave Lorain

**NEOsonicfest: Jonathan Moyer, organ**. Monday, March 31, 7:30. "Music from the Abyss" by Bach, Messiaen, Kee, Ligeti, Schoenberg & Bolcom. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Free, donations welcome.

## 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](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: [admin@agocleveland.org](mailto:admin@agocleveland.org). Have a news item for a future issue? Send to: [newsletter@agocleveland.org](mailto:newsletter@agocleveland.org). The deadline each week is Tuesday at 5 PM for Thursday publication.

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