



Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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From the Dean



Fern Jennings

I don't know about you but I frequently take myself too seriously. I read serious books, prefer documentary films, like serious classical music. But, really, sometimes it would do to laugh more and take myself less seriously! We celebrated the custom of Laetares last Sunday at my church. Not much known today, Laetares was a time to let ones hair down in the middle of Lent and have a little fun. Well we did. Our Parish minister opined that if we begin with the "Prelude" and end with the "Postlude", what is, exactly, the "Lude"? He thought it was somewhere around where he usually speaks in the service. He expounded on the theme that God is not dead- "Did anyone ever think to just ask?" but that maybe he had resigned. The choir sang "The National Weather Forecast" and wore silly clothes. Being Unitarians we ended with "Coffee, Coffee, Coffee", sung to the tune Nicaea.

I always have something a little fun for the choir during warm-ups. We sing "Peter Piper Picked a Peck, of Pickled Peppers" or "Oklahoma". Many a snowy Sunday morning rehearsal this winter we have started with "Oh What a Beautiful Morning". How will you put a little fun into your life this week?

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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 - 1:00 PM
Bach Library, Rm. 160 Boesel Musical Arts Center,
new wing of the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory.

Dr. Melvin Unger, Bach Institute Director, will share treasured scores from the Bach Library vaults.

Entrance to the building is at 49 Seminary Street, Berea, Ohio 4401. Parking at corner lot across the street.

Following the tour our group will walk to Sweet Mango, 43 Front St. for refreshments.

If your schedule allows, you may want to stay on campus for the 4 pm Opening Concert of the Bach Festival. See program and ticket information below.

Please send your reservation for the library tour and/or Sweet Mango Restaurant to Sub-Dean, Barbara MacGregor, macmus@roadrunner.com by Monday, April 21st.

BACH FESTIVAL FIRST CONCERT Friday, April 25, 2014 - 4:00 p.m. Gamble Auditorium, Baldwin Wallace University, featuring Baldwin Wallace Conservatory Alumni: Gene Stenger '10, tenor; Michael Keelan '02, violin; Heidi Albert '90, cello; Sean Gabriel '82, flute; Charles Berginc '76, trumpet; Lyle Steelman '01, trumpet; Nicole Keller '97, organ and harpsichord; William Shaffer '98, organ and harpsichord. Works by Johann Friedrich Fasch, J. S. Bach, Jean-Philippe Rameau, George Friedrich Handel, G.B. Viotti, and Francesco Manfredini

Tickets are priced at \$35. \$30. and \$20. Purchase through the Special Events Coordinator, BW Conservatory. 440.826.8070 (ehaskell@bw.edu)

See the full Bach Festival Schedule of Events at www.bw.edu/academics/libraries/bach/festivals/bachfest/

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.

ELECTIONS

You should have received by now your chapter ballot for officers and Executive committee for next year. Return ballots are due by April 11. Also the election for National and Regional officials is now open. You will need to follow the link in the e-mail you received from National or printed in the April TAO. The link is not available from the agohq site. That election will close April 30.

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

Coffee, tea and breakfast snacks will be served

SAD NEWS

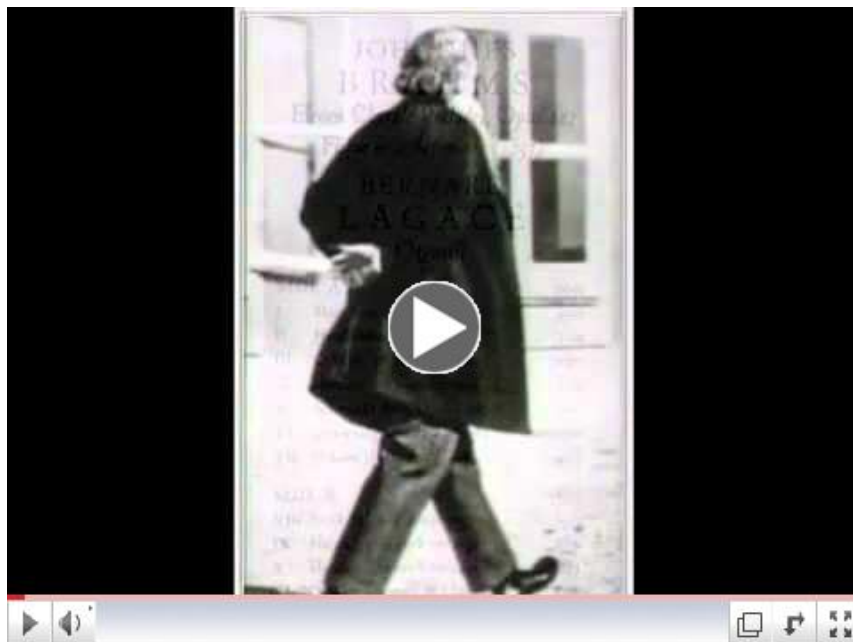
We have received word of the death of Ruth Ferguson, wife of John Ferguson. Here is the obituary that appeared in the Minneapolis paper:

Ferguson, Ruth (Hofstad) Age 71, died peacefully in the morning of March 23, 2014, at the Three Links CC in Northfield, after a prolonged struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Ruth served as organist at St. John's Lutheran Church for 25 years and taught organ for fifteen years at St. Olaf College as an adjunct faculty member. She was a superb cook and hostess, who will be remembered for her laughter, quick wit, cheerful smile, gracious, gentle, and caring nature, and her "Cantorei Brownies" and Swedish Cream Wafers. Survived by husband, John; son, Christopher (Sarah) of Auburn, AL; granddaughter, Lucy; sister, Ardis Braaton (David) of Grand Forks; brother, Philip Hofstad (Carole) of Bemidji; several nieces and nephews. Preceded by parents, John and Lillian Hofstad. Funeral services 11 AM, Saturday (4/5/2014) at St. John's Lutheran Church, 500 W. 3rd St., Nfld. A reception will follow, visitation one hour prior. Memorials are preferred to St. John's Lutheran Church Music Fund. Benson & Langehough (507) 645-5123 www.northfieldfuneral.com

TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

On this day, April 3, 1897, German composer Johannes Brahms died at age 63. Born in Hamburg into a Lutheran family, Brahms spent much of his professional life in Vienna, Austria, where he was a leader of the musical scene. In his lifetime, Brahms's popularity and influence were considerable; following a comment by the nineteenth-century conductor Hans von Bülow, he is sometimes grouped with Johann Sebastian Bach and Ludwig van Beethoven as one of the "Three Bs". His Chorale

Preludes for organ, op. 122, were among Brahms's last works, and continue to be popular. Here is a link to Op. 122, No. 3, "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen", performed in 1978 by Bernard Lagacé.



Brahms: O Welt, ich muss dich lassen - Op. 122, No. 3
Bernard Lagacé, Wolff Organ, NYC

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.

Sonnenberg Station, Men's choral ensemble, Tim Shue, director. Saturday, April 5, 7:00 pm. "The Wait and the Walk", classical and contemporary songs about moving forward and standing still. Dover Congregational UCC Church, 2239 Dover Ctr. Rd., Westlake. Freewill offering.

American Choral Gems. The 1814 Star-Spangled Banner and Amazing Grace, plus music by Stephen Foster, William Billings, and Cleveland's own Patty Stair celebrate America as the land of harmony. Quire Cleveland's Artistic Director Ross Duffin has assembled this grand new program of music from the Bay Psalm Book to Amy (Mrs. H.H.A.) Beach (known in her day as "the American Brahms"). TICKETS are \$7-\$25; under 18 are FREE. Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 pm Christ Episcopal Church, Shaker Heights. Sunday, April 6 at 4 pm Historic St. Peter Church, downtown Cleveland

Timothy Robson & Daniel Parks, organ. Sunday, April 6 1:15 pm. Recitals on the Ruggles and Schantz organs in memory of Richard Ruggles, M.D. Brunch at noon. Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights. Freewill offering, donation for brunch.

Holtkamp Organ Dedication Recital, Mark Lindgren & Gary Pinter, organ & piano. Sunday, April 6, 4:00 pm. Program to be announced. Fairlawn Lutheran Church, 3415 W. Market St., Fairlawn. Freewill offering.

Organ Vespers: Karel Paukert, organ. Sunday, April 6, 5:00 pm. Haydn's The Seven Last Words of Our Savior on the Cross, adapted for keyboard. Performance preceded by a brief Evening Prayer service. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts. Freewill offering. Nicole Keller, organ (Baldwin Wallace). April 8, Tuesday. 12:15 pm - Program to be announced. 12 Noon Carillon recital by George Leggiero. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Free.

Trinity Brownbag Concert: Jinjoo Cho, violin. Wednesday, April 9 12:10 pm - Program to be announced. Lunches welcome, \$5 lunch available. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Florence Mustric, organ. Wednesday, April 9, 12:15 pm - "Menu of Favorites" to be selected by the audience. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

BLUE HERON Renaissance Choir (Cambridge MA); Scott Metcalf, director. Friday, April 11, 7:30pm. "Music for an English Cathedral" - a program of pre-Reformation polyphony from England, featuring music from the Peterhouse part books: Missa Spes nostra by Robert Jones & antiphons by Nicholas Ludford & Robert Hunt. Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Helen D Schubert Concerts, 1007 Superior Ave (at E 9th St), downtown Cleveland. FREEwill offering; Free secure parking.

Master Singers, Inc. Chorale, Sunday, April 13, 3:00 pm - J.D. Goddard, conducting, with Ken Zach, piano and guest organist Christopher Toth. Stabat Mater settings by Fabio Fresi, Mariano Garau, Franz Schubert, Jason Metheney, Vlad Zoborovski and Ramiro Real's Miserere. Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65th, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

BW Bach Festival Preview Vespers: BW Motet Choir, Dirk Gamer, conducting. Sunday, April 13, 5:00 pm. Bach's music in its liturgical context: J.S. Bach's cantata, Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BWV 1. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Free

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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

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