



## Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

### American Guild of Organists

May 1, 2014

#### From the Dean



Fern Jennings

A small group of chapter members gathered last Friday at the Riemenschneider Bach Library at Baldwin-Wallace University. We were greeted by Dr. Melvin Unger, Director of the library. He had put on display some manuscripts that he thought would of especial interest to organists. Of greatest interest to us was Clara Schumann's Bach book. We gathered around a showcase as a librarian carefully turned the fragile pages and we tried to decipher writing in the hand of Robert Schumann and fingering by Clara. We mused over how the Schumanns and Johannes Brahms had adapted these organ pieces for piano recitals.

I returned to Berea on Saturday morning with Carol Neff and Brian Wentzel to hear the auditions for our organ scholarships. We hear one adult student and three teenagers play on the piano (in the case of those who have not begun organ study) and organ. The three young people were attendees at our Pedals, Pipes and Pizza program. They were bitten by the organ bug there and have decided to study organ. We will present the names of our scholarship

awardees in a future update. These scholarships further our goal of promoting the study of the organ by young students.

Regards,  
Fern





**NEXT CHAPTER EVENT**



**THREE PAIRS OF HANDS +**

## **THREE PIPE ORGANS =**

### **A GREAT PROGRAM !**

**SUNDAY, MAY 18TH - 3 PM**

#### ***PROGRESSIVE RECITAL AND***

#### ***ANNUAL MEETING IN LAKEWOOD***

Cleveland Chapter organists, Max Bunker, Paul Guyer, and Brian Wentzel, will perform mini-recitals on three different pipe organs at St. Peter's Episcopal and Lakewood Congregational Church. (Holtkamp, Jaeckel and Schantz organs.)

The program begins at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 18001 Detroit Ave. Lakewood, OH 44107. Parking also available behind Lakewood Congregational. Tasty refreshments and our Annual Meeting with Installation of officers follow the program. Join your fellow members in hearing three different instruments and players, welcoming our new officers and celebrating a successful year.

## **NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Current, outgoing and incoming Executive Committee members are urged to attend

Monday, June 2, 7:30pm Home of Max Bunker

## **CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS**

Officers for the upcoming term will be:

Dean: Paul Guyer  
Sub-Dean: Matthew Skitzki  
Secretary: Jan Jones  
Treasurer: Don Jackson

For the Executive Committee Term 2014-2017:  
Barbara MacGregor  
James Leek  
Brian Wentzel

## **ONCARD**

We have been telling you about the upcoming dues collection through the National AGO. The launch of that system has been delayed. For those of you who can't wait to pay your dues, Hold on! The system will be launched soon and you will receive dues paying instructions either by e-mail or by US mail if we do not have an e-mail address on file for you.

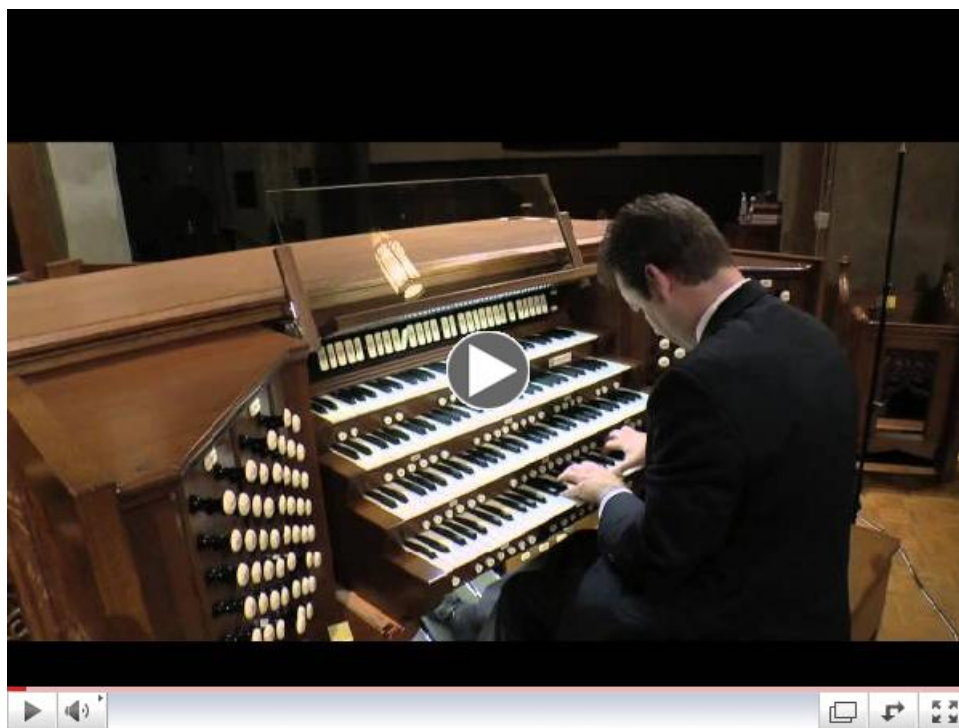
The new system will save the organization time and money at both the local and national level. Locally we will not have the expense of sending out dues notices. Volunteer time by our treasurer and registrar will be reduced as they will not have to enter data, deposit checks and then send in other checks to National. National will save considerable time and expense by not having to hand enter data. We will have total access to our membership data base and will be able to generate our membership book from it. Please be patient in this period of change to the new system.

## **NATIONAL AGO CONVENTION**

Registration for the Boston Convention to be held June 23-27 is still open. You can read about the convention and register at <http://www.agoboston2014.org/>. A number of Cleveland Chapter members are attending. Join your colleagues for this fabulous convention!

## TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

On this date in 1895 American organist and composer Leo Sowerby was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He died in Port Clinton, OH on July 7, 1986. Here is a link to Ken Cowan playing his "Pageant" on the Quimby pipe organ at Saint Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in San Diego.



Leo Sowerby: Pageant on the Quimby Pipe Organ played by Ken Cowan

## 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).*

**Simple Gifts, Linda Littleton & Karen Hirshon.** Saturday, May 3, 7:00 pm. Two women and twelve instruments. Ethnic folk music, Irish jigs, American reels, Klezmer, Gypsy and Balkan dance music. Dover Congregational UCC Church, 2239 Dover Ctr. Rd., Westlake. Freewill offering

**Jinjoo Cho, violin.** Sunday, May 4, 4:00 p.m. With Pianist Hyun Soo Kim. Repertoire on the May 4 program will include works by Mozart, Paganini, Prokofiev and Waxman. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. Brecksville UCC. 23 Public Square, Brecksville.

**MUSIC FOR TUESDAYS**, May 6, 12:10 pm. Lutheran West High School and Singers, Ron Muth, Director, Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Road, Fairview Park.

**Tuesday Noon Recitals**, May 6, 12:15pm. Jonathan Moyer, The Church of the Covenant. 12 Noon Carillon recital by George Leggiero. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Free.  
Wednesday, May 7, 12:10 pm. Oberlin Collegium Musicum Steven Plank, director  
The superb Oberlin singers will perform English sacred music spanning five centuries. Trinity Cathedral. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

**Jubilation Choir Festival** Thursday and Friday, May 8, and May 9, 8:00pm.  
WCLV 104.9 FM, Northeastern Ohio's classical radio station, announces the 7th annual Jubilation! The Elizabeth Stuart Church Choir Festival, to be held May 8th and 9th, 2014 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The mission of the Festival is to showcase sacred choral music that is recognized as part of the core classical repertoire, to encourage a heightened standard of choral music in houses of worship, and to celebrate choirs that joyfully strive for excellence. WCLV's panel of judges will announce six finalists on April 4th, 2014. These choirs will go on to the final rounds at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland on May 8 and 9, 2014. The final rounds will be broadcast live over WCLV. A panel of distinguished judges for the 2014 finals will be announced in January. The winning choir will receive a trophy and \$1,000 toward its music program. The five remaining finalists will each receive a commemorative plaque and \$500. St. John's Cathedral, 1007 Superior Ave E.

**MUSIC FOR TUESDAYS**, May 13, 12:10pm. Benjamin Czamota, baritone; David Robison, piano. Lieder, arias, and music of the theatre. Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Road, Fairview Park.

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**Trinity Chamber Orchestra**. Wednesday, May 14, 12:10 pm. Horst Buchholz returns to conduct an exciting concert featuring organists Elizabeth Lenti and Todd Wilson in works by Haydn and Samuel Barber. Trinity Cathedral. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

**Florence Mustric, organ**. Wednesday, May 14 12:15 pm. "Spring is in the air." Music by Dupré, Mendelssohn & others. Beckerath organ. Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

**CityMusic Cleveland & Quire Cleveland**, Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 pm. Avner Dorman, conducting, with Stacey Mastrian, soprano, Sarah Beaty, mezzo-soprano, Joshua Blue & Seth Nachimson, tenors & Joseph Trumbo, bass. Schubert's Mass No. 6 in E-flat. Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights. Freewill offering.

## 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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## About Us

*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.*