



Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

American Guild of Organists

May 22, 2014

From the Dean



Paul Guyer

It's a privilege to begin my service as dean of the Cleveland chapter of the AGO. To begin I would like express my gratitude to Fern. Her tenure as Dean will indeed be a very hard act to follow. Her leadership and dedication have been unmatched, and I know we all have looked forward each week to reading her insightful and inspiring articles in the weekly newsletter. I would also like to thank Barbara MacGregor for her service as sub-dean. Barbara has worked tirelessly in planning and organizing the events we've enjoyed so much. Her dedication and commitment have been a huge part of the success of the Cleveland AGO. I'm also grateful to Don Jackson and Jan Jones for their past and continued service as officers.

The AGO has a long and fine tradition of sponsoring great recitals, wonderful educational opportunities and fun social events. I look forward to continuing all of those excellent things. For me, one of the primary reasons to be a part of any organization is connection. Psychologists tell us we all need it to survive and thrive. In this day and age technology is providing us with opportunities to connect in ways we haven't been able to before. One of the focuses we'll have in the coming months will be to find ways to use social media and technology to enhance our ability to connect and communicate. More on that to come.

I look forward to connecting with and getting to know better our chapter members. I'm always up for getting together over coffee or chatting on the phone and hearing your ideas and concerns for the Cleveland AGO.

"My idea is that there is music in the air, music all around us; the world is full of it, and you simply take as much as you require." ~Edward Elgar



AGO Cleveland Officers for 2014/15 (l-r) Don Jackson, Brian Wentzel, Matthew Skitzki, Paul Guyer, James Leek

ABBREVIATED UPDATE THIS WEEK

This week's Weekly Update is somewhat abbreviated due to the transition between chapter deans. Stay tuned for more.

HARALD VOGEL IN CLEVELAND NEXT WEEK

Harald Vogel, preeminent German organist and musicologist in recital Wednesday, May 28th Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue in University Circle, co-sponsored by Oberlin College.

Organ Master Classes with Vogel - Tuesday, May 27: Master Class I at 2 pm; coffee reception at 4 pm, Master Class II at 5 pm.

For more information contact Jonathan Moyer at 216-421-0482 x 231 / jonathanwmoyer@gmail.com
Free admission and parking for these events.

MARILYN MASON RETIRES FROM UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

After an astonishing 67 year tenure as an organ faculty member at the University of Michigan, the legendary Marilyn Mason has retired. For a feature article about Prof. Mason and her career, [click here](#).



Marilyn Mason, early in her career

AFTER LONG SILENCE THE ATLANTIC CITY ORGAN SINGS AGAIN (PARTLY)

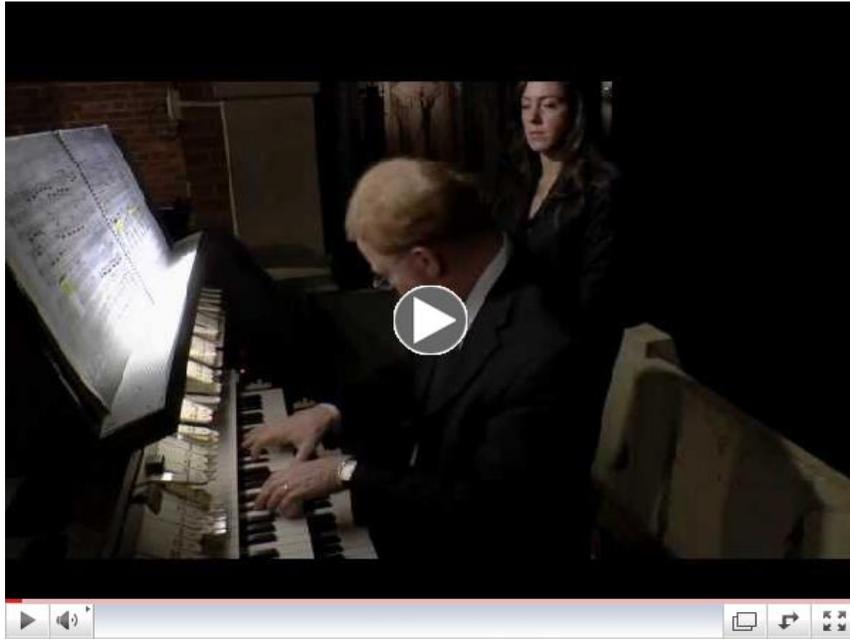


Atlantic City Boardwalk Organ

It wasn't Madonna or Lady Gaga, but the first noontime playing of Boardwalk Hall's historic organ in nearly 70 years Monday was, for a small contingent of music buffs, the venue's show of the year. [READ MORE](#)

TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

On May 22, 1836, Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio "St Paul" premiered in Dusseldorf. Here is a video of John Scott, organist of St. Thomas Church in New York, performing a transcription of the Overture to St. Paul on the restored organ at Our Lady of Refuge in Brooklyn.



Organist John Scott plays Mendelssohn's Overture to St Paul

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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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