



Weekly Update - Cleveland Chapter

American Guild of Organists

November 13, 2014

THIS WEEK'S CHAPTER EVENT



Jonathan Rudy

This Friday, November 14th - 7:30 pm.

A recital by organist, JONATHAN RUDY, winner of the AGO 2014 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance. Works by Louis Marchand, Pamela Decker, J.S. Bach, Girolamo Frescobaldi, Camille Saint-Saëns and Jean Guillou. Co-sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter AGO and St. John's Cathedral. The performer will be fully visible on a large screen for this concert.

There will be a reception following the recital for AGO members to have a chance to greet Mr. Rudy.

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, E. 9 & Superior, Cleveland. Freewill offering. Free Parking in lot behind the Cathedral.

Questions? Contact Greg Heislman at the Cathedral: 216-771-6666 x5510 or gheislman@dioceseofcleveland.org

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Friday 1/9/15 - 6 PM to 9 PM

Epiphany Party

Just for fun!

Paul Guyer's home, Solon

Saturday 2/28/15 - Time TBA

Quimby Competition

AGO scholarship competition

Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights

Sunday 3/6/15 - 7:30 PM

James O'Donnell - Organist and Master of Choristers Westminster Abbey, London

Organ artist recital, AGO co-sponsor

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cleveland Heights*

Sunday 5/3/15 - Time TBA

Psalm Festival / Annual Meeting

Church choirs and congregations

Church of the Covenant, Cleveland, University Circle

From the Dean



NYACOP - "nigh-a-cop" - What is NYACOP? First off it's a true acronym in that it is pronounced as a word or words, as above. The initials stand for National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance.

I must confess that in the past I didn't pay too much attention to performance competitions since someone of my limited ability would never be much of a participant and the congregations I've served would probably not be considered an attractive venue for either competition or recital afterwards. But looking at the big picture we can see that by encouraging young artists we give the gift of outstanding and inspirational music to our communities at large. This generates interest which can spread like a good deed paid forward. After time it shows up in our own churches and schools in the form of the person who heard a terrific recital at the big church downtown and now has become your biggest backer and enthusiast. World class organ music, above and beyond the normal weekly fare, as good as that may already be, becomes something

that people remember and are willing to support in their own churches and schools.

NYACOP began 64 years ago as a next step from the regional competitions, now known as the Quimby Competition or Regional Competitions for Young Organists (RCYO, "Ricky-O.") The NYACOP competition is held every other year with the final round held at the national AGO convention. Karen McFarlane established the Lilian Murtagh Memorial Prize in 1982 in memory of her colleague Lilian Murtagh. Karen McFarlane Artists provides a comprehensive management service package on behalf of the winner for a two year period.

For current NYACOP information see <http://www.agohq.org/performance-competitions/nyacop/>. For a detailed history see <http://www.agohq.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/NYACOP-Primer.pdf>.

Hope to see you at the recital of Jonathan Rudy, this year's NYACOP winner. Friday 11/14 at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

"A rising tide lifts all boats" - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

CLEVELAND DIRECTORY

The 2014-2015 Yearbook/Directories have been mailed. Thanks to Grant Wiswell for putting it together and making it happen. When you receive your Directory, please check your Directory listing and the mailing label for accuracy. You can use [ONCARD](#) at any time to make changes or corrections to your membership data. As in any new database, minor glitches happen.

WEEKLY UPDATE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Weekly Update will take breaks on the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Please plan accordingly if you need to get announcements in the update.

MUSIC AT FAIRMOUNT

2014-2015 Season

presents

The Eleanor R. Baird Memorial Concert

HAYDN

“Lord Nelson” Mass

MOZART

Divertimento in D, KV136



The Fairmount Choir and Orchestra,
conducted by Robert Moncrief

featuring Lisa Litteral, soprano

and Nicole Bush, Alicia Hrubey, Lyndsay Moy,
Peter Bush, Andrew Voelker, Matthew Maisano

Sunday, November 16, at 4:00 p.m.

Free | Reception following

FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2757 Fairmount Blvd. at Coventry and Scarborough
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118-4098
www.fairmountchurch.org | 216.321.5800



**American Guild of Organists
2015 Great Lakes Region Convention**

July 12 - 15, 2015 • Indianapolis, IN
www.ago-racetoindy2015.org

**Mark Your Calendars
2015**

July	July	July	July
12	13	14	15

The Indianapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to host the AGO 2015 Great Lakes Convention. We have planned a fantastic regional convention that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars for July 12-15, 2015 and RACE TO INDY for Friends, Music and Inspiration.

With twelve world-class organists performing on world-class organs of different styles, twelve workshop opportunities and a keynote address at the convention's opening convocation by the Reverend Canon Victoria Sirota of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, NYC; it is a regional convention you won't want to miss.

The regional convention will be headquartered in the luxurious Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites in beautiful downtown Indianapolis offering reasonable rates, spacious accommodations, impeccable service and minutes away from major attractions in the city. Convention attendees can enjoy dining at the two restaurants within the hotel, 120 West Bar and Grill and McCormick & Schmick's, or enjoy a wide selection of restaurants to fit any taste and budget all within a few blocks of the hotel.

It is the mission of the Convention Steering Committee and the Indianapolis Chapter, AGO to host a regional convention that is fulfilling, inspirational, educational and provides convention attendees fellowship and networking opportunities. We hope you will join us July 12-15, 2015. Visit our website at www.ago-racetoindy-2015.org

Todd A. Saul
Convention Coordinator
Convention Steering Committee, Chair

TODAY IN CLASSICAL MUSIC HISTORY

On November 13, 1868, Gioachino Rossini, composer of *The Barber of Seville* and many other operas, died at age 76. Rossini did compose several sacred works, including the delightful *Petite Messe Solennelle*, written in 1863 and described by the composer as "the last of my *péchés de vieillesse*" (sins of old age). Rossini specified twelve singers in all, with the soloists doubling the SATB chorus, and scored it for two pianos and harmonium. (The second piano plays only occasionally, and then merely doubles the first.) He later orchestrated the work, and it is this version

performed in the video below. (This is the complete Mass, conducted by Ricardo Chailly.)



Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle Chailly

CONCERTS OF INTEREST

(Some of these listings are adapted from those on the website ClevelandClassical.com. Please visit their site to see other concerts in Cleveland and northeast Ohio, as well as many articles and reviews of concerts.)

Friday, November 14, 7:30 pm - Jonathan Rudy, organ. A recital by the winner of the American Guild of Organists 2014 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance. Works by Louis Marchand, Decker, J.S. Bach, Girolamo Frescobaldi, Camille Saint-Saëns and Jean Guillou. Co-sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of the AGO, St. John's Cathedral & Trinity Cathedral. Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, E. 9 & Superior, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Saturday, November 15 - 5:45 pm - Schola Cantorum Franciscana, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, Nicholas Will, director. Music by Schütz, Tunder, Senfl, Brahms, Bruckner & Lassus. Concert follow the 4:30 vigil mass during which the choir will also sing. Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Road, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Sunday, November 16, 4:00 pm - Fairmount Choir and Orchestra, Robert Moncrief, conducting. Joseph Haydn's "Lord Nelson" Mass and Wolfgang Amadè Mozart's Divertimento in D, K. 136. Baird Memorial Concert. Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights. Free.

Sunday, November 16, 7:30 pm - Compline Service: Singing our Prayers; Praying our Songs Candle-lit sanctuary. All a cappella singing by the Forest Hill Chancel Choir (Anne Wilson, director) Music: plainsong and anthems by Thomas Tallis and William Byrd. Cantor: The Rev. John C. Lentz, Jr. Forest Hill Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44118. Info: anew@fhcpresb.org. Phone: 216-870-2729. www.fhcpresb.org

Wednesday, November 19, 12:10 pm - Trinity Brownbag Concert: Andrew Sords, violin & Elizabeth DeMio, piano. A program of encores and other musical bon-bons. Lunches welcome, \$5 lunch available. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Wednesday, November 19, 12:15 pm - Robert Myers, organ. Selections from J.S. Bach's

Clavierübung III (German Organ Mass). Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 30th & Lorain, Cleveland. Freewill offering.

Friday, November 21 - 7:30 pm - Trinity Cathedral Choir, Trinity Singers & Trinity Chamber Orchestra, Todd Wilson, conducting, with Jinjoo Cho, violin & Parker Ramsey, solo organ. Works by J.S. Bach including the cantatas Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4 & Liebster Gott, wenn werd ich sterben, BWV 8. Pre-concert lecture by Judith Eckelmeyer at 6:30 pm. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Tickets: \$25, available online.

Sunday, December 7, 3:00 pm - Advent Music, with selections from Handel's Messiah. FIRST-music will present an Advent Music service at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 647 Reid Ave., Lorain on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. The Advent portions of Handel's beloved Messiah will be set in a reflective service of Evening Prayer. A string quartet and soloists will join First Lutheran's Adult Choir under Director of Music Brian Wentzel. Advent Music is an annual event at First Lutheran, based on the Abendmusiken (evening music) made famous by Dieterich Buxtehude and Hugo Distler in Lübeck, Germany. Set within the framework of the Evening Prayer, these events use magnificent music to enhance the service and move the listener. This reflective service is a perfect way to slow down during the busy holiday season. Free and open to the public. brian@firstlutheranlorain.org. www.firstlutheranlorain.org/firstmusic(440) 244-6286

Sunday, December 14, 3:30 pm - A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols, featuring nine readings of Salvation with choral/instrumental to follow. Music provided by the Parish Choir of St. Sebastian (60 voice choir), Handbell Choir, Gregorian Schola and Praise and worship ensemble. St. Sebastian Parish, 476 Mull Ave., Akron. Free and open to the public.

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

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

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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.
