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The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.



Columbus Chapter Members Recital

Monday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.

*St. John Lutheran Church
6135 Rings Road, Dublin*

Favorite and accessible organ music for worship services will be the focus of this Member's Recital. This will be a sharing occasion, a chance to hear something new and expand one's service playing repertoire. A reception will follow.

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At a Glance

Upcoming Programs...

Members Recital

Monday, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.
*St. John Lutheran Church,
Dublin*

Videos and Potluck

Supper

Friday, Feb. 7, 6:00 p.m.
*Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church, Upper Arlington*

**Submissions for the next
Guild are due by
December 5.**

The January issue will be published on December 15 and will include concert dates from December 15-February 1. Please send submissions to:

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The Dean's Message



John Schuder

To my thinking, our two chapter events in October exceeded expectations. The workshop on vocal issues by Sharon Stohrer provided a wealth of information and useful advice, and her effective presentation added greatly to the experience of all who attended. Our appreciation is extended to Josh Brodbeck for making the arrangements with Ms. Stohrer, and to Al Adcock for chairing the workshop, with special thanks to Laura Silva for hosting us at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The Pedal, Pipes & Pizza event on October 26th was an absolutely wonderful experience for everyone involved. Our chair for the event, John Bryan, did an expert job of planning the occasion, and the 21 children who participated all seemed fully engaged in the many activities of the morning, due to John's careful balancing of periods of learning and fun. Most notable as well was the overwhelmingly enthusiastic response of the parents who all expressed gratitude for this opportunity for their children and themselves. Your executive board had already decided to make this a yearly event — and we are now even more committed to this essential project for the future. Special thanks go to our performing members, Sally Casto, Tom Gerke and Jim Hildreth who, along with Joel Mathias' terrific narration, made the work "Dinosauria" come to life. Much gratitude is also extended to Phil Minnick and the Bunn-Minnick company for providing a windchest and pipes for demonstration and for leading the children through an organ chamber for closer inspection of the inner workings of a pipe organ. Sally Casto, as always, did a wonderful job of working with the children and then seeing that all had a chance to play a piano piece on the imposing four-manual console. We are grateful as well to the members of the executive board, Carol Neff, Erin Petrella, Nancy Rennekar, and Al Adcock for their helpful assistance. Last, but certainly not least, we are very grateful to Brian Johnson and the Broad Street United Methodist Church for providing the perfect venue for us. Brian's exciting playing of the "Toccatà" from Boellman's Gothic Suite had the children's full attention as he did in his 'introduction to the organ console' presentation. I do not know how the morning could have been more successful.

Continuing in our efforts to assist members who also serve as choral directors, our November workshop on selecting music particularly for smaller choirs, was planned and moderated by Joel Mathias. The presenters for the occasion, Sara Seidel (who we also thank for hosting us at St. John's Episcopal Church), Jeremy Roberts and Jon Szabo did a fine job of making their presentations and sharing their experiences. Thank you Joel, Sara, Jeremy and Jon!

I close this message by joining with your executive board in wishing for you and your loved ones a most blessed Christmastide.

Concerts and Other Events

“A Child Shall Lead Them” Hymn Fest

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

110 West Broadway, Granville 43023

The Chancel and Children's Chorus will lead a hymn fest featuring hymns and reflections on the gifts of the spirit as seen through the eyes of a child. Admission is free; freewill offering collected to offset purchase of new choir robes and 2015 tour to Scotland.

Stephan Casurella, concert organist

Sunday, November 17, 4:00 p.m.

Central College Presbyterian Church

975 South Sunbury Road, Westerville

Mr. Casurella is Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati. A reception will follow the concert.

Organ Dedication Recital - Bruce Neswick, Organist

Sunday, November 17, 4:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Church (Episcopal)

107 East Broadway, Granville

Concert organist and Indiana University organ professor Bruce Neswick will play the dedicatory recital of the newly installed Schantz/Muller Pipe Organ. The new pipe organ at St. Luke's makes use of materials from three different Schantz organs, cohesively redesigned and revoiced into one 18 rank, two manual instrument. Admission is free, and a reception will follow the recital.

First Church Choir Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 17, 4:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church—614.228.1741

444 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215

Responses by Smith; Canticles by Brewer; Gardner “Evening Hymn”.

Lynn Eustis, voice masterclass

Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church—614.228.1741

444 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215

Congregational Concerts: Lynn Eustis, soprano

Sunday, November 24, 4:00 p.m.

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- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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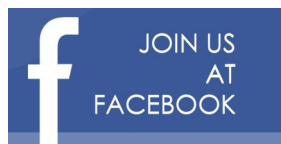
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J.S. Bach's "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland", BWV 61 Sunday, December 1, 11:00 a.m. worship

*First Presbyterian Church
110 West Broadway, Granville 43023*

Philip Everingham directs the Chancel Choir with area soloists and instrumentalists to present this timeless Advent Cantata composed for the first Sunday in Advent.

The Columbus Maennerchor and Damenchor: "Freude auf Erden" Joy to the World the Lord is Come! Let Heaven and Nature Sing Sunday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.

*St Mary's Catholic Church
684 South Third Street, German Village 43206*

Plan to attend the annual Christmas Concert of the Columbus Maennerchor and Damenchor. Also featuring the Columbus Kinderchor & Jugendchor; the St Mary's Catholic Church Handbell Choir; and the Brass Choir of Pickerington High School Central. Special solos by Udo Marosher and world renowned pianist Dr. Marc Heeg. You will hear traditional carols, along with many other German Christmas favorites. So why not start your yuletide season off with this annual Christmas spectacular presented by the longest active German Choir in North America. A freewill donation will be collected at the concert. For more information visit www.maennerchor.com or call [614-338-9734](tel:614-338-9734).

First Thursday Noontime Recital Series: Sally Casto Thursday, December 5, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

*Asbury United Methodist Church
55 West Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015*

Sally Casto will be sharing selections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Tables will be set and drinks provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital. Asbury is handicapped accessible from the rear parking lot entrance.

A Family Concert: Rhymes, Lullabies, and Letters, Oh My! Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m.

*St. John's Episcopal Church—www.StJohnsWorthington.org
700 High Street, Worthington 43085*

Sopranos Rebecca Freshwater and Maribeth Crawford have created a program centered on songs for children. Kids will enjoy puppets and fun interactive moments throughout the concert; adults will appreciate the excellent musicianship of these two classical singers. Featured works include "I Hate Music" by Leonard Bernstein, which examines childhood curiosities and mysteries while exploring what the word "music" means; "Songs of Innocents" by Aaron Jay Kernis, a cornucopia of childhood lullabies and fables; and "Childhood Fables for Grownups" by Irving Fine, which takes you on a journey with Lenny the Leopard, Tigeroo, and Polaroli the Polar Bear. Also included, with permission, is James D. Cram's unpublished song cycle "Children's Letters to God".

**Congregational Concerts: A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.**

*First Congregational Church—614.228.1741
444 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215*

Including a newly commissioned carol by Peter Niedmann.

**An Advent Afternoon Concert
Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.**

*Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus 43212*

Choral music of Advent and Christmas from many traditions and styles, performed with orchestra. Freewill offering. For more information, contact Carol Ann Bradley at 614.488.2428.

**Lessons and Carols with the Cathedral Choir
Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.**

*St. Joseph Cathedral—614.241.2526
212 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215*

The Cathedral Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present a mostly-Bach program of music for Advent and Christmas. The audience will have an opportunity to sing carols with the choir and orchestra.

**The Delaware Community Chorus: Awe and Wonder
Sunday, December 22, 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.**

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church
45 West Winter Street, Delaware 43015*

Daniel D. Hursey, artistic director. Works by Vivaldi, James, and Roman, accompanied by chamber orchestra. Tickets are \$10, available at the door or online at www.delawarechorus.org.

**First Church Choir Nativity Concert
Christmas Eve, December 24, 10:30 p.m.**

*First Congregational Church—614.228.1741
444 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215*

Music by Stephen Paulus, Francis Poulenc, and others.

**James Bobb
at St. Olaf**

The St. Olaf College, where former chapter member James Bobb serves as Assistant Professor of Organ and Cantor to the student congregation, archives the Sunday morning church services and weekday chapel services.

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