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Workshop and Concert by Nathan Laube

Workshop: Saturday, November 15, 10:00 a.m.

Concert: Sunday, November 16, 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral

212 East Broad Street

The Columbus Chapter is co-sponsoring Mr. Laube's concert with St. Joseph Cathedral. A nationally acclaimed artist who has already earned a place among the organ world's finest performers, Nathan Laube has recently been named Assistant Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music. Saturday's workshop will be on the Reubke Sonata and the organs of Ladegast and where they fall in the development of the German organ.

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Effective Use of Time for Part-Time Musicians

Sat. Jan. 17 & Mon. Jan. 19
Northwest Christian Church

Submissions for the next Guilder 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

Hats are off again to John Bryan for developing and leading another outstanding Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event on October 25th at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Westerville, centered around the new Muller pipe organ, very ably demonstrated by assistant organist Neil Weston. Thirty-three children and a large number of parents explored the many different facets of the pipe organ, including a walk through the organ chambers and hands-on experience at the console. We have established this as an annual event, and based upon last year's and this year's very successful

programs, we have high expectations for the future.

As many of you may have discovered, Pipedreams has been eliminated from the WOSU radio programming on Sunday nights. I would suggest that those of you who subscribe to WOSU radio write to the station expressing your disappointment and concern over the station's decision. This regrettable action further diminishes the presence of the organ in mainstream America. Make your voice heard.

I am very grateful to Ron Kenreich who has agreed to head our nominations committee in the selection of candidates for positions as officers and executive committee members. Those elected will be installed at our Spring Social on May 11th. Please carefully consider Ron's request if asked to serve. Service on the executive committee constitutes a very important role in the work of our chapter, not only as it affects our local membership but in promoting the art of the organ within the broader community. Also, thanks to Chris Warner who has accepted my request to maintain our Facebook page following Brett Greene's move to New Hampshire. And, I extend my appreciation to Tom Gerke for his willingness to serve as coordinator for the Regional Competition for Young Organists in March.

Looking Ahead to January...

This year's workshop is again directed to part-time church musicians and will cover a broad spectrum of issues that affect organists and choir directors on a weekly basis. A panel of experienced church musicians will offer suggestions and all participants will be invited to share their concerns and ideas. The panelists will include Josh Brodbeck, Joel Mathias, Mary Ann Stephens and Judy Willour and the range of topics will be:

- 1) developing relationships between clergy and musicians
- 2) handling criticism
- 3) tips on service playing
- 4) selecting appropriate music for worship
- 5) rehearsal techniques: tricks of the trade

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The Dean's Message, continued

- 6) the care and nurturing of choirs
- 7) balancing changing styles of church music
- 8) efficient use of time for part-time musicians

If you find one or more of these issues relevant to your work, plan to join us for one of the sessions: Saturday morning, January 17th from 10 am to noon (refreshments at 9:30) or Monday evening, January 19th from 7 to 9 pm (refreshments at 6:30). Both sessions will meet at the Northwest Christian Church, and will be hosted by Al Adcock.

Concerts and Other Events

Nathan Laube

Sunday, November 16, 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral—614.241.2526

212 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215

Concert organist Nathan Laube was recently appointed to the faculty at the Eastman School of Music. He studied at the Musikhochschule in Stuttgart and at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional de Toulouse as a William Fulbright Grant recipient. He possesses extensive experience with historic organs in several national styles and is a prize winner in several international competitions.

Asbury Arts Series: The Cavani String Quartet

Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church

55 W. Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015

The Cavani String Quartet, Quartet in Residence at the Cleveland Institute of Music, will present a concert which will include quartets by Schubert and Bartok. Please join us as we welcome Annie Fullard, violin, Mari Soto, violin, Kirsten Doctor, viola, and Merry Peckham, cello. There is no admission charge; a free-will offering will be received. A reception will follow the performance.

Family Concert: Rhymes, Lullabies, and Letters, Oh, My!

Sunday, November 23, 3:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

700 High Street, Worthington 43085

Sopranos Rebecca Freshwater and Maribeth Crawford have created a program centered on songs for children – there will be puppets and interactive fun moments for the whole family! Featured works include "I Hate Music" by Leonard Bernstein; "Songs of Innocents" by Aaron Jay Kernis; "Childhood Fables for Grownups" by Irving Fine; and, with permission, James D. Cram's unpublished song cycle "Children's Letters to God". Nursery care will be available.

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

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

Audit Report

As required by our chapter's bylaws, the dean appointed a team to audit our chapter's finances. This was duly accomplished, and the report of their work is as follows:

On September 30, 2014, we conducted an informal audit of the finances of the Columbus Chapter of the AGO for the Fiscal Year 2014 (June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014). We have determined that the books are in good financial order and that the account balances indicated by treasurer Al Adcock are accurate.

We would like to commend Mr. Adcock for his thorough and meticulous work in maintaining the finances of the Columbus Chapter of the AGO.

Sincerely,
Mark Meuser
Tom Gerke



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25th Annual Zanesville Handbell Festival

Sunday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.

*Grace United Methodist Church
516 Shinnick Street, Zanesville 43701*

Area handbell choirs will perform individually and combined. Composer David Schubach has written a special 25th anniversary composition to be performed for the first time with handbells and organ. This concert is open to the public with a freewill offering taken to cover the expenses.

First Thursday Noontime Recital Series—Weldon Adams

Thursday, December 4, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

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

Weldon Adams, co-organist at North Community Evangelical Lutheran Church, will be our recitalist. Tables will be set and beverages provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital.

Christmas Cantata: “The Incarnation” by K. Lee Scott

Sunday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.

*Indianola Presbyterian Church
1970 Waldeck Avenue, Columbus 43201*

Chancel Choir with brass ensemble and percussion; Doug Slusher, directing; Orlay Alsonso, organ

Messiah (Part 1 & the Hallelujah Chorus) and Vivaldi Concerto for Two Trumpets

Sunday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.

*St John's Evangelical Protestant Church (UCC)
59 East Mound Street (Mound and Third), Columbus 43215*

St John's Festive Choir, Soloists & Chamber Orchestra, May Schwarz, director; Freewill offering.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.

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

The Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Brass present their annual program of music for Advent and Christmas. Scripture readings are juxtaposed with choral music to tell the story of the Christ child from the foretelling by the prophets to the visit of the Magi. The audience also has the opportunity to join the choir, brass, and organs in singing the traditional carols of the season.

Love Came Down at Christmas**Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.***Northwest Christian Church**1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus 43221*

The singing and ringing choirs of Northwest will present their annual Christmas program. Please join us for music by Adcock, Forrest, Handel, Krug, MacKinnon, Parrish, Prentice, Rutter, Sarsany, (K.L.) Scott, Todd, Utterback and others. The program is open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected. For more information contact Al Adcock, aadcock@columbus.rr.com.

Advent Afternoon Concert**Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.***Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus 43212*

Advent and Christmas music from many traditions and styles performed by the parish choir, accompanied by a 15-person orchestra. Carol Ann Bradley, director.

Brass Band of Columbus Holiday Concert**Sunday, December 14th, 4:00 p.m.***Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**2001 Northwest Blvd. Columbus, 43221*

The Brass Band of Columbus will present a concert of holiday favorites. Founded in 1984 by Dr. Paul Droste, the Brass Band of Columbus has been at the forefront of the resurgence of the brass band movement for over twenty years. The band's instrumentation is brass and percussion only, following the tradition of British brass bands. Membership of this 45-piece ensemble includes over thirty active or retired music educators and a wide range of other professions.

"Messiah" Concert: The Zanesville Civic Chorus and Orchestra**Sunday December 14, 6:00 p.m.***Central Trinity United Methodist Church**62 South Seventh Street, Zanesville*

This is the 85th annual performance sponsored by the Thursday Music Club. The chorus of 85 singers, 5 vocal soloists, and 23-piece orchestra are under the direction of James L. McLaughlin. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken and given to a local charity in the "spirit of Handel". For further information, www.thursdaymusic.org or www.centraltrinityumc.com

The Very Best Time of Year**Sunday, December 21, 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.***St. Peter's Episcopal Church**45 West Winter Street, Delaware 43015*

The Delaware Community Chorus, under the direction of Daniel. D. Hursey, presents *The Very Best Time of Year*. Carols old and new will be featured, along with selections by Eybler, Beethoven, and Rutter. Tickets may be purchased from a chorister, at the door, and on our website www.delawarechorus.org.

AGO Certification

A degree awarded by the American Guild of Organists represents an important achievement for the recipient and establishes credentials that are indicative of a specific level of ability. The five levels of Certifications are Service Playing, Colleague, Choir Master, Associate, and Fellow.

If you are interested in pursuing certification at any of these levels, please contact the dean. If there is sufficient interest, a workshop will be planned next season to help prepare candidates.

**Complimentary Student Memberships**

The Columbus Chapter will sponsor up to ten student memberships for the 2014-15 program year. It is expected that the recipients will demonstrate interest in the work of the AGO by attending at least two chapter events and participating in our annual Student Recital, taking place this coming season on Sunday, April 26th. Students between the ages of 10 and 24 are welcome to apply. Teachers may recommend students and students themselves may apply by written request to the dean.

2015 Tallahassee Sacred Music Conference

January 22-24, 2015

*10% discount on registration
before December 22*

Keynote speaker: Don E. Saliers, Wm. R. Cannon Professor of Theology and Worship, Emeritus, at Emory University, adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Theology, and the current AGO Chaplain

Guest organist: Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra

Workshops will cover a variety of topics, including community building and outreach through choirs, an anthem reading session, organ improvisation, service playing skills, using the piano in worship, and the hymnody of the Moravian church.

Special events will include Choral Evensong and Compline sung by choirs of St. John's Episcopal Church and concerts featuring Dr. Ruiter-Feenstra, The Florida State University early music ensembles, and a hymn festival.

www.churchmusicinstitute.org/the-2015-tallahassee-sacred-music-conference-january-22-2015/



**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 located 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

**AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS AWARDS SIX SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$60,000
FOR COLLEGIATE ORGAN STUDY**

**Largest Bequest in the History of the AGO Funds Six Pogorzelski and Yankee Organ Scholarships in 2014
Call for Scholarship Applications for the 2015–2016 Academic Year**

NEW YORK CITY — The American Guild of Organists (AGO) has awarded four scholarships for undergraduate organ study and two scholarships for graduate organ study to six college organ students enrolled in the 2014–2015 academic year. The six scholars were selected from an application pool of more than 50 students and received the awards based upon their demonstrated ability in organ playing and financial need.

Funded through a generous bequest from the estate of Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee, each undergraduate scholarship carries a cash award of \$7,500 and is renewable for up to four years of collegiate study. Each graduate scholarship carries a cash award of \$15,000 and is renewable for a total of two years of study. The 2014–2015 Scholarship Award recipients are:

Graduate Students —

Chelsea Barton, McGill University
Jacob Taylor, Indiana University

Undergraduate Students —

Clara Gerdes, Curtis Institute of Music
Garrett Law, Cleveland Institute of Music
Prince Nyatanga, Eastman School of Music
Mary Pan, University of Hartford

The American Guild of Organists is the only organization of its kind with a scholarship program supporting music students in their academic careers at any institution of higher learning of their choice. Applications for the 2014–2015 scholarship awards were received and reviewed by the AGO National Committee on Continuing Professional Education.

“This scholarship program exists thanks to the generosity and vision of two gentlemen who bequeathed their estate to the AGO, along with specific instructions as to how the funds are to be distributed,” stated Frederick Hohman, director of the scholarship committee. “Their wish was for the AGO to recognize and support young organists with financial need who have demonstrated accomplishment in organ playing.”

Speaking on behalf of Messrs. Pogorzelski and Yankee, Dale J. Marsico noted, “According to my uncles, the heart is reached easier through the use of organ music than any other musical form. Their music collection, music room, pipe organ, and Ron’s playing ability were testimony to their love of the instrument. Their gift is a testament to their hopes that future generations might come to enjoy—to love and appreciate organ music as they did. They felt that their bequest to American Guild of Organists offered the best opportunity for that possibility.”

Two new Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee Memorial Scholarships will be awarded for the 2015–2016 academic year—one for an incoming freshman (\$7,500), the other for a first-year graduate organ student (\$15,000). Eligibility requirements and application details are available online at www.agohq.org/education. The online application period will run from January 1 through February 15, 2015.