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



**The Columbus Chapter AGO
wishes you a blessed Advent
and a Merry Christmas!**



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Upcoming Programs...

**Members Recital: Organ and
Other Instruments**

Monday, Feb.27, 7:00 p.m.

*Prince of Peace Lutheran
Church*

**Submissions for the next
Guilder are due by
December 6.**

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 Comments

Last month, the Columbus AGO hosted a workshop and concert at Broad Street United Methodist Church in downtown Columbus. It featured nationally-known composer and organist Charles Callahan. Both the Saturday workshop and Sunday concert were well-attended, drawing AGO members from as far away as Indianapolis. I was glad to see so many Columbus AGO members in attendance!

In the workshop Dr. Callahan shared some very practical tips on organ playing, in general, and in performing some of his own music, in particular. Regarding his music, he said that it was written to be accessible for a wide range of ability levels. Even so, he encouraged workshop attendees to make any changes to the music that they felt necessary. He gave valuable pointers in playing hymns so that congregations would be encouraged to sing. And he charmed attendees with his Boston accent and his anecdotes about famous organists, such as Leo Sowerby and E. Power Biggs, that he had known and worked with earlier in his life.

Dr. Callahan's concert on Sunday drew from the standard organ literature of Bach, Handel, and Mozart, but he also played lesser-known, yet beautiful, works by Arthur Foote, Horatio Parker, and Florence Price. He made full use of the many colors and textures of the Bunn-Minnick organ at Broad Street United Methodist Church. It was a wonderful afternoon of music-making.

By the time you receive this issue of *The Guilder*, the lecture and concert by Marie-Louise Langlais will have already taken place at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Columbus. Madame Langlais, widow of the late Jean Langlais, is a leading interpreter of her husband's music. The Sunday concert featured organ works by Langlais performed by Madame Langlais, and choral works of Langlais performed by the Cathedral Choir. More details on that lecture and concert will be reported in the next issue.

Best wishes to all of you as you prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Warmly,

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AGO Mission Statement

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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.

Columbus AGO Registrar and *Guild* Editor Needed

As reported in the last issue of *The Guild*, the Columbus Chapter is in need of a Registrar. John Webb, who had volunteered to assume those duties, is being transferred out of Columbus, so he will not be able to fill that position.

Sara Seidel, long-time *Guild* editor, also announced that she is stepping down from that position. We will miss her terribly, but are thankful for the many years of outstanding service she has given to the Guild.

Sara has agreed to continue temporarily in both positions. However, we need to find replacements as soon as possible. Anyone interested in helping the Guild in this way should contact Chapter Dean Mark Meuser, or any Executive Board member.

Registrar Job Description: The Registrar's primary duties are to assemble member and chapter instrument information, using ONCARD and previous directories, for inclusion in the annual chapter directory, and to assist those members who may need help navigating the ONCARD system for yearly membership renewals. The Registrar also solicits and manages advertising renewals for the directory. Welcoming new members by sending a chapter directory and submitting member updates for the *Guild* are additional duties. The heaviest time commitment for this position is in the mid- to late -summer, working with Tim Wilson to assemble and produce the directory. Comfort with the ONCARD system and familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel are useful skills for this position.

Guild Editor Job Description: The *Guild* Editor is responsible for collecting submissions and producing the chapter newsletter on a monthly basis during the program year. The editor works in consultation with the chapter Dean to determine content and article placement. An interest in design/layout and comfort with a design program, such as Microsoft Publisher (or something similar) are useful in this position.



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Directory Correction

Please note that Gene Babb's email address in the directory is incorrect. It should be sgba36@gmail.com.

Our apologies for this error.

The Columbus Chapter will celebrate 100 years in 2018

Much of our history is missing. We are looking for...

Historical AGO records and minutes • Programs from early recitals • Newspaper clippings relating to the AGO • Recollections of important events from our past • Names of former members who might be storing these materials or who might have memories to share

Please call Carol Hofer at 488.8557 or email her at fandchofer@aol.com.



Concerts and Other Events

Choral Eucharist for Christ the King

Sunday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.

*St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2151 Dorset Road, Upper Arlington*

www.saintmarkscolumbus.org

The St. Mark's Choir sings Louis Vierne's powerful "Messe Solennelle" for a special Choral Eucharist for Christ the King Sunday. Conducted by Matt Bester, Director of Music and accompanied by Tyler W. Robertson, Organist & Assistant Director of Music.

Abhik Mazumder, piano (The Music Series at St. John's Worthington)

Sunday, November 20, 3:00 p.m.

*St. John's Episcopal Church
700 High Street, Worthington*

A high school sophomore with formal training in both classical and jazz piano, Abhik has performed at notable venues such as Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, Lincoln Center, Haus der Musik (Vienna), and Mozarthaus (Vienna). He has won first and second prizes in several state, national, and international competitions in both performance and composition. Notable among these are the silver medal in the national Carol Klose/Hal Leonard composition competition, the Jazz Arts Group's Hank Marr Jazz Award (best high school age jazz musician in Ohio), and first place in the junior division of the state-level Buckeye Auditions classical piano competition.

Kevin Jones, organist

Sunday, November 20, 4:00 p.m.

*First Congregational Church
444 East Broad Street, Columbus*

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Fantasy and Fugue in g, BWV 542 by Bach; Choral in a minor by Franck; Symphonie VI by Widor. A free-will offering will be taken.

Monica Czausz Concert

Sunday, November 20, 4:00 p.m.

*Central College Presbyterian Church
975 South Sunbury Road, Westerville*

Those members who attended the Houston AGO Convention will remember Monica as one of the AGO "Rising Stars" who performed at the convention. She is the organist at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston, Texas. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Handbells of Columbus

Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

5475 Brand Road, Dublin

<http://princeofpeacedublin.org/ministries/music-ministry/>; (614) 766-6377

This ensemble will delight your eyes and ears as they perform. Don't miss your opportunity to experience the versatility and beauty of one of the area's finest handbell ensembles.

The 27th Annual Zanesville Handbell Festival

Sunday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church

516 Shininick Street, Zanesville

Local handbell choirs unite together for this annual event. Clinician/guest director this year is Christine Allison from Mount Union College. Freewill offering. Further information call 740 452-9317.

First Thursday Noontime Recital Series

Thursday, December 1, 12:15 - 12:45

Asbury United Methodist Church

55 West Lincoln Avenue, Delaware

Asbury musicians Jan Swanson, Robert Nims, and Sally Casto will offer a program of Duets for the Holiday Season on piano, harpsichord, and organ. As always, tables will be set and beverages provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital. Asbury is handicapped accessible from its rear parking lot entrance.

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Christmas Tea with Todd Wilson

Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m.

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Akron

Todd Wilson's concert on the restored three-manual 2,274 pipe 1915 Aeolian resident player pipe organ is part of a fundraising Christmas Tea at Stan Hywet. For non-members of Stan Hywet, the cost is \$100, and reservations must be made in advance. The tea starts at 11:00 a.m., and the concert will follow immediately afterward, around noon. Concertgoers may also take a non-guided tour of Stan Hywet at no additional charge after the festivities. The number to call for more information and for reservations is 330-836-5533.

Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 4, 4:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

2151 Dorset Rd., Upper Arlington

www.saintmarkscolumbus.org

An annual tradition, the adult and children's choirs of St. Mark's will present a Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service will feature many jewels of the Advent choral and organ repertoire, along with several traditional congregational hymns. Matt Bester is the Director of Music and Tyler W. Robertson is the Organist and Asst. Director of Music. The organ is a recently enlarged Casavant III/41.

Christmas Cantata "What Child Is This?" written by Joel Raney

Sunday December 4, 10:15 a.m.

Central Trinity United Methodist Church

62 South Seventh Street, Zanesville

www.centraltrinityumc.com

Central Trinity UMC Chancel Choir with Orchestra; Melinda Kaiser, Music Director.

Messiah: Part 1 & Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.

St John's United Church of Christ

59 East Mound Street, Columbus

www.stjohnschurchcolumbus.org; 614-224-8634

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

Advent Afternoon Concert

Sunday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus

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

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 p.m.

St. Francis de Sales Parish

40 Granville Street, Newark

The Parish Choir of St. Francis de Sales will once again present a special service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service is a very moving combination of the Scriptural prophecies of Christ's coming and the beautiful carols of Advent, sung by choir and congregation. The service is sung by choirs of many denominations and finds its home in the English collegiate and cathedral tradition. Please consider making this service part of your preparation for Christmas - it can be a welcome moment of prayerful rest in the busy weeks of Advent. A reception will follow.

87th Annual Performance of Handel's *Messiah*

Sunday December 11, 6:00 p.m.

Central Trinity United Methodist Church

62 South Seventh Street, Zanesville

www.centraltrinityumc.com

Zanesville Civic Chorus and Orchestra; James McLaughlin, Music Director

A Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 18, 4:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church

444 East Broad Street, Columbus

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Featuring all the choirs of First Church. Prelude begins at 3:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken.

Poulenc "Gloria"

Saturday, December 24, 10:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church

444 East Broad Street, Columbus

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

The First Church Choir, Kevin Jones, conductor.

Twelfth Night Dramatic Organ Debut

Friday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

Faith United Methodist Church

15 West Columbus Street, Canal Winchester

Organist Neil Weston (University of London, Royal Academy of Music, Royal College of Music, Royal College of Organists) will perform in collaboration with the CWHS Drama Dept. for a very unique and engaging organ dedication. Faith is excited to announce completion of the first Rodgers Instruments installation in central Ohio to be designed from the ground up as a hybrid organ with the Infinity 361 and pipework by D. K. Smith Pipe Organ Services. Neil will exploit the features of the organ in an evening celebration with dramatic vignettes by drama students in Shakespearian garb. In keeping with Twelfth Night, the evening will conclude with a complimentary reception in the fellowship hall, complete with Twelfth Night cake, wassail, door prizes, and other surprises for those who join us. You are encouraged to dress for the occasion. Admission is a \$20 donation to the pipe organ fund. Call or text [740-703-3786](tel:740-703-3786) for reservations.

News from AGO National

November 11, 2016

As you know, the AGO has been negotiating for many months with the Federal Trade Commission to settle a complaint that the FTC initiated in 2015 alleging that the Guild may be violating Federal antitrust laws. Our negotiations with the Federal Trade Commission have now concluded, and with the approval of the National Council we are poised to execute a Settlement Agreement with the FTC thereby avoiding litigation of their complaint in Federal court. This agreement prescribes many steps that the Guild must undertake. Among them are discontinuing the publication of our salary guidelines and model contract provisions and removing them from our website.

AGO National Headquarters anticipates discontinuing all circulation of salary guidelines and model contract provisions as of Wednesday, November 16. On that date, all chapters need to begin the process of compliance as well. Salary guidelines and model contract provisions from national and all local variations thereof that your chapter has promulgated should be removed from your chapter website, newsletter, or other publications, and you must no longer reference them or circulate them to AGO members, churches, or the public.

We will be sending all AGO leaders many more details about the terms of the settlement in the weeks to come, but we want to give you advance notice of the imminent execution of the agreement so that you can begin to plan for it and share the news with your members.

Best regards,

Michael Bedford

President

James E. Thomashower

Executive Director