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# The Guilder

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



**Attention Students and Teachers:  
Annual Student Recital**

*Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 p.m.*

All students, both young and old, are encouraged to participate in this chapter event. Please contact Nancy Rennekar at [614-848-8388](tel:614-848-8388) or [nrenneck4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nrenneck4@sbcglobal.net) to sign up or for more information.

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## At a Glance

### Upcoming Programs...

#### Workshop and Concert:

#### Jason Roberts

Saturday April 9, 10:00 a.m.;

Sunday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.

*First Congregational Church*

#### Annual Student Recital

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

*Holy Trinity Lutheran  
Church*

**Submissions for the next  
Guilder are due by  
February 7.**

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

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## The Dean's Comments

As we ring in the year 2016, many of us will make New Year's resolutions. Such resolutions often relate to our physical well-being. In the January issue of *The American Organist*, AGO National President John Walker suggested a resolution relating to our musical well-being. Dr. Walker urged us to strive to communicate emotion through our music. He quoted conductor Lauren Maazel, who said, "Emotion is what it is all about. Music-making without emotion and passion is nothing. I'm never looking for a perfect performance. I'm looking for an impassioned performance."

This is not to say that we do not strive for accuracy. Before we can communicate emotionally with our listeners, we have to know what we are communicating. That is not possible if we don't know the notes on the page. Once we learn the notes, we have wide range of sounds to help us plumb the emotional depths of a piece. This is probably truer for the organist than for any other musician. Despite the fact that the organ is an occasionally temperamental amalgamation of tin, wood, electrical wires, blowers, and mechanical contrivances, it is, nevertheless, well-equipped to express a wide range of emotions. The organ can roar one moment and whisper the next.

We in the guild are always looking for ways to increase general interest in the pipe organ. What better way is there to do this than by making music that speaks to the heart? Most of our members currently serve or have served in the past as church musicians. Those with years of experience know that speaking to the heart is at the core of service playing. But they also know that playing with emotion sometimes involves going out on a limb. And going out on that limb requires careful preparation. I urge all of our members to follow our national president's call to communicate emotion through their music. I believe it will enhance the musical experience for both performer and listener.

Warmly,  
Mark H. Meuser  
*Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO*



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."

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## AGO Mission Statement

**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.

## Concerts and Other Events

### Recital: James David Christie

**Sunday, January 24, 3:00 p.m.**

*St. Joseph Cathedral*

212 E. Broad Street, Downtown

[cathedralmusic.org/](http://cathedralmusic.org/) (614) 241.2526

Internationally-renowned concert artist and Oberlin Conservatory senior organ professor James David Christie will perform a mixed program on the Cathedral's III/96 Paul Fritts and Co. Opus 25 organ. \$10.00 suggested donation at the door.

### David Von Behren & Garrett Law, Organists

**Saturday, January 30, 7:30 p.m.**

*St. Luke's Church (Episcopal)*

107 East Broadway, Granville

Young organists David Von Behren & Garrett Law come to St. Luke's to play a recital on the Schantz/Muller organ. Von Behren serves as music intern at Plymouth Congregational Church in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Law serves as Assistant Organist-Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Akron, Ohio. Both are students of Todd Wilson at the Cleveland Institute of Music. A free-will offering will be received to defray the cost of the program.

### Echoing Air: England Then and Now

**Sunday, January 31, 3:00 p.m.**

*St. John's Episcopal Church*

700 High Street, Worthington

Echoing Air is a dynamic ensemble specializing in the repertoire of the English Baroque, with an emphasis on chamber works featuring countertenor voices with baroque ensemble. The ensemble is comprised of talented performers who have worked with leading proponents of early music, including the Bach Ensemble, Ensemble Galilei, Musica Antiqua Köln, Ensemble Voltaire, and Chanticleer, and have performed in venues such as the Boston Early Music Festival and the Proms in London.

### Choral Evensong for Epiphany

**Scott G. Hayes, Choirmaster - Kevin C. Jones, Organist**

**Sunday, January 31, 4:30 p.m.**

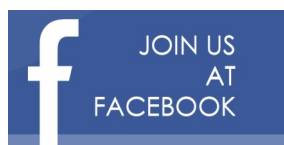
*St. Luke's Church (Episcopal)*

107 East Broadway, Granville

St. Luke's Choir & Choristers sing Choral Evensong for Epiphany, also marking the end of Organist-Choirmaster Scott G. Hayes's tenure at St. Luke's. Music by Charles Villiers Stanford, Paul Halley, David Hogan, and more. Directed by Scott G. Hayes, with guest organist, Kevin C. Jones at the Schantz-Muller Organ.



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## 2016 POEs

The AGO is proud to announce seven Pipe Organ Encounters (POEs) for students aged 13–18, one POE (Advanced) for students entering grades 9–12; and one POE+ for adults in 2016. Complete contact information for each weeklong Pipe Organ Encounter can be found in *The American Organist* Magazine and online at [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org). The summer schedule is as follows:

### POE for ages 13–18

June 26–July 1, Waverly IA  
 July 10–15, Northhampton MA  
 July 17–22, Lexington KY  
 July 24–29, Baltimore MD  
 July 24–29, Atlanta GA  
 July 25–30, Salt Lake City UT  
 August 7–13, Palo Alto CA

### POE (Advanced) for grades 9–12

July 10–15, Cincinnati OH

### POE+ for adults

July 10–14, Grantham PA

### David Crean, organist

**Tuesday, February 2, 12:15 p.m.**

*First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ*  
 444 East Broad Street, Columbus

[www.concertsatfirstchurch.org](http://www.concertsatfirstchurch.org)

Wittenberg University organist David Crean plays a varied program for the First Tuesdays series at First Church. Free. Lunch is available following the 30-minute recital for a \$5 donation.

### First Thursday Noontime Recital Series

**Thursday, February 4, 12:15pm**

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

Alex Armstrong, Ohio Wesleyan University organ major, will be our recitalist. As always, tables will be set and beverages provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital. There is no admission charge.

### St Johns' Triune Concert Series

**Brass Band of Columbus; Brian Stevens, director**

**Central Ohio Brass; Jessica Sneeringer, director**

**Friday, February 5, 7:30 p.m.**

*St John's United Church of Christ*  
 59 East Mound Street, Columbus

[www.stjohnschurchcolumbus.org](http://www.stjohnschurchcolumbus.org) / 614-224-8634

Freewill Offering; Sponsorship Tickets available

### The Greatest of These Is Love

**Sunday, February 14, 3:00 p.m.**

*Northwest Christian Church*  
 1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus

[www.northwestchristian.org](http://www.northwestchristian.org) / 614-457-6290

Cynthia and Albert Adcock will present this Valentine's Day program focusing on the many aspects of love. Sacred and secular pieces will be offered through a variety of vocal, piano and organ solos or duets. Pianist Sarah Ramsey will accompany the vocal portions of the afternoon's selections. No tickets are required. A freewill offering will be received.

### QUBE String Quartet

**Sunday, February 14, 4:00 p.m.**

*Central College Presbyterian Church*  
 975 Sunbury Road, Westerville

QUBE is the faculty string quartet of Otterbein University. Quartet members are David Edge and Erin Gilliland, violins, Steven Wedell, viola, and Jill Wright, cello. Central College organist Mark Meuser will join the quartet for two selections on the newly installed 6-rank Moller/Muller organ in the historic chapel. One of those pieces is *Passacaglia in D Minor, composed for the concert by Mr. Meuser*. The concert is free of charge, but an offering will be taken at intermission. A reception will follow the concert.



## Upcoming Stanton's Reading Session

Stanton's Sheet Music will hold their reading session for **new releases of organ music** on Saturday, January 16, at Broad Street United Methodist Church (501 E. Broad St., Columbus). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the workshop will run from 9:00 to approximately 12:30 p.m. The cost for the workshop is \$10.00 per person. Clinician Brian Johnson will present the best new options from numerous publishers for Lent, Easter and general usage.

## The Columbus Chapter will celebrate 100 years in 2018!

Although difficult to imagine, the Columbus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2018. Mark Meuser has appointed a committee to head up the Centennial Celebration activities. Members of the committee are Albert Adcock, Cynthia Adcock, Sally Casto, Michael Hardesty, Carol Hofer, Kevin Jones, Andrew MacGregor, Mark Meuser and Sara Seidel. The committee has met once and will get together again early in the new year. Any Columbus Chapter member who has ideas about things for our Chapter to consider during calendar 2018 should share them with Carol Hofer at [fandchofer@aol.com](mailto:fandchofer@aol.com). 2018 will be a great year for all of our members to remember!

~Al Adcock

## Mostly Mozart Per Enflo, Piano Concerto #19 in F, K459 Acclaimed Soprano Laura Portune Friday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.

*St John's United Church of Christ*  
59 East Mound Street, Columbus  
[www.stjohnschurchcolumbus.org](http://www.stjohnschurchcolumbus.org) / 614-224-8634  
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## Christophe Mantoux Recital Sunday, February 28, 3:00 p.m.

*St. Joseph Cathedral*  
212 East Broad Street, Columbus  
[cathedralmusic.org](http://cathedralmusic.org) / (614) 241.2526  
Christophe Mantoux is Professor of Organ at the Conservatoire Regional de Paris and Titled Organist at the church of Saint-Severin in Paris. He enjoys an international performing career and is represented by Penny Lorenz Artist Management. *Suggested donation: \$ 10.00.*

## Asbury Arts Series Sunday, February 28, 4:00 p.m.

*Asbury United Methodist Church*  
55 West Lincoln Avenue, Delaware  
The Asbury Chancel Choir, under the direction of Robert Nims, will present a choral concert featuring *Cantata 131* by J. S. Bach, and selections from Michael Tippett's oratorio, *A Child of Our Time*, with narration by Dr. Kerry Shanklin. A free will offering will be received. Asbury is handicap accessible from its rear parking lot entrance.

## Ladies of Longford; Hilda Doyle, director Celtic Dancers; Muireann Ni Chaira, director Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

*St John's United Church of Christ*  
59 East Mound Street, Columbus  
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## News from the Lexington POE

We are excited to host the Pipe Organ Encounter for the Great Lakes region next summer. As we've planned our POE week, we've taken seriously the task of introducing The King of Instruments to the next generation of students. Our chapter is eager to welcome them to Lexington next July. Though the new year is just a few days underway, it's not too early for middle and high school students to begin filling out their summer schedules. We hope you'll take a moment and consider who you know that might benefit from attending a POE and encourage them to register. Remember, they need not have any previous organ experience. All pianists/organists ages 13-18 are welcome!

Check out our website at: [www.lexingtonpoe2016.org](http://www.lexingtonpoe2016.org). Additional brochures can be downloaded there.

Many thanks,  
Zach Klobnak (Lexington POE Director)