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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!



January Workshop: Effective Use of Time for Part-Time Musicians

Saturday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.

Northwest Christian Church

Please see the article on page 2 for more details on this workshop.

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Upcoming Programs...

Effective Use of Time for Part-Time Musicians

Sat Jan. 17 & Mon. Jan. 19

Northwest Christian Church

Annual Student Recital

Sunday, April 26, 3:00 p.m.

*Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church*

**Submissions for the next
Guilder are due by
January 5.**

The February issue will be published on January 15 and will include concert dates from January 15-March 1.

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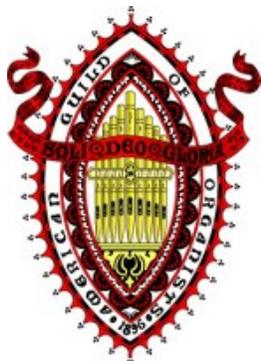
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The Dean's Message



John Schuder

Though this is officially our January issue, Christmas, with all its festivities and, for many of us, a heavy workload, lies ahead. In a conversation with one of the pastors at the church I serve, I was reminded of a hymn that I knew as a child, the first stanza of which I include:

“Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me.

But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For thy holy nativity: O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for thee.”

May you find room in this busy and distracting season for that which is truly significant and meaningful.

Your officers and executive committee join me in wishing you a blessed Christmastide, and a happy and healthy 2015.

January Workshop

Looking ahead to next month, I especially encourage all part-time organists and/or choir directors to consider attending our January workshop which is scheduled on two occasions to accommodate as many or our members as possible:

Saturday, January 17, 10:00 to noon, and

Monday, January 19, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

(refreshments available one-half hour before each program)

Both workshops will be held at the Northwest Christian Church, hosted by Al Adcock. A panel made up of Josh Brodbeck, Joel Mathias, Mary Ann Stephens and Judy Willour will be on hand to lead discussions and offer suggestions culled from the experience they have gained from their various work responsibilities, and you will be invited to share your own ideas and concerns. Among the topics for discussion:

- developing relationships between clergy and musicians
- handling criticism
- tips on service playing
- selecting appropriate music for worship
- rehearsal techniques: tricks of the trade
- the care and nurturing of choirs
- balancing changing styles of church music
- efficient use of time for part-time musicians

So that we may adequately plan for these events, please contact Al Adcock AFTER the 1st of January to sign up for either date.

Concerts and Other Events

Advent Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

434 Norton Road, Columbus 43228

Join the choirs of St. Cecilia and representatives of the parish church and school as we present scriptures and music of the Advent Season. Take a break from the busy-ness of the holidays for a musical evening that will connect you to the deeper meaning and message of Advent. Reception immediately follows. (A goodwill offering supports the St. Cecilia Music Fund.)

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.

A German Epiphany Service

Sunday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

2001 Northwest Boulevard, Upper Arlington 43212

This worship service, entirely in German, is presented by the Germania Singing and Sport Society and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with Josh Brodbeck at the organ. This service has draw national attention through the German Life magazine. We hope you consider making this a part of your Epiphany celebrations.

First Thursday Noontime Recital Series—Alex Armstrong

Thursday, January 8 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church

55 West Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015

Ohio Wesleyan University junior organ major Alex Armstrong will be our recitalist. Alex is a student of Prof. Robert Griffith and also serves as organist of St. Andrew Christian Church in Dublin. Please note that the recital will take place on the second Thursday, due to the New Year's holiday. As usual, tables will be set and beverages provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital.

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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.

Directory Updates and Additions

Stephen Jacoby has accepted the position of organist at Worthington Presbyterian Church, effective January 1. Congratulations!

A reminder to all members: please make sure that your membership information is accurate in the AGO's ONCARD system.

<https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

This is the only place from which we draw information for the chapter directory. You will log in with your first initial and last name. Your password is the member ID number on your AGO magazine. If you do not have a TAO available, there is a link to reset your password on the ONCARD login page. If you are having trouble with the site, please email Sara Seidel.



A Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany, presented by ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection

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

*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
766 S. High Street, Columbus 43215*

This annual event features a community choir made up of area Lutheran choirs. Many of your organist colleagues will be participating in this service. The service represents the depth of the season of Epiphany through scripture and music.

Music for Brass and Organs

Sunday, January 25, 3:00 p.m.

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

Saint Joseph Cathedral's spacious Gothic architecture provides a spectacular setting for hearing music performed by brass ensemble. The resident organists and Cathedral Brass will perform Widor's *Salvum fac populum*, Vierne's *Marche triomphale*, and other works for this spectacular combination of forces.

Silent Movie Night

Friday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.

*St. Luke's Church (Episcopal)
107 East Broadway, Granville 43023*

Join organist Todd Wilson in a showing of Laurel & Hardy's short "Big Business" and Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid" as St. Luke's is transformed into a 1920s movie palace, featuring accompaniment on the Schantz-Muller pipe organ. Admission is free.

Position Available

Boulevard Presbyterian Church is seeking a half-time Director of Music. Full description at the church's website: www.blvdchurch.org

(Notes from the Interim Director--a small, but excellent, choir loving challenges; congenial staff; very supportive congregation; exciting capital fund projects)

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.

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